



Montmorency Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 16: 16 October 2014

Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

Review Report

Wendy Hubbard, our School Reviewer has presented the review report to Staff and School Council on Tuesday in separate sessions. As we have grown from a smaller school to our present size, we have been monitoring strategic directions. It is always important to value the positive aspects that our school exemplifies. After many years in leadership roles within big schools, I really appreciate the connection and capability that a small school provides. More than ever, children need to learn in an environment where they perceive that the adults are genuine and have the ability to connect them with activities that support their growth as learners and leaders in the twenty-first century.

Our review will generate a new strategic plan to take us forward in terms of the teamwork and skill sets that our exciting educational environment requires. It is fair to say that there will be some changes ahead - we are certainly aiming for the continuation and expansion of a sustainable and highly productive future in all our thinking.

Cup Day Tuesday 4 November – Report Writing

Cup Day falls on Tuesday 4 November this year. The Monday before Cup Day has traditionally been a day of low attendance as families seek to maximise the possibility of a long weekend break before the busy Christmas season takes hold. Due to lower attendance, modified groupings will be offered on the day. We are already doing preliminary work setting up reports and will use Monday 3 November to set up and begin Report Writing. A detailed note will be sent home to ascertain numbers for the day.

Long Service Leave and request for assistance

I will be taking Long-Service Leave for two weeks commencing this Saturday. Looking at the calendar, I determined that this was a time where school operations were least likely to be impacted. Janene Worsam will be her usual capable self in the Acting Principal role during my absence.

One job I would appreciate help with is the Farmers Market signs. I have been putting these out, and bringing them in, for a few years now. This earns the school \$40 a time but I will be unable to do it for the next market and would appreciate it if the job could be taken over. I have a map and pictures to help. Please contact me if you are willing to take this on.

Working Bee this Saturday the 18th of October

After all our work around the move it is time to turn our energy to a good clean-up! Transition sessions are happening during term 4 – just one more good reason to make a difference on Saturday.

Diary dates

Saturday 18 October

- Working Bee

Wednesday 22 October

- Foundation 2015 transition session (9:30 – 11:00 am)

Thursday 23 October

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Friday 24 October

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Saturday 25 October

- Farmers Market – Foundation Colours

Thursday 30 October

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Friday 31 October

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Wednesday 5 November

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)
- Foundation 2015 transition session (9:30 – 11:00 am)

Thursday 6 November

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Friday 7 November

- Swimming (Foundation – Year 4)

Wednesday 19 November

- Foundation 2015 transition session (9:30 – 11:00 am)

Saturday 22 November

- Farmers Market – Foundation Colours

Saturday 29 November

- Election Day – Voting & Market/Car Boot Sale at Monty Primary School

Wednesday 3 December

- Foundation 2015 information session for parents

School Council

Simon Clarkson | School Council President

This month's School Council meeting was extended due to the amount of material to be covered. The key items were:

- Wendy reported back on the review of the school. Overall the message was positive – especially relating to the culture and atmosphere at MPS, however there will be some changes coming. This will be decided by an intervention panel formed between the Education Department (DEECD), Michael Otway and Janene Worsam.
- We will be seeking feedback from the school community on a proposal to use Camp Australia to operate our OSHC programme. We would strongly recommend that everyone who has a view on this provide feedback so we can make an informed decision as a School Council. This proposal is no reflection on the excellent work being done by our current team, but is seen as a potential opportunity to utilise the expertise of a company that manages these programmes in hundreds of schools. In addition, they can also manage all of the administrative tasks – freeing up the MPS staff to focus completely on the education of our children.
- The School Council voted to support the School Fair in March next year. By focussing our fund-raising efforts on a few big events, we hope to not only raise more money for the school, but also to use up less of everyone's valuable family time!

If anyone wants to discuss these points in more detail, please don't hesitate to get in contact via the main office.

Parents & Friends

Natalie Duffy | Parents & Friends Coordinator | ndu39182@bigpond.net.au | M: 0422 016 171

School Fete 2015

Support for the 2015 Fete has been great. Thanks to Suzi Smith for agreeing to manage this fantastic school event. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Suzi M: 0419 434 559.

Following the inspired presentation to parents from Gay Canham about the valuable work conducted by The Widow's Cause in India, School Council has agreed to make a small donation from the International Day Lunch Order funds to feed a widow and her family. To find out more visit www.thewidowscase.com.

What's Coming Up?

Friday 17 October	Monty Makers – 1:00 – 3:00pm, School Kitchen (Oct 17, Oct 31, Nov 14 & Nov 28)
Wednesday 22 October	Nude Food Tupperware Sale
Saturday 25 October	Farmers Market – Hosted by Foundation Green
Saturday 22 November	Farmers Market – Hosted by Foundation Blue & Red
Saturday 29 November	State Election Day – Voting & Market/Car Boot Sale at Monty Primary
Wednesday 10 December	Christmas Carols

Farmers Market – come along & help our school thrive – Saturday 25 October

Thank you Foundation S for raising over \$500 at the September market. We only have 2 Farmers Markets left for the year and we'd love you to help out by providing goodies to sell. The October market will be hosted by Foundation Colours classes. Please come and support them by buying a cake and a sausage! The vegies are fresh and the new bakeshop is excellent. If you can assist on the day please contact Natalie Duffy M: 0422 016 171

State Election Day – Time Capsule/Market/Car Boot Sale – Saturday 29 November

Vote at Monty! Come along and discover the secrets of the 1985 time capsule! Clean out your cupboards and book a car boot stall – see Julie at the office. Bring your kids and enjoy the entertaining DJ delights of Andrew Whitcombe. Thank you Michelle Duke for running a second hand uniform stall on this day. Flyers for letterbox drops can be collected from the office for any interested walkers.

Parents and Friends, continued...

Monty Makers – Join our social group to make market items – Friday 17 October

Monty Makers kicks off this Friday. Please join us to catch up, craft, cook, make & bake. We'd love donations of glass jars with lids, pots/plants, favourite recipes and material. Don't be shy...come and try! Please meet at the school kitchen fortnightly from 1:00 – 3:00pm during October & November. Contact Vanessa Jasper M: 0439 438 647 or Natalie Duffy M: 0422 016 171 for more information.

Nude Food – Tupperware Sale Wednesday 22 October

Angie Hamilton, mum to Jace (Foundation Green), will be selling Nude Food Tupperware lunch box options next Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am in the library, with 10% of sales being returned to the school. Thank you Angie.

Buildings and Grounds - Working Bee

Michael Smith | Buildings & Grounds

Working Bee – Saturday 18 October – from 9:00am






Now that the packing up and moving working bees are complete, it is time to tidy up the school grounds. Come any time you can from 9am. Bring the kids, some work gloves and your muscles to help with pruning, mulching, weeding and much more. We'll finish with a BBQ at lunch time.

SAKG Program

Jasmine Lechte & Suzi Wilton | SAKG Specialists

Welcome back for the last term of the year! Jasmine and I are both super excited for our classes this term. If anyone has some free time or wants to see how the program works, you are more than welcome to come up on Wednesdays to volunteer in kitchen or garden classes (or both!) – see timetable below.

For this term, we are looking for a couple of items including:

-  Clean food tins (please make sure they don't have sharp edges)
-  Small jam or mustard jars for preserves (please clean and remove labels)
-  Shredded paper
-  Drinking glasses for the kitchen (we have had a few broken ones!!)
-  Small terra cotta pots

Plant Sale!

On Wednesday 22nd October we will be having a plant sale after school! Lots of great vegies including rocket, basil, carrots, beetroot, tomatoes as well as some beautiful ornamentals. Gold coin per plant 😊

SAKGF Kitchen Timetable [Wednesdays] Term 4			
Term 4	Wednesday	9:10 – 11:20am	11:50 -1:50pm
Week 2	October 15	4/5	5/6
Week 3	October 22	4/5	3
Week 4	October 29	3	5/6
Week 5	November 5	4/5	5/6
Week 6	November 12	4/5	3
Week 7	November 19	3	5/6
Week 8	November 26	4/5	5/6
Week 9	December 3	4/5	3
Week 10	December 10	3	5/6

SAKGF Garden Timetable [Wednesdays] Term 4							
Even Weeks	9:20 -10:00	10:00-11:00		11:50-12:20	12:20-12:50	12:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:50
2, 4, 6, 8,10	1/2 A	5/6		Foundation R	Foundation B		Foundation K
Odd Weeks	9:20- 10:00	10:00-11:00		11:50-12:50		12:50 – 1:20	1:20 – 1:50
3, 5, 7, 9	1/2 B	3		4/5		Foundation G	Foundation S

Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Jets Gymnastics

Last Thursday all the foundation classes went on their annual excursion to Jets. The train journey there is always fun for the kids (though a little stressful for staff!) as they love identifying things they know. The students were booked in for a 2-hour session and the staff did warm up games, then they rotated through the range of apparatus the centre has, doing somersaults, cartwheels, experiencing the beams, bars, foam pit, trampolines and climbing the rope.

The kids as always had a ball as they rotated around trying out the different equipment as an extension of what they did at school earlier in the year. It seems jumping in the foam pit, the trampolines and the high beams were favourites.



A huge thanks to all the people who came and assisted on the day. The staff at Jets were so impressed to have so many helpers, it made the experience much better for the students as it meant they had an extra hand nearby if unsteady, forgot the activity or needed a bit of confidence. A huge thanks also to their classroom teachers who helped with the organisation and ensured it all went smoothly.

Division Athletics Finals

Well done to those who represented the school at the division finals last week. For many it was their first experience at this level so it was a big learning curve. They all ran, jumped and threw to the best of their abilities and should be very proud of their efforts. Olivia (High Jump) & Liam (Long Jump) both got 4ths, James 6th (800m), Tamika 5th (100m), Josh 8th (Shot Put), Darcy 3rd (100m) and 5th (200m) and Sarah 2nd (1500m) & 3rd (Long jump). Sarah will be representing us at the Northern Metropolitan Finals on Wednesday this week.

Sport, continued...

Eltham Wildcats

We have been lucky enough to have Gai Smith from Eltham Wildcats coaching us in basketball for the first two weeks of the term. This has become an annual event now and the kids enjoy learning from her. If any students are interested in playing, the season is just starting and further information is attached to the newsletter. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Ignore the date on the form, if you are interested they will find a space for you.

Hoop Time

Good luck to the 3/4 team at the Hoop Time finals on Thursday at Mill Park, who will be guided by Mrs Worsam and Michelle Barber.

Summer Finals

Interschool sports finals will be held this Friday 17 October at Holy Trinity in the morning. Sorry for the confusion with last week but some of the schools were not able to play and a last minute decision was made by the district.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

Welcome back to term 4. It's been great to have the good weather and make use of the outside areas. We've been busy painting our puppet theatre and will be making the background this week and then hopefully start making a few of our own puppets in the coming weeks.

Over the holidays we purchased a camera and will be displaying what we have done for the week in the windows of the OSHC room.

Welcome back to Elizabeth who is continuing her placement on Thursdays and Fridays with us until the end of the year.

Program for the coming fortnight:

Thurs 16 Oct	Games Night* & Cooking - raspberry cream biscuits
Fri 17 Oct	Games Night* & Cooking - raspberry cream biscuits
Mon 20 Oct	Games Night*
Tues 21	Treasure Hunt
Wed 22	Games Night*
Thurs 23 Oct	Suncatchers
Fri 24 Oct	Games Night*
Mon 27 – Wed 29 Oct	Halloween Crafts and Cooking
Tues 28 Oct	Halloween feast
Wed 29 Oct	Halloween games

* Games night means it is a designated night for creative play in or out of the room, longer playground time and impromptu activities. The other nights have an organised activity for the children to participate in.

Student of the Week

Term 4, Week 1

00G Linda Carter

Jace Hamilton – For looking and listening well at Mat Time, and for lying quietly in your own space for meditation. You have a smile on your mind!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Keith Conlon – For staying on task during his table work and completing beautiful work. Keith always uses friendly words and is a star student.

00R Anna Hayes

Michael Denni – For always trying his hardest, being such a good friend to others and remembering lots of fantastic things to be grateful for. Well done Michael.

OOS Sandie Symes

Hayley Ward – For writing a fabulous recount about her excursion to Jets Gym – you're really getting ready for Grade 1!

00K Keryn Johnston

Cooper Jones – The sensational singing star: 'Cooper Jones'. We all should be lining up for your autograph now as you are a future super star in the making. You owned the microphone with your singing on International Day! Well done, Cooper!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Rhys Southwell – For trying hard to make good choices this week. A great start to Term 4.

1/2B Christine Turner

Jarrold Byrne – For showing more enthusiasm in all areas of his learning and taking pride in his work. Great work!

3A Darryl Deller

Evie Horne – For a great start to Term 4! Excellent standard of work produced. You worked like a Trojan – and that's a good thing!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Ethan Morehead – For an excellent first week at Montmorency Primary School and for being VERY focused in all tasks set. Well Done!

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Harriet Lloyd – For working exceptionally hard to complete all maths tasks this week – congratulations – your maths knowledge is excellent!



Mental Health Week

Jordan Hayles | Grade 6

This week we in Grade 5/6 we have been looking at what it means to have gratitude and what it means to have a healthy frame of mind. We have been focusing on the many good things we have in our lives and what we are most grateful for. We know that many young people today are very self-conscious. So, I ask you, "If you had a magic wand, would you change anything about yourself?" Almost everyone would want to change at least one thing, but is that a good thing? No! You see this generation is obsessed with their body image which means products like makeup are getting more popular. "Fresh Face Friday" has been started to make kids/ teens realise they are perfect just the way they are. The idea for "Fresh Face Friday" is that you write on a piece of paper something good about yourself, then share it with others. So come on people - it's about time we started feeling great about ourselves. Because we really all do have so much to be grateful for.

*Gratitude
is the best
Attitude*

One Hundred Days of Learning in our Prep Grades

	
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to read books and I like school. I can write on paper and I can count numbers now. Lachie Hancock</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt to be nice to people. I have learnt to read and I liked writing my Cuddly Kitten story. I have learnt my A,B,C's. My favourite thing is Reading Eggs. Gabe McDonald</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to read and how to be a good helper. I have learnt how to be nice to people and I have a lot of friends. I can add numbers and I do good 'Share & Learn'. Isaac Loncar</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt to do work. I have learnt how to do maths and I know how to count. I love playing outside. Ella Harnetty-King</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to read quite well and I can write stories. I have a good teacher who helps me with work. I have a bit more friends than last year too. Anthony Streat</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I've learnt how to do table work and how to count to 120. I've learnt letters and sounds. I love Fantastic Fridays. Cooper Jones</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I can read better because the words are easier now. I can write more words and I can write my name properly now. Now I talk a lot to other kids and to Miss S. I can also count numbers and add sums together. Mia Byrne</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I've learnt how to read bigger words and how to write numbers up to 100. I've learnt which way the letters go and how to do maths. My favourite thing is playing outside. Eleanor Read</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to read hard books and I can spell big words. I have made a lot of friends too. I can add numbers and I know how to write them too. Jean-Claude Charbel</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt to read some books and I can count up to 100. I have lots of fun with my friend Tatiannah. David Hamilton</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt to write stories and I can read now and the words are easy. I can count and write numbers. I have good friends and I know how to share my toys. Eve Gibney</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt all the letters of the alphabet, how to do good P.E. with Mrs B. I think Foundation K is BRILLIANT! I want to stay there forever because I've learnt so much and have so much fun there. I love school! Miriam Kelleher</p>

Stay tuned for more stories of Prep Learning in our next newsletter!

Newsletters

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The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 30 October. If you have any notices or contributions, please send these by Monday 27 October. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please fill in the form below and we'll put you on the list. Don't forget that you can get extra copies emailed to multiple addresses, even if you still want a hard copy.

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YES , I would like the newsletter to be sent to the following addresses:

Email 1: Email 2:

Parent Name/s:

Oldest child's name: Grade:

Take me off the hard copy list please

CAN YOU HELP?

House needed in November

Family of 3 from Sweden looking for a place to rent or mind close to Monty for the month of November. Need a house sitter? We can water your plants, walk your dog, feed your possums or all of the above. Any leads to where we can find a place are welcome - we even have references! Our daughter Ida will be joining her old classmates in grade 1/2A and we're looking forward to being back in the school community.

Ida, Emma and Magnus
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**Montmorency
Primary School**



November 29th **State Election Day**

- **1985 Time Capsule Opening**

Capsule will be opened at 11am. Contents will be on display throughout the day.

- **Car boot sale! 8am-2pm**

To book a stall, please call the school on 9434 5944 or email montmorency.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

- **BBQ, Christmas decorations, Cakes, Plants, & more!**

**Come and vote in our
new school building!**



YALLAMBIE PARK PRESCHOOL'S TIME TO BE ME GRANT

The Time To Be Me Grant offers one time only cash awards given to individuals in the community for a short term project.

The grants are designed and implemented by the Yallambie Park Preschool themselves.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE ATTENDED YALLAMBIE PARK PRESCHOOL TO BE ELIGIBLE.

The applicant must identify a genuine need for funding.

Funding is provided on the basis of applicants meeting eligibility criteria. Strong applications provide a detailed understanding of how the project would work and a clear and accountable budget. Your application needs to provide enough detail so that someone with no prior knowledge of your project clearly understands the proposal and the outcomes you aim to achieve.

They are usually awarded on a competitive basis and Yallambie Park Preschool Committee decide which individual best meets its guidelines and are most deserving of the limited grant money available.

The Time To Be Me Grant will allow individuals within the Kindergarten community to obtain funds to achieve a clear goal while showcasing their talent and achievements to the children at the Kindergarten and inspire future generations.

They can engage the community in creative betterment efforts and generate real accomplishments the Kindergarten community can be proud of.

The goal of the program is to support individuals who are pursuing excellence in their chosen area. Success of a young person to achieve their dreams should not be limited by lack of money so the Time to Be Me Grant will alleviate the financial burden some individuals have in achieving their dreams.

The amount of the grant will be \$200-\$2000.

The age of eligible children will be 3- 15 years old at the time of application.

There are very little resources in the form of grants for young people in the community. This program aims to reach those who would be ineligible for funding from other grants already available.

Applications for 2014 close on Friday October 17th at 5pm. Please contact the grants officer at grantsyallambie@gmail.com if you have any questions.



ELTHAM WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLUB
CONDITIONS OF PLAYING & ENROLMENT FORM



2014/15 SUMMER SEASON
ENROLMENT DUE BY SATURDAY 16th AUGUST



ALL NEW FAMILIES TO THE CLUB RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL



RETURNING MEMBERS - PAY YOUR FEES BY THE DUE DATE & RECEIVE \$10 OFF THE COST

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE ARE NOT GUARANTEED A PLACE IN A TEAM

Teams Will Be Displayed On The Notice Board at EHS From 5pm Tuesday 30th October

*** * * SECOND TUESDAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS * * ***

Training Starts From Sunday 5th October & The First Game Is Saturday 11th October

By enrolling & signing the enrolment form players & parents are agreeing to the following conditions:

The Club expects a positive contribution from parents and players: encouragement of others, recognition of courageous, determined and skilful performance, support for those who do not succeed and assistance to officials. Participants, including spectators must not take violent action, even where there is provocation.

Abuse of officials, opposition or other team members is against the Club policy, with penalties where applicable. Respect for all Club rules and Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct is expected.

Parents are expected to co-operate with the reasonable requirements of coaches and Club officials in games, practices and other Club events. Parents are also expected to ensure individually or in co-operation with others that there are adequate provisions for first aid. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children playing or spectating at games and trainings or should make their own private arrangements with other parents to share this supervision. It is the policy of the club that situations of individual unsupervised contact of participants are to be avoided. Any causes for concern should be addressed in the first place to the coach or manager, and if not resolved satisfactorily, through the Grade Convenors to the Boys' or Girls' Convenors.

The Club has a Grievances Policy which is available on our website.

Players are expected to respect the property of venues at which they play and practice and will be required to pay for any damages they cause. Parents acknowledge that while the club will seek to minimise risks, there are risks to all participants in an active team sport. All club equipment borrowed must be returned.

Parents are expected to advise the club of any relevant medical conditions. In an emergency and it is not possible or reasonably practical to contact parents the club may obtain medical treatment for the child.

ENROLMENT DUE BY SATURDAY 16th AUGUST~ SEASON STARTS SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER

Each Player MUST Complete a Separate Enrolment Form To Be Eligible To Play

*** * * MULTIPLE PLAYER DISCOUNT APPLIES TO PLAYERS IN THE SAME FAMILY ONLY * * ***

FAX: 9439 6268 or POST: PO BOX 220, ELTHAM 3095 or EMAIL: rebecca@elthamwildcats.net.au

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Therese, Diamond Creek

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