



Montmorency Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Janene Worsam | Acting Principal

Working Bee

Last Saturday was such a perfect day for the Working Bee; mild with a light breeze! The school grounds received a revival with all the weeding, mulch- moving, building of new compost bins, and many other jobs that were delegated to eager hands. Sincere thanks to all the families that came and helped on the day and thank you to the staff who gave up their time to come back to school on a weekend.

Foundation Transition

Our transition to Foundation 2015 program commenced last week. On Wednesday, we welcomed the newest members of the community to our school. Our Foundation team of teachers met with new parents and students and began the process of getting to know the students so that they can best be placed into classes for next year. It was such an exciting time to see so many new little faces enter our building for the commencement of their primary schooling.

Curriculum News

Last week the National Curriculum Review Report was released. The Australian Government established this review in January 2014 and aimed to evaluate the robustness, independence and balance of the process and development of the Australian Curriculum. It also sought to understand whether the Australian Curriculum is delivering what students need, parents expect and the nation requires in an increasingly competitive world. There has already been considerable media interest in this topic such as in The Australian article published on 12 October: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/education>

I will keep the Monty community informed of all developments associated with this review. There will be a Q & A Forum about the National Curriculum Review Report held at the University of Melbourne on 30 October from 4:00 – 6:30pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the review and hear from expert panelists: Brian Caldwell, Professor University of Melbourne, Chris Wardlaw, Executive Manager of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Maxine McKew former PM, Fellow at the Melbourne University Graduate School and author of recently published 'Class Act'. This is a complimentary event for interested parents and educators. I will be eagerly attending this event.

Cup Day

Just a reminder about the day before Cup Day - Monday 3 November. A notice has been sent home explaining that the school will be open but that there will be a highly modified program running on the day. Please return the attendance slip ONLY if your child will be attending on the day, or let Julie in the office know.

Have a great week!

Janene Worsam

Diary dates

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)

Tuesday 11 November

- Whole-of-school, sports teams and Year 6 photos

Tuesday 18 November

- School Council meeting, 7:30pm

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 (9:30 – 11:00 am)

Friday 5 December

- Foundation S & K excursion to the Zoo

Wednesday 10 December

- Christmas Carols

Parents & Friends

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

Monty Makers Group

The Monty Makers group is up and running. Thank you Sheryn Hamilton for sharing your signature Rocky Road recipe and treating everyone with a sample last meeting. Join us this Friday 31 October to make goodies for the car boot sale.

What's Coming Up?

Friday 31 October	Monty Makers – 1:00 – 3:00pm, School Kitchen (Oct 31, Nov 14 & Nov 28)
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 22 November

Thank you Foundation Green for raising close to \$700 at the October market and everyone involved in making this day successful.

Foundation Red and Blue will be co-hosting the last Farmers Market for the year on Saturday 22 November. We'd love you to help out by providing goodies to sell. Please come and support the Foundation Colours classes by buying a cake & a sausage! The veggies are fresh and the new bakeshop is excellent. If you can assist on the day please contact Jackie Lacey M: 0417 300 695, Vanessa Jasper M: 0439 438 647, Junko Nichols 0422 284 244 or Danielle Ciancio M: 0424 252 874.

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

The countdown has begun. The pollies are revving up their campaigns and time is running out to book a car boot stall. If you'd like to book a stall to earn some pre-Christmas cash please see Julie at the office.

Please make Monty your voting destination for this state election. We guarantee the coffee will be great, the kids will be entertained and second-hand school uniforms will be cheap. Come along and discover the secrets of the 1985 time capsule which will be opened at 11am. The school will be open for voting from 8am to 6pm.

We need parent volunteers to help on the day run our school cake stall and BBQ. If you can spare a couple of hours please let Suzie Smith or Natalie Duffy know.

Thank you to the many walkers who have letterbox dropped flyers. Flyers for letterbox drops can be collected from the office if you'd like to help us promote the day.

Monty Makers – Join our social group to make market items – Friday 31 October

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 – 3:00 pm during October and November. Contact Vanessa Jasper M: 0439 438 647 or Natalie Duffy M: 0422 016 171 for more information.

Love our Library – Book Club & Birthday Books

The library will be receiving \$200 worth of resources as a result of the books purchased by Monty families during the last Scholastic Book Club offer. Vanessa Jasper has kindly offered to manage the Scholastic Book Club and will be sending out special offers when they are available. Every dollar you spend rewards our library. Thank you!

Birthday Books have been received in many grades this year. Thank you to the students who have donated a book to their class on the occasion of their birthday. Just a reminder, you will go into the draw to win "The Birthday Book" at the end of the year and these books will be transferred to the library for all to enjoy. Just a reminder that Meera from Eltham Bookshop is kindly donating a free book to our school library for every book purchased from her store when you mention it is a Monty Birthday Book purchase.

Community Fair – 21 March 2015

Suzi Smith | Community Fair Coordinator | michael_suzi@optusnet.com.au | 0419 434 559

A small team of parents has begun planning the Community Fair. School Council has given the green light to go ahead with the Fair, **on condition** that there is sufficient support and involvement from the school community.



Whilst there is a lot of energy and ideas flowing, **we need more people to be involved**, and in any number of ways:



We really need a few parents to form a Food Committee - Great food is a key part of any Great Fair. Do we do Sausage Sizzle, falafels, baked potatoes, dahl, pizza – all or none of the above??? Once the decision is made about what we will serve, there is a bit of work to source ingredients and specialised equipment, then nothing much until just before the Fair. **Can you help?**



Are you happy to take charge of a stall on the day, setting it up, making it look good, working out the selling process, etc? There are many stalls - like Fairy Floss, Trash n Treasure, one of the side show games - that just need someone to be the 'go to' boss on the day.

If you would like to run a particular stall, have an idea, can help with planning, can't attend meetings but would like to be involved, please contact Suzi. **Now is the time to put your hand up and get involved.**

In addition to helping on the Fair Committee:

- We are seeking donations of big ticket items for use in the raffle that is drawn at the Fair.
- Are any families involved or connected with businesses that may be interested in a sponsorship arrangement? We get well over 1000 locals to this event so it is a great opportunity to publicise a business.
- Does anyone live on a main road/prominent location and would be happy to have a large noticeboard in their front yard promoting the Fair for 6 weeks early next year?
- Is anyone a performer or part of a band and might like to perform on the day?
- Is anyone involved in a community group that may be interested in having a stall to promote said group?

If you can help with any of these queries, please contact me on any of the above details, or leave your details at the school office.

The next Fair meeting is Friday 7 November, 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the Resource Area (Library).

Buildings and Grounds

Michael Smith | Buildings & Grounds

Working Bee Thanks

A HUGE thank you to the four teachers and eight families that came to the working bee on 18 October, it was a great turn out. New compost bays were built behind the sports shed, the garden room storage area was cleaned out, and the grounds were swept and cleaned up. The morning's activities were topped off with a BBQ before everyone headed home for a rest.

Nut Allergies

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher and OSHC

A reminder to everyone that we have a number of students with allergies at school. One of the most serious ones is nut allergies. Nut allergies can cause a severe reaction called anaphylaxis. If not treated, anaphylaxis can be life-threatening. We are asking all members of the school community to help us ensure the safety of our students by not sending nut products to school.

Our new school building has a deck area where children from all classes enjoy sitting with their friends to eat. This means that we need to be vigilant about ensuring that no nut products are around, to ensure the safety of all students. Thank you for your understanding.

Raise Your Hand for Monty!

Also, to help raise awareness of anaphylaxis, we would ask you to go to this site and help raise a hand for Monty Primary.

<http://www.anaphylaxis101.com.au/raise-your-hand/>

This site offers schools a chance to win a \$10,000 or \$5,000 educational grant. The school with the highest number of hands raised wins - simply click on the hand icon and nominate Montmorency Primary School from the drop-down menu. Our school is currently ranked at 125 and I'm sure we can raise it much higher! The school leader board has Dingley Primary at 20,570 hands raised! The competition started on 18 August 2014 and closes 18 December 2014.

Sport

Donna Barclay | PE Teacher

Interschool Sport Finals

On Friday 18 October, the mixed bat tennis team and the girls' volleyball teams, under the guidance of Sandy Faulkner and Mr K, went to Holy Trinity to play in the summer sports finals. Both teams played well and competitively before going down in the final results. Well done to the students for their efforts.

Hooptime Regional Finals

Congratulations to the team from grades 3/4, the 'Monty Marlins', who competed in the regional finals last week. The students played exceptionally well and competed in the grand final. Unfortunately they lost this game, which would have taken them to the state championships later on in the year. A fantastic effort, considering that this is the first year Monty Primary has been represented in this competition.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

It's been a busy few weeks in the OSHC room as the weather improves and the sunlight stays around longer. The puppet theatre is finished and the students have been putting on shows for their friends. On the extremely hot nights when it's a bit warm for running around outside a lot, we have been making use of the iPads and the children have been taking it in turns to have some time on them. We've also made some lovely sun catchers, cooked some yummy raspberry cream biscuits and got the dress up box out for some creative play. The snowboarding game on the Xbox is also proving to be very popular.

This week, as part of our celebrations of other cultures, we are doing some Halloween arts and crafts and cooking. Don't be too scared if you come in and see spiders hanging from the room or some ghosts swirling around! Next week, we have a shorter week due to the Cup Day public holiday. If you need OSHC on the Monday before Cup Day, please let me know so we can work out staffing. That week we are also making muffins and peg holders as well as our usual games nights, homework help and creative play time. The full program is on display outside the office.

Make sure you check out the photos we take during the week and display in the care room window - this shows you some of the activities we have been up to in the time before you arrive to collect your children.

Swimming Lessons

Sandie Symes | Foundation Teacher



SWIMMING AT MONTMORENCY – HAVING A SPLASHING TIME!

This intensive swimming program provides an excellent opportunity for children to develop and extend swimming competency. At Aquarena, staff are skilled in determining levels and teaching appropriate skills. Children practice basic water skills and familiarisation through enjoyable games, using noodles, balls, weighted objects they dive to retrieve, learning how to balance and how to stroke on paddle boards.

Also, self-care skills of removing clothes, drying and dressing themselves are also key components of this most valuable program. A big thank you to the parents who accompany the children to assist with the wide variety of tasks to ensure swimming is a very positive experience. Thanks Mr Deller for organising this wonderful program.

CAN YOU HELP?

New School Banking Co-ordinator Needed

We are very grateful for Ingrid Whitcombe's work in co-ordinating the School Banking program for Montmorency Primary School. However, Ingrid is unable to continue in this role in 2015, so we are seeking a volunteer to take over as School Banking Co-ordinator.

The School Banking program benefits children by encouraging good saving habits and money management skills. This program also benefits our school, as we receive a commission on every deposit made at the school.

If you are interested in taking on this role in 2015, please contact the school office, or pop in on Friday mornings to speak to Ingrid and see what is involved.



Student of the Week

Term 4, Weeks 2 and 3

00G Linda Carter

Willow Hancock – For doing so well during the basketball clinic. You listened and followed directions, you tried new activities, you practiced your skills and you didn't give up. Great effort, Willow!

00R Anna Hayes

Eden Cai – For learning so many new English words and having such funny and interesting conversations with his friends.

Alice Gregory – For using her 'friendly words' to ask others to play and for having the confidence to speak to Anna and Michelle about issues. Well done, Alice.

00X Sarah Kechayas

Marcus Tangey – For finding the whole 70 's' words in our 's' story. What an awesome effort!

Wes Meckiff – For being an excellent role model for everyone, all the time. Such a thoughtful boy, well done.

00K Keryn Johnston

Miriam Kelleher – For trying so hard to write with spaces between her words and for trying to write using smaller letters. Excellent job, Miriam!

Gabe McDonald – For lightning speed swimming and lightning speed dressing at the end of swimming. Well done, Gabe!

00S Sandie Symes

Maeve Lappin – For demonstrating excellence when remembering all of the 'Friends of Ten' numbers.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Cleo Farago – For being a fantastic partner and showing enthusiasm during our "Showtime" investigation task.

Gaia Leonard – For being a fantastic partner and showing enthusiasm during our "Showtime" investigation task.

1/2A Margarita Strateas, continued

Aiden Mollet – For achieving his "10 star days" goal this week. Well done!

1/2B Christine Turner

Jasper Davis – For working really well as part of a team during writing and showing enthusiasm in his calendar task during Maths this week. Well done!

3A Darryl Deller

Jake Smith – For showing a high level of responsibility and for producing work of a high standard. You definitely have the 'right attitude'. Well done!

Emile Loewenguth – For amazing quality of work and always doing your best. A terrific example for the rest of the class. Well done, Emile!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Callum McLaine - For an excellent week of learning and for showing enthusiasm and leadership during Math learning tasks.

Lachlan Barber - For dedication and commitment in all learning areas and for completing the weekly writing task.

Kara Jaeger-Pound - For an excellently written Children Story Book and beautifully illustrated pictures. You really have an amazing talent. Well Done Kara



James Charbel - For working exceptionally well in all areas, you really have had an amazing year of learning. Well Done James

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Blake Findlay-Sosic – For an exceptional week of work. You have maintained focus for the entire week and produced some fabulous work. Well done – we are very proud of you!

Tom Horne – For researching and writing an outstanding Informative Text piece on a fruit of choice – 'The Humble Pear'. The information you presented was excellent!

One Hundred Days of Learning in our Prep Grades

	
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I know my words now and I love Reading Eggs. I have learnt how to read and how to spell words. I have learnt to colour in and not to scribble. I can write my name really well now too. Maeve Lappin</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt not to run in the corridor and I'm very kind to people in the garden. I can go in the lines in drawings now and I can write my name properly. I like reading now. Lachlan Hattam</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation S, I have learnt how to control myself because now I can make myself 'stop'. I have learnt to read quite hard books and I can write big words. I can work better now. Libby Kelly</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt to make little stories like the Cuddly Kitten and the Happy Horse. I've learnt to count to over 100 by 2's, 5's and 10's. I've had lots of fun and made lots of friends. Sam Bonney</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have made lots of new friends. I've learnt to write and do maths. I've learnt how to count to 309. My favourite activity is Active Learning and playing Lego. Tex Anderson</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt how to read and write numbers up to 20. I love to do Reading Eggs on the iPad. I've made good friends with Tex, Dominica and Sam. Dominic Loncar</p>
<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I have learnt about Mathletics, writing and reading and I am good at all of these things now. I can do good 'Whole Body Listening'. I have made lots of friends and we have fun playing together. Maccy Kay</p>	<p>Since starting in Foundation K, I didn't know my 'A,B,C' properly, but now I do know it. I didn't know how to do sport, but now I do. I didn't know reading back then either, but now I do know a bit. I love school! Poppy Gillottie</p>

**This completes our series on 100 Days of Learning in our Prep Grades.
Congratulations to all of our Prep students on their achievements!**

Newsletters

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The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 13 November. If you have any notices or contributions, please send these by Monday 10 November. 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

MALAHANG
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

FREE EVENT!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday 16 November 10am to 4pm
Malahang Reserve, Southern Road, Heidelberg West

For further information: Banyule Council 9490 4222
www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Malahang

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Montmorency Primary School



November 29th

State Election Day

- 1985 Time Capsule, Opening at 11am.
- Car boot sale! 8am-2pm Book at office.
- BBQ, Christmas decorations, Cakes, Plants, *Bouncy Castle, Circus activities* for the kids & more!

Volunteers needed to help run these school stalls.

Please put your name on the roster in the foyer or return the below slip to the office.

I can help on Election Day—29/11/14

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Time I can help: 7—9am 9—11am

11am—1pm 1 – 3pm

SAFEMinds.

SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES ENHANCING MINDS

"A sense of connectedness to families and schools is the most significant protective factor for young people."

(Resnick et al. *Protecting Adolescents From Harm*, 1997)

SAFEMINDS: AT HOME

SAFEMinds is a partnership between:



headspace
National Youth Mental Health Foundation



SAFEMinds combines a range of targeted training and a comprehensive toolkit of resources, to support whole school communities apply the *NIP it in the bud!* early intervention approach.

SAFEMinds Online

SAFEMinds: In Practice SAFEMinds: At Home

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SAFEMinds offers parents and carers a series of information forums which will focus on helping parents and carers understand their role in supporting their child's mental health and wellbeing; and connecting them with school and mental health resources within their local community. In addition, parents will have access to a targeted version of SAFEMinds Online and Toolkit resources.

SAFEMINDS ONLINE

SAFEMinds Online uses an immersive, video-based experience, to tell a series of personal stories of children and young people, their families and teachers. This approach aims to develop the knowledge and understanding of the whole school community – school staff, parents and carers – about the many different forms of emotional distress children and young people may experience, and how these might be presented. Supporting resources, further background information and the *NIP it in the bud!* Toolkit can also be found in SAFEMinds Online.

To access SAFEMinds Online go to deecd.tech-savvy.com.au, select SAFEMinds and enter the password SAFEMinds-Guest.

SAFEMinds Comes to Town!

headspace – the National Youth Mental Health Foundation will be presenting a **FREE** session in **Collingwood** for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Monday 17th November, 2014

Venue: headspace Collingwood
Level 1, Victoria Park (Social Club Building)
Cnr Lulie & Abbott Streets
Abbotsford Vic 3067

Parents interested in attending can register via
www.eventbrite.com.au/o/safeminds-7552791023

VICSWIM Holiday Program

VICSWIM Summer Kidz program is funded by the Victorian Government and delivers a cost effective aquatic education and water safety program to all Victorian children for only \$25.00. The five-day program is offered in January 2015 . Flyers are available from the school office, or visit the website for more information on session times and locations: www.vicswim.com.au



Interested in playing netball?
Why not join
the largest, most successful Club in the Diamond Valley

Diamond Creek Netball Club

2015 CLUB Registration

Monday 10th & 17th November 2014

Anytime between 4-6pm Although it is never too late to join!!
Registration forms available from clubroom anytime or
can be downloaded. diamondcreeknetball.com.au
Uniform - \$65 always available from clubrooms
All games played Saturdays at
Diamond Creek Netball Complex
Training Monday after school
4-5pm 9/U & 11/U
5-6pm 13/U,15/U,17/19U
Cost to join the club and register with
Netball Victoria (per annum)
9/U & 11/U \$120*
13/U & 15/U \$120*
17/19U \$100 *

(*Subject to change depending on Netball Victoria Membership)
For further details call the clubrooms 9438 6098 or
call Kaye Ralph (Club Coordinator)
9718 2393/0428 898 393 or
LOOK US UP diamondcreeknetball.com.au

Free Netball to all new club members

NETBALL VICTORIA

The logo for Netball Victoria, featuring a stylized 'N' and 'V' inside a circular emblem.