



Montmorency Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

Step-Up Morning

We will have a “step-up” morning on Tuesday 9 December from 9:50 till 11:00am. Children new to the school will be invited to join our current population as they move into their new grade groups and meet teachers. This day is the transition day for our Grade 6 students as they visit their new schools so is an ideal time for this activity.

Congratulations Junko

I am pleased to announce that Junko Nicholls will be teaching Japanese at Foundation level next year. We are, of course, aiming to embed the language across the school. When our budget is confirmed in February, we will be looking at ways we can enhance learning in all areas including Japanese.

Cybersafety – be safe on line

Great to have a visit on “Cybersafety” for our senior students last week. This is an important aspect of modern life, especially with the potential to access and broadcast private details via unintentionally provided information. No matter how much we put the facts before children there can be no substitute for supervision and communication. A family policy about having/accessing technology in a public spot in the house is a subtle but effective way of ensuring that good manners are observed in communication and that checks and balances are in place. The most important thing children need is a reference point – someone to ask when they are unsure or are being challenged by something that they are viewing. Next year we are hosting sessions for families and parents.

Supervision of students after school

Teaching staff on yard duty after school have noticed several students waiting to be collected at the front gate on Rattray Road. Of greater concern is that some younger students are venturing outside the school gate unaccompanied. We ask that you remind your children to wait for you at the Castle steps so that they are visible to staff on duty after school. Teaching staff supervise students after school from 3:30-3:45 pm. Any children who have not been collected by 3:45 pm will be taken to the office where attempts will be made to contact caregivers.

Diary dates

Saturday 29 November

- Election Day – Voting and Market/Car Boot Sale

Wednesday 3 December

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

Thursday 4 December

- Camp Australia information night (7:00pm)

Friday 5 December

- Foundation S & K excursion to the Zoo

Tuesday 9 December

- Transition for grades 1-6 (9:50 – 11:00 am)

Wednesday 10 December

- Foundation Colours 2015 transition session
- Christmas Carols

Thursday 11 December

- Foundation Colours 2015 parent information session (4:00 pm)

Friday 12 December

- Grade 3 excursion to Eureka Skydeck

Tuesday 16 December

- Grade 6 graduation

Wednesday 17 December

- Lunch for SAKG and classroom volunteers

Camp Australia Information Session

As announced in the previous Newsletter, Montmorency Primary School has partnered with Camp Australia to provide our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, commencing 29 January 2015. Camp Australia will be hosting a Parent Information Session at the school to explain how the program is structured and how parent accounts are managed.

When: Thursday 4 December at 7:00pm

Where: Resource Area within the new school building

If you are unable to attend the information night, please visit the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au and use the school finder on the homepage. You can request a full information pack and register your child/ren into the program.

Parents & Friends

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

Thank you Foundation Red and Foundation Blue for hosting the last Farmers Market for 2014. This market raised almost \$800 and was a wonderful way to end the year. The effort of the whole community is appreciated in making our monthly Farmers markets successful. The funds raised from the school stalls go directly back into educational programs for our kids.

This Saturday's Election Day market will be our last call out for bakers and "BBQers" for the year. Bring the family along this Saturday to see the 1985 Time Capsule opened at 11:00am, vote and enjoy the Election Day activities. Check out the latest edition of the Diamond Valley Leader to see Ebony Tripptree and her mum Karen, who was a prep student at Monty in 1985. Karen remembers the Time Capsule being planted.

What's Coming Up?

Friday 28 November	Monty Makers – meet in the Kitchen, 1:00-3:00pm
Saturday 29 November	State Election Day – Voting from 8:00am. Time capsule opening at 11:00am
Wednesday 10 December	Christmas Carols & Christmas Raffle drawn by Santa
Monday 15 December	P&F – Annual General Meeting 9:15am

P&F Annual General Meeting – Monday 15 December 9:15am – All welcome

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the P&F AGM. We will be seeking volunteers to team leadership positions, outlining plans for 2015 and asking for feedback. If you can't make it but would like to nominate yourself for a role, please let Natalie Duffy know by Friday 12 December. Roles include: P&F Coordinator, Class Rep Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Fun Days Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. Suzi Smith extraordinaire will continue as Fair Coordinator and Michelle Duke will continue as Uniform Shop Coordinator.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be class reps this year. This role has proven to be valuable and will be continued next year. We will ask for class rep volunteers early in 2015. A class reps thank you lunch will be held on Friday 12 December.

Monty Makers – Meet at the Kitchen this Friday 28 November 1:00 – 3:00pm

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 this Friday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Contact Vanessa Jasper M: 0439 438 647 for more information.

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

The school will be open for voting from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The 1985 Time Capsule will be opened at 11:00am. Andrew Whitcombe will be DJ for our outdoor disco. Thank you in advance Andrew for entertaining us. We are grateful to those who have volunteered to help at the school BBQ, Cake and Christmas stalls. More helpers are needed. Can you spare 2 hours? Would you like to help supervise the Jumping Castle?

Christmas Carols – Wednesday 10 December from 5:30pm

Students are busily preparing their performances with teachers. Everyone is invited to this family night to celebrate a fantastic year of education at Monty Primary. Bring along a picnic or order a Pizza for the family. Pizza order forms will be sent home separately. Carols start at 6:00pm. Santa will be drawing the Christmas raffle at the end of the night.

Christmas Raffle – Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawn Wednesday 10 December

Three fabulous hampers are on display in the office - Girl Hamper, Boy Hamper and Festive Hamper (over \$110 value per hamper). Raffle tickets need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 10 December. Winners can choose the hamper they want based on draw order.

Community Fair – 21 March 2015

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

WANTED – a Jam & Preserves coordinator for the Fair

There are parents who are interested in making jams & preserves to be sold at the Fair, but need the guidance to learn the skill. If anyone is interested, we'd be looking to run maybe 2-4 Jamming sessions in the SAKG kitchen between now and the Fair, timing would depend on availability of fruit. Please contact Suzanne if you would like to share your preserving skills or if you would like to be involved in jamming sessions.

WANTED – small jars with lids to be used for jamming. Please leave clean jars at the office.

Cyber Safety Incursion

Kara Jaeger-Pound | Grade 4/5

On Friday the 21st of November, Detective Senior Sergeant Rhonda Brown from the Melbourne Crime Investigation Unit came to our school with some others to talk about being safe online. Kids all over the world go online and this why they need to be on alert for scammers, liars and bullies.

We started off by talking about Facebook, Kick, Instagram and Snapchat, while on these websites you have to be careful of what you say and show. Rhonda told us why it's important not to show pictures of your street sign, house number or your school address online, as this private information of where you live. Other things she said were; Sites often update so it's important to keep checking your settings and make sure they're on private. This way only people you allow can go into your account. If you send things to your friends just remember once they have it they can send it to someone else!

While online a sign may appear on your screen often saying something like; You have just won \$2000, you've won an iPad or Won a car. All of these are scams to entice you so they can get their hands on your details, and then get your money. The police ended by handing us each a certificate and show bag full of safety material.

Cyber Safety – tips for parents

Janene Worsam | Assistant Principal

Montmorency Primary School believes the teaching of cybersafe and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students. On Friday 21st November we were visited by Detective Senior Sergeant Rhonda Brown from the Melbourne Crime Investigation Unit, to explicitly teach internet safety and responsible behaviour. Rhonda has a wealth of experience in this area and the students from Grades 3-6 listened to an informative presentation from her and her team.

Rhonda and the team will be coming back to Monty Primary in February next year to talk to our Parent Community about internet safety. We certainly will look forward to seeing her again.

An expert's tips for parents to stop cyber-bullying

Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online. For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away.

Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year. Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean, a former police officer and Australia's leading cybersafety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

'Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,' Ms McLean said. 'Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.'

'It's really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don't cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won't tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.'

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don't respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform Police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

The Department's Bully Stoppers website has a range of advice for parents, students and teachers about how to respond to all types of bullying.

For more information see, <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecyberbully.aspx>

Visual and Performing Arts

Cori Nelson | Visual & Performing Arts and Web@MPS

Visual Arts

As an art teacher it is so satisfying and rewarding to see students gain confidence through completing art works, especially when, initially, they believe they cannot do it. I am thankful to have shared in the creation of wonderful art works this year. Students will be taking home their Semester 2 Visual Arts Portfolio, with their own cover design, during the last week of the term, while 3D art works have been sent home separately. A list of completed art works for the semester will be located inside the portfolio. In addition, photos of all work are posted both in the [MPS facebook page Visual Arts Album](#) and on the [Visual Arts school website page](#).

Performing Arts

In Performing Arts, Foundation – Grade 3 students are currently rehearsing for the Christmas Carols Concert. They will be performing a Christmas song as well as another piece learned during the year. Students have spent time learning this year in all four areas of performing arts: singing, dancing, playing percussion instruments and participating in drama activities. I have followed the developmental Music Room Program launched last year as well as other supplemental resources for variety and to cover all four areas. I have found that the Music Room Program is particularly useful for the younger grades and the teaching resources for this program can be used flexibly in accordance with student ability and interest.

I am so proud of all the work students have put in and their enthusiasm and love of music. There have been countless opportunities for silliness and fun amongst the learning! There are many high points, but one in particular comes to mind when recently, two usually shy and quiet Foundation students had a very loud and animated conversation in gibberish to the astonishment of myself, the Education Support Officer and all the grade. As a "made-up" language, gibberish allows children the freedom to be creative and expressive without the fear of saying the wrong thing.

Christmas Carols

The Christmas Carols Concert will be held on Wednesday 10 December. Arrive at 5:30pm with a picnic or pre-order pizza via the Parents & Friends order form (details to come). The Concert begins at 6:00pm. Students are very excited to perform. Hope to see you there!

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

It has been a fun few weeks in the OSHC room as we've been cleaning out the cupboards. We have made some great puppets, made our own racetrack and found the Beyblades. We have been going through supplies in order to begin packing for the move to the new building next year.

Please continue to call the office or email me to make changes to your bookings. Camp Australia will be providing OSHC in 2015 and they will implement their own system for bookings and payments.

All accounts need to be finalised before the end of the 2014 school year – thank you to those who have sorted out their payments already. I will be working closely with Julie to ensure that accounts are up-to-date before the handover to Camp Australia.

Food Share Christmas Hampers

Beverley Hardi | Chaplain

Christmas time is around the corner and this year Montmorency Primary School is getting involved with donating Food and Christmas supplies to our local community through the Diamond Valley Foodshare Outreach. This is a volunteer group that has been providing emergency food parcels to needy families in the local community for 22 years. They depend entirely on the generosity of local individuals, schools, churches, service clubs, businesses and council to donate.



At this time of year, Diamond Valley Foodshare needs extra assistance as they put together Christmas hampers for families in the local area. They are seeking suitable Items such as:

Cans

- Spaghetti, soup
- Vegetables, fruit, meat
- Tuna
- Baked beans



Christmas Goods

- Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake
- Tinned ham
- Bon Bons (decorations)
- Sweets, Shortbread

Packets

- Pasta, Noodles
- Pasta Sauces
- Rice
- Sugar
- Plan & self raising flour
- Tea, Coffee, Milo

Toiletries

- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Feminine hygiene products



A table is set up in the office area for your generous donations. Please bring your items by **Wednesday 10 December**.

Student of the Week

Term 4, Weeks 6 & 7

00G Linda Carter

Patrick Begbie – For sharing the science experiment that we did in Foundation Green. You spoke so well and explained each step. Keep sharing your enthusiasm for science with your friends.

Luke Hancock – For taking such good care of Xyon when she was settling back into school. You were so gentle and kind when she was not feeling well, protecting her from any rough play. What a good friend you are, Luke!

00R Anna Hayes

Ryan Whitson – For concentrating so hard whilst using your scissors and cutting beautiful straight lines. Well done, Ryan!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Logan Jasper – For having a ripper week! Lovely manners, great inside voice, you stayed on task, were helpful to others and worked so hard. Well done!

00K Keryn Johnson

Dominica Scaffidi – For being a very kind and considerate friend when one of your friends was upset. You are also talking a lot quieter now too. Well done, Dominica!

Tatiannah Barker – For being an absolutely FANTASTIC artist! You brighten our classroom with your masterpieces. We're sure we'll see your works in an art gallery one day. Excellent work, Tatiannah!

00S Sandie Symes

Libby Kelly – For showing such an improved sense of self-control and development. Fantastic change, Libby!

Lachie Hancock – For showing great improvement in his reading and for being cooperative and always sharing with his friends.

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Joshua Whitcombe – For making a great improvement in his handwriting this year – well done!

Memo Mark-Aitken – For being a kind friend and helping Ida pack away her work laptop after she'd hurt herself.

1/2B Christine Turner

Aiden Harnetty-King – For stepping up and showing that he is ready for Grade 2 next year, by taking care of his buddy and being a great friend during transition. Well done!

Isabelle Bonnefoy – For being such a great friend to your buddies during transition. Well done!

3A Darryl Deller

Angel Pullman-Smith – For being helpful and friendly and most of all for working well in the class. Well done, Angel.

Kane Dwyer – Great effort with your work! You are working with increased self-confidence which was evident when you spoke in front of the whole school for Science Week.

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Mark Crosbee - For applying knowledge and understanding to successfully complete electronic circuits during Science week. Well done, Mark.

Logan Nichols - For working independently to produce quality work during Passion Project research time, you really have put in a lot of effort. Well done, Logan.

Max Harris, Joe Middleton and Nate Russell - For working extremely well within a group to plan, draft and create a structured idea for a Claymation Movie.

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Lewis Cran-Oinonen – For working diligently on his Graduation Book and creating some terrific title pages. Well done!

Ethan Hastings – For working on set tasks independently and for maintaining focus at all times. Well done!

Newsletters – sign up for an electronic copy

Michelle Parrott | Newsletter Editor | E parrott.michelle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 11 December. If you have any notices or contributions, please send these by Monday 8 December. As we work towards our goal of becoming a sustainable school, we encourage all families to receive the newsletter electronically. Please fill in the form below and we'll put you on the list – you can request copies to be emailed to multiple addresses.

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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



Help stop the “Summer Slide” by encouraging your child to read every day during the school holidays!

Children who read for at least 10 minutes a day over the summer school holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. Reading over the holidays helps children maintain or improve the reading level they

developed throughout the school year. Children who don't read over the break can lose core reading skills and slide backwards, potentially falling behind when they return to school.

Teachers report that it can take up to six weeks into the new school year for students to regain lost reading skills. Reading for fun over the holidays helps your child stay ahead!

Keep the reading momentum rolling all summer long with the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

It's easy to join your school's Reading Team and contribute your Reading Minutes to try to win this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

To register for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, please visit www.scholastic.com.au/summer

- Visit the site and complete the simple registration form and create your username and password.
- Get reading for at least 10 minutes every day! So you don't lose track or forget write down the time you spend daily. Every minute counts!
- Log-on to enter your minutes. We recommend you lodge your Reading Minutes weekly for entry in our weekly prize draw where you can WIN books and other cool stuff from our new online Store www.scholastic.com.au/shop.



Montmorency Primary School

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5







Girls Hamper
Boys Hamper
Festive Hamper

Drawn Wednesday 10 December 2014
at school Christmas Carols







3 winners to select hamper prize in order of draw
Each hamper valued at over \$110

Return tickets to school office by
Wednesday 10 December 2014

Monty Primary School - Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets 6 for \$5. Drawn Wed 10 Dec 2014

<p>Montmorency Primary School Christmas Raffle 2014</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> 	<p>Montmorency Primary School Christmas Raffle 2014</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> 	<p>Montmorency Primary School Christmas Raffle 2014</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> 
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Music in the Park & Playground Launch

6pm-8pm Sunday 30 November 2014

Viewbank Reserve, Rutherford Road, Viewbank

- Featuring the Royal Jellies
- Bring a rug and picnic
- Viewbank Scouts' sausage sizzle
- Fun children's activities
- Life size games
- Just turn up - fabulous FREE family day



MORE INFORMATION

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THESE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO QUICKLY IMPROVE ON THOSE IMPORTANT RACING SKILLS FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITIONS



Yarra Plenty Swimming Club is providing these sessions through the club's coach, Paul Schindler. Paul is a widely experienced ASCTA bronze licensed swimming coach with over 17 years experience in competitive swimming. These sessions are aimed at improving specific racing skills that are not usually taught in regular swim sessions. These sessions will also aim at preparing participants by building confidence and enjoyment of competition.

TRAINING AIMS

- Starts, turns & finishes
- Racing confidence
- Racing strategies
- Pacing and speed
- Skills and technique

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Program Date: **28th January – 25th March 2015**
 When: **Every Tuesday or Friday, 4:00pm – 5:00pm**
 Where: **Yarra Swim School, Yarra Plenty Indoor Pool, Liat Way, Greensborough**
 Ability Level: **Must be able to confidently swim 50m in three strokes**
 Cost: **\$10.00 per session (payable on entry)**
 Attendees: **Maximum 20 / Ages 8-12 / Bookings Essential**

For details and booking please contact Yarra Swim School on (03) 9434 4516 or enquiry@yarraswimschool.com.au



stageSTAR

stageSTAR is pure music fun. Get ready to be a star, on stage, singing and dancing to your favourite songs. We have all the equipment and qualifications and all you have to do is sing your heart out. Kids take turns on the stage performing and also being the audience while the others perform, it's just like being on "The Voice" without all the pressure. Meet new friends with same interests! It's all about having fun fun fun; while learning the skills to be a singer. So jump in the spotlight and be a stageSTAR. Meet our teacher: Sharka, with all the qualifications, she is a fun loving music teacher who is just perfect with kids; kids just love her!

Greensborough Area



PRESENT THIS VOUCHER FOR A FREE SINGING AND PERFORMANCE LESSON FOR YOU & A FRIEND!

Come and Enjoy. We will have fun and improve everyone's confidence! This is perfect for learning to be confident, and learning to believe in yourself. You will get to use all our equipment which includes: microphone, electric guitar, some drums, and more! www.stagestar.us

Tell us the songs you love & would like to sing on stage & who your favourite singers are!

So call us now: 0412 792 278
9435 1973 or 0449491627



Watsonia Heights Girls get together and bring a friend 30th November 2014



ALL Girls Teams in Under 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16's

9:00am Start – Under 11's and below
10:15am Start – Under 12 and 14's
11:30am Start – Under 16's

FREE BBQ
DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE



Bring runners and shin pads!
Qualified coaches running sessions

We will have information
on yearly fees, registration
day and playing uniforms

Where: RMIT Bundoora- McKimmies Rd Bundoora-Ref – Map 9-K7
Why: For current players and new players to 'Have a kick'

Contact: Chris McLaren
phone: 0408 290876
email: info@whjfc.org.au or more info at www.whfc.org.au



**Difficult to Buy For People
on your Christmas List?**

What if you could tick them all off now...

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special Christmas wine tasting offer...

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people with just one inexpensive purchase, and get
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Organic One Wine makes a fantastic Christmas Present,
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Buy any case of 12, (Chardonnay, Shiraz or Champagne), open a bottle and try
our wine. We're so confident you'll love it, if you're not absolutely delighted,
send the case back, minus the bottle you tried, and we'll refund the entire
purchase price, no questions asked.