



Montmorency Primary School Newsletter

Issue 20: 18 December 2014

Principal's Report

Michael Otway | Principal

I would like to thank our magnificent community for all their work and support through the year. It has been wonderful to see how this has translated to the educational environment enjoyed by your children. As you are aware we had a priority review this year. This review identified important directions for our future. We don't want to lose our wonderful culture but have put in place, for 2015, a collaborative team environment that builds ever stronger educational capacity in order to complement our growth and outstanding new buildings.

TERM DATES FOR 2015

- Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March ***
Thursday 29 January - Grades 1 – 6 commence
Monday 2 February - Foundation classes commence
Friday 27 March - Curriculum Day
- Term 2: 13 April to 26 June**
Friday 26 June - Curriculum Day **
- Term 3: 13 July to 18 September**
Friday 18 September - Curriculum Day **
- Term 4: 5 October to 18 December**

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes.

** Dates to be approved by School Council

Curriculum Days – Dates for 2015

In addition to the first day of school, as detailed above we will be seeking School Council permission to have the last day of Term 1, 2 and 3 as Curriculum Days. These dates are: Friday 27 March, Friday 26 June and Friday 18 September.

Staffing 2015

At this time of year we have staffing changes to announce. **Cori Nelson** (Art/Music) and **Donna Barclay** (PE/OSHC) will not be with us in 2015. We thank both staff members for their contributions to Montmorency Primary and wish them all the best for the future. **Darryl Deller** has been a special part of Montmorency for many years. We know that so many children have enjoyed having him as a teacher and have benefitted from his care and instruction. It is hard to see him moving on but we know his remarkable qualities will ensure that he finds a positive future as he did when he “landed” at Montmorency. It is with pleasure that we announce **Manny Kechayas** as our Physical Education and Senior music teacher for 2015. Manny will work in tandem with me for music and will add an instrumental capability to our senior students.

Have a happy and safe Christmas!

Diary dates

Wednesday 28 January

- Book collection, Grades 1-6

Thursday 29 January

- First day back at school for Grades 1-6

Friday 30 January

- Book collection, Foundation

Monday 2 February

- Foundation students commence school
- Welcome morning tea for Foundation families

Friday 6 February

- Parents and Friends welcome BBQ

Thursday 12 February

- Whole school information evening and Cyber Safety presentation

Wednesday 18 February

- District Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 25 February

- First contact parent/teacher interviews

Monday 9 March

- Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 11 March

- Grade 3/4 camp

Thursday 12 March

- Grade 3/4 camp

Parents & Friends

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

Merry Christmas and thank you everyone!

The generosity of our Monty community is inspiring. Thank you parents, grandparents, friends, teachers and students for the many ways you have contributed to our fabulous school this year. Everyone's contribution has made a difference. Whether you helped out in a formal way, helped with the move, helped in the classroom, helped at or attended a Farmers Market, made cakes, served hot chocolates, icy poles or hotdogs to students, supported an excursion, the Trivia Quiz or the Election Day Market or whether you have been a welcoming face or a friend in the school yard ... Thank you!

We are very grateful to the many families and businesses who have donated goods and time for the benefit of our students during the year, including Doreen Egg Farm who kindly donated eggs and Primo Smallgoods who donated bacon for the Egg and Bacon rolls sold at the Election Day market. Thank you also to Kings of Kangaroo Ground who donated wine for the Christmas Hamper. Pizza a Casa, thank you for treating us with discounted yummy pizzas for our Christmas Carols.

Most importantly, thank you to the teaching team at Monty. Your care and dedication is astonishing. Thank you for all you do for our children day in and day out, week days and weekends. We value you and everything you do. Farewell to Darryl Deller, Donna Barclay and Cori Nelson. We have appreciated your energy and involvement and will miss you at Monty.

What's Coming Up in 2015?

Saturday 26 January	Farmers Market (School Council to host)
Monday 2 February	First day for Foundation students. Welcome morning tea (Grade 1/2 to host)
Thursday 12 February	Whole school information night and cyber-safety presentation
Monday 16 February	P&F meeting after assembly – all welcome
Saturday 27 February	Farmers Market (Grade 5/6 to host)
Saturday 21 March	Community Fair

P&F Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Monday 15 December where we reviewed the year and celebrated the Monty community and friendship. We also reflected on the tragic death of Mark Thompson, Principal of Eltham Primary School. This has rocked our teaching community who have continued to shine in these last two weeks of school despite this difficult time. Our hearts go out to Mark's family and the EPS Community.

The following appointments were made for 2015:

- P&F Coordinator – Natalie Duffy, P&F Treasurer – Tanya Mammone, Class Representative Coordinator – Vanessa Jasper, School Uniform Shop – Michelle Duke. Thank you Danielle Ciancio for volunteering to take over School banking from Ingrid Whitcombe.
- Class Representatives – if you'd like to take on this communication role for a grade next year or share it with another person, please contact Vanessa Jasper M: 0439 438 647 | E: vjasper@live.com

Christmas Raffle

Funds from the Christmas Raffle will be used to help subsidise the GRIP Leadership conference for Grade 5/6 students in 2015. Winners drawn at the Christmas Carols were:

- 1st ticket – Sue Nicols, a Monty local who has now volunteered to assist with Gardening in 2015 (Green family hamper)
- 2nd ticket – Mandy Abbott, a Monty Grade 6 student in 1985 (Blue boys hamper)
- 3rd ticket – Robyn Rogalshi, whose family has recently moved to Montmorency (Pink girls hamper)

Community Fair – Focus for Term 1 (Saturday 21 March)

The Community Fair will be the focus of our P&F activity in Term 1. Suzi Smith is doing a great job in coordinating the Fair. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have volunteered to help out. If there is one thing you can do to help the school next year, we'd love you to support the fete by giving 2-3 hours of your time on the day to help at a stall, or set up or pack up. It will be a fun day for all.

Community Support

The following businesses have generously donated goods and services to help support our school fundraising efforts. Let's support them as a way of showing our gratitude.

Eltham Bookshop	Monty Farmers Market Stallholders	Doreen Egg Farm
Maki Sushi, Eltham	Fort Knox Storage, Eltham	Primo Smallgoods
Curvaceous Couture	Pizza a Casa Montmorency	Traditional Fine Foods
CabinetSmith	Pelligra Cakes Greensborough	Chocolatier
Mojo on Main	Lunch by Lisa (Monty's Lunch order lady)	Smooze Fruit Ice
The Were St Food Store	The Good Guys, Mornington	Nudie Juices
Brumby's Montmorency	Jets Gymnastics Eltham & Diamond Creek	Montflora Montmorency
Allaway Beauty Therapy	Home & Haven Manchester, Fairfield	Paul's Butchery Montmorency
Top & Bottoms Clothing	Max's Restaurant Montmorency	Gourmet Butchers
Foodworks Montmorency	Orchard Fresh Montmorency	Elev8MMA
Montmorency Bakehouse	Rare Bears Indoor Playcentre Eltham	Puffing Billy
Tupperware	Eltham Veterinary Practice	Schweppes Australia
Element Restaurant	Kings of Kangaroo Ground	In Essence Aromatherapy
Montmorency Pharmacy	Officeworks Bundoora & Doncaster	Pancake Parlour
Taffy's on Looker	Froot2Boot St Helena	Kids Leather Shoes
Monty Newsagents	Brazilian Butterfly Greensborough	Woolworths St Helena
Walkers Wheels	Thompsons Pharmacy Lower Plenty	Coles Greensborough
Gifts of Elegance Eltham	Gasoline Fuel Co Service Centre, Monty	Lend Lease Greensborough
Kim Kim Bakery	Beach House @ Eastern Beach Geelong	Water Marc
Spoilt Beauty Boutique	All Tools Thomastown	Endota Eltham
Montmorency Pet Shop	Heather Riley Swim School	Luna Park
Global Pizza	Edes & Bibi Organic and Fine Food	Nutri Bullet
Margherita Pizza	Fern Beauty & Skin Therapy	Intimo Lingerie
The Main Cafe Bar Eltham	Montmorency Fish Centre	Godfather's Pizza
Ingrid Whitcombe Cakes	Da Vinci Pizza & Pasta Gallery	Body Knots Studio
Randall Jaeger-Pound	Echo Giftshop and Balloons Montmorency	IMAX Melbourne
Bunnings Eltham	Manhattan Skin and Laser Clinic	Bendigo Bank
Kimmy Rose		Eltham Deli

Community Fair – 21 March 2015

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

Only 13 weeks until the school fair!!! Put the date in your diary so you can volunteer to help on a stall and have a fun day out with your family!

How you can get involved?

- Grow seedlings or cuttings over the school holidays
- Knit, crochet, make handcrafted items for Craft sales
- Produce stall - make jam or join a jamming session, provide fruit for preserving – has anyone got some 'never fail' jam recipes they could share?
- Donate small clean jars, empty 400g tins, black plastic pots of all sizes, fruit for preserving.
- Having a clean out over the holidays?? Please hold onto your quality toys, books, and household goods to donate to our 'Op Shop' at the Fair.

If you would like to help grow/create over the holidays, or would like to help organise a stall or can help in other ways, please contact Suzi Smith (see details above).

JAMMING session – Tues 23 December at 9:00am

There is heaps of fruit on the school fruit trees, so Suzie and Jasmine from the SAKG program are running a Jamming/Preserving session next Tuesday in the kitchen. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Suzi Smith by phone or email. Please bring clean jars and if you have any fruit that can be jammed/preserved – ie lemons, strawberries, stone fruit etc.

OSHC

Donna Barclay | OSHC

As I will not be continuing in the role of OSHC coordinator in 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who have been in and out of our doors...and in again as they forgot to grab their lunchbox/jumper/school bag! Your support, smiles and laughs have been much appreciated over the past few years, especially during the past year in what has been a challenging one due to the move. I will miss seeing you all. Camp Australia is in the process of finalising staffing arrangements for 2015.

Camp Australia will be providing their own equipment and so we are having a garage sale next Thursday night of toys, dress ups and equipment. A gold coin donation will get you a bag of preloved toys to take home. There are also a few larger priced items such as the dolls house, the fish tank and a car racing track if anyone is interested.

We will also be having a farewell party Christmas party on Thursday night - feel free to swing by and say farewell.

We will be open from 1:30 on the last day of school (Friday 19 December).

Finally, please settle all bills with Julie at the office. Any unpaid amounts will be added to your school account.

SAKG Program

Jasmine Lechte | SAKG Garden Specialist | M: 0434 871 161

Chicken Sitters Wanted

Are you able to care for our chickens for a few days during the school holidays? We need families to sign up to a roster to share the responsibility of caring for the chickens amongst the school community.

You are welcome to take them home for a period of time if you have a secure coop. Jasmine will supply food and straw. Or you can care for them at school - change water, top up feed, bring kitchen scraps, let them out for a scratch during the day and lock them back into their coop at dusk.



As a reward for all your efforts, you are welcome to keep any eggs that are laid! Contact Jasmine on 0434 871 161 for further information and to offer your support.

Chaplain's Chat

Beverley Hardi | School Chaplain

Who can believe it is the end of term 4, 2014? A year to celebrate for the many School activities and accomplishments.

Each Term brought excitement and new challenges for the students as their knowledge expanded and their character developed, preparing them for the years ahead. Monty PS will be farewelling the grade sixes and welcoming in an energetic group of preppies for 2015. The School year always ends with great anticipation for what lies ahead and a sense of sadness for the experiences left behind...

The Christmas and New Year season is a time of celebration, along with thoughts of reflection and recounting the experiences of the year gone by... Often times the memories at hand are not joyful or pleasant ones to journey through. Set aside the space and time this holiday season to silently reflect and acknowledge this place...

Light a candle...

Of recollection and memories of the year that is concluding...

or

For the anticipation and unknown of your Hope in 2015...

or

On behalf of another who needs your comfort and remembrance...

I leave you with...

Blessed is the season which engages

The whole world in a conspiracy of **LOVE**

- H W MABIE

Student of the Week

Term 4, Weeks 8 & 9

00G Linda Carter

Scarlett Chapman – For listening well and remembering how to approach Kato the dog safely last week. Also, for helping Xyon so kindly with her work. You are a good friend and classmate.

Bettina Ambrose – For consistently working hard in class, taking great care with your work and for looking after friends when they need help and kind support.

00R Anna Hayes

Alex Reddrop – For having such a fantastic attitude and staying so calm during his Glen Katherine transition. Well done, Alex!

00X Sarah Kechayas

Matthew Galgano – For consistently providing support and encouragement to his classmates. You are a kind and genuine friend – well done!

00K Keryn Johnson

Maccy Kay – For great literacy and numeracy rotations work. Your reading is outstanding and you are able to add and take-away really high numbers.

Ella Harnetty-King – For being fabulous at our zoo excursion. You were GREAT at finding all the hidden animals too. Excellent job, Ella!

00S Sandie Symes **Mia Ryan** – For greatly improved concentration during silent reading and silent writing sessions. Well done. **Lachlan Hattam** – For his awesome behavior and keen interest during the Foundation zoo excursion. Well done, Lachlan!

1/2A Margarita Strateas

Jed Kerian – For his convincing arguments for banning school uniforms in his persuasive writing piece.

1/2B Christine Turner

Serenity Colvin – For trying her best in all of her work tasks and concentrating on producing quality work

3A Darryl Deller

Charlotte Russell – For a big improvement in your work habits and an amazing improvement with your handwriting and book work. Well done, Charlotte!

Shintaro Katon – For producing high quality work and for always doing his best, no matter what the task is. Terrific effort, Shintaro!

4/5A Kevin Wilcockson

Amy Middleton - For her outstanding creative ability during the group Claymation tasks, your models and set were fantastic. Well done, Amy!

Darcy McDiarmid - For her outstanding creative ability during the group Claymation tasks, your models and set were fantastic. Well done, Darcy!

Zoe Gleeson - For dedication and application in all areas of learning, your 'You are the Author' writing piece was amazing. Well done, Zoe!

5/6A Janene Worsam /Rebekah Rentos

Abbey Smith – For showing that she is now ready for high school. Well done, Abbey!

To all the Year 6 students – Congratulations...for almost graduating...

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Pecks Dam spotlight discovery walk

Come and meet our nocturnal neighbours at Pecks Dam. We will walk around this secluded waterhole to look for and/ or hear sugar gliders, micro bats, owls and many types of frogs. As well, hear strange and interesting facts about our Pecks Dam native residents from our guest speaker Richard Francis zoologist and botanist and Managing Director of ABZECO.

When; Saturday 17th January 7.30pm - 8.30 pm

Cost Free,

Where. Pecks Dam is found at the end of Napier Cres or Pederson Way Montmorency. It can be accessed on foot via a walk through next to house 182 Grand Boulevard.

Bookings/enquiries Call Jane on 0412 468 432 or email Montysugargliders@gmail.com

This is an initiative of the Montmorency Community Group and Montmorency South Primary School.

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So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink/Overseas Newborns (ONB) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 83 50.



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Diamond Valley Community Support Inc. (DVCS)

Shop 201, Level 2 - Greensborough Plaza
Greensborough, 3088
Tel: 9435 8282/5440

Dear Families

This Newsletter is filled with important information, resources and valuable services available for the families of the Greensborough and surrounding areas from Diamond Valley Community Support Inc.

Back To School Fund

Eligibility:

- Must hold a Centrelink card
- Must live in specific areas of Briar Hill, Bundoora (part), Eltham North (part), Greensborough (part), Lower Plenty, Macleod (part), Montmorency, St Helena, Watsonia (part) and Yallambie. (Contact DVCS office to check – 9435 8282)

November 11th – 19 December: Text books ONLY
***January 14th –** when funding runs out: Books, School Clothing, Shoes, Stationery, etc.

Toys for Tots

Christmas Toys for children. Age group 0-12 years & 12-16 years. Closes 27th November.
Enquire about the Banyule City Council "Toys for Tots" programme at DVCS.

Note: Toys are not guaranteed - depends on donations.

Tucker Club (Living Faith Church – 37 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough)

Free dinner once a month – every second Wednesday. Next date 10th December.
Referral form required from Diamond Valley Support. All Welcome!

Community Lunch (All Saints Anglican Church – Church Street, Greensborough)

Free Lunch once a month – every third Wednesday. Next date 10th December.
No booking required. All Welcome!

Greensborough Legal Services

27th November and 11th December – 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Drop in service. All Welcome! **Free**

Personal Counselling

Counsellors advise on a variety of personal issues.
Appointment required. 50 minute session, maximum of 5 sessions. All welcome.

For further information on these free available services offered from DVCS call or drop into the centre in Greensborough Plaza. There is so much available for the community at large. Take advantage of the community assistance!



Holiday Program - January 2015

Paddlepower

Come and try kayaking

An exciting Paddlesport program for young people with awards, fun games and activities! Parents and advanced sessions also available.

Go Ahead. Give it a Go!

Sessions: 90 minutes (3pm - 4:30pm)

Tues	Jan 13	Kayak fun and games!
Thurs	Jan 15	Kayak Ball! (Basketball on the water)
Mon	Jan 19	Paddle the Rapids!
Wed	Jan 21	Race against the clock!

Location: Westerfolds Park, Templestowe – All equipment provided

Cost: \$20 per session (\$15 for club members – join for \$35 annual youth membership). Book in for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 sessions!

Contact: warwickdraper@yahoo.com.au (Bookings essential!)
Bookings close Wednesday January 7th (late bookings only if space available)

This program will be coordinated by 3 time Olympian Warwick Draper and delivered by qualified coaches. We thank Canoeing Victoria for their support through PaddlePower.

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