Message from the Principal

Hi Everybody,

Last Friday I had the great pleasure to sit in on the level meetings from years 1-6. The meetings provided the chance to share the work that each class has been going through to develop their sense of identity as a newly formed learning team. The work was presented in the form of a mural and a song or play. We were even treated to a movie! So I got to understand that 1C see themselves as ‘1C Superheroes… The strongest team in the School!’ While 2G are like aeroplanes, ‘Taking Off to the Next Level’ ready to take on greater challenges. 34Y introduced their own version of ‘My Classroom Rules’ and expressly promised not to vote anyone out of their journey through 2014.

The purpose of the week has been to set tone, get to know each other and establish some guidelines that will allow everyone to get on with learning. We understand that it will not always run as smooth as clockwork, but the grades have set in place mechanisms to deal with issues that arise.

Parking and Drop Off issues
Please take note of the parking signage around the school. Be aware that Council By-Laws officers do patrol all school zones enforcing the law. This is not only in regard to the school crossing restrictions, but also in the side streets. Please respect our neighbours who have a right to enter and leave their own property… parking across driveways means the space is too small for your vehicle. Last week after a phone call I received a photo of two cars overhanging a neighbour’s drive… that is unfair. It is OK to park a bit further away and walk.

Getting to Know You
Teachers will have the opportunity to get to know your child a bit better by having a ‘get to know you’ session with parents on Wednesday 26th February. This 10 minute chat is basically an information sharing session where parents are able to comment on any issues that may have impact on their child as learners. (It is not a teacher reporting session, these will occur in June).

Would you like to Help in the Classroom?

1. All adults who assist in the classroom, attend excursions or work on school camps must first present a Working With Children card at the office. Documentation for volunteers can be picked up at the post office, where the accompanying photograph can be taken. Please note, you should link your card to the organisations you volunteer at. E.g You might be active at your child’s school, basketball club and also Aus Kick. These organisations should be linked to your card. This is easily done on line if your child takes on a new social/sporting activity.

2. Staff will be running a Parent Helpers session for parents intending on working within a classroom. This is on Monday March 3. Details will follow.

Reminder: All newsletter items must be in by Friday night in order to ensure they are included in the following week’s newsletter.

Leith Road, Montrose 3765
Correspondence to: P.O. Box 123, Montrose
Ph 9728 2203, Fax: 9761 9359
Email: montrose.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Web site: www.montroseps.vic.edu.au

Principal: Neil Poillard
Assistant Principal: Kylie Fisher
School Council President: Julie McDonald
After School Care 9728 5491
Thank you Kate Critchley, Cath Smirk and Jo Nubley for your help in the canteen on Friday and Karen Wheeler for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Tania Bowden for Wednesday 12 February and Paula Maki, Leanne Peacock and Melanie Plausinaitis for Friday 14 February.

Thank you to all the mums who have already volunteered their time to help out in the canteen. A roster for the year will be drawn up soon so if you would like to be on the canteen team please complete the form below and hand into the office ASAP. All helpers need to be available from between 9am-3pm approximately.

I would like to help in the Canteen:

Name: ......................................................................................................................

Ph. No.: ...................................................................................................................

Friends I’d like to be with:

...............................................................................................................................

Please tick which day you’d prefer or both if you don’t mind either.

☐ Wednesday

☐ Friday

---

**Grade 6 Uniform**
Anyone who would like to order extra Grade 6 uniform polos/hoodies, please contact the Office ASAP.

---

**VALUE OF THE WEEK: FAIRNESS**

Practising fairness is being fair in everything you do. It is not judging someone or something by what others tell you.

Fairness means that everyone gets their rightful share. It is not fair to allow someone to take advantage of you. Sometimes to be fair, we need to stand up for our rights or the rights of others. When you practise fairness, you treat each person as an Individual.
Welcome back to school!
Our Library year begins...

- You can borrow 2 books at a time
- Don’t forget your library bag

Come in and see what exciting books the school library has for you.

* * * * *

Help our school earn free books for classrooms & library

Scholastic Bookclub.

Approx. 3 times a term, Scholastic Bookclub brochures will be sent home with your child.

Simply:
✓ mark your choice on the order form
✓ follow the payment instructions (either pay by credit card online, or enclose cash with your order form)
✓ return your order form to the School Office by the nominated return date. No late orders please.

Your order will be processed and delivered to your child’s classroom approximately 2 weeks after the Order Return date.

- Scholastic sell good quality, reasonably priced books.
- They are ideal for your home library and as gifts.
- Every book you purchase earns points towards free books for the school library and classrooms

ORDER DUE DATE: 12/2/14
TERM 1 WEEK 3

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING NOMINATIONS
To start the year off we are seeking all swimming nominations for the Divisional Swimming Competition. If you are a strong swimmer, you are able to nominate for the Inter-School Competition. Students can nominate in the 50metres freestyle, 50metres backstroke, 50metres butterfly and 50metres breaststroke. The competition is divided into age groups and gender including under 10, 11 years and 12/13 years with students only able to participate in 2 events. Students must be turning 9 in 2014 to nominate and nominations are based on their swimming times. Steve Clarke (parent, qualified teacher and swimming instructor) has kindly offered to train the students before school. We had a wonderful first session last Friday Feb 7th and look forward to this week’s trainings on Wednesday and Friday morning.

Please check this sport page “Sport Shorts” each week to keep up to date with the latest news in P.E. and Sport. I will write about the up coming dates and events here and also seek nominations for different sporting opportunities as well as assistance.

For now, if you have questions please don’t hesitate to come and ask

Miss Knell

SPORT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Football isn’t necessarily won by the best players. It’s won by the team with the best attitude”
George Allen

When does my child have P.E. and Sport?
All students at Montrose Primary School have 1 hour of P.E. and 1 hour of Sport per week. To assist you to know when your child is required to wear runners I have listed the days each class has P.E. and Sport.

Prep (all classes) - P.E. on Tuesdays, Sport (commencing Term 2) on Wednesday

1C & 1R - P.E. on Thursday and Sport on Wednesday

1A & 1M - P.E. on Friday and Sport on Wednesday

2G & 2N - P.E. on Thursday and Sport on Wednesday

All Grade 3-4 classes - P.E. on Wednesday and Sport on Friday

All Grade 5’s - P.E. on Monday and Sport on Friday

6P & 6N - P.E. on Monday and Sport on Friday

6F - P.E. on Thursday and Sport on Friday

Please ensure your child is wearing runners on these days!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERMS 1 & 2

Please note that dates are always subject to change ☺

Grade 6 Student Leaders day at Tree Tops - Feb 25th
(School, Vice, House Captains, MAD team, JSC leaders, YCDI team)

Divisional Swimming - Feb 27th

Whole School Fun Run - March 6th

Grade 6 Round Robin Sports Day - March 14th

House Cross Country (Grades 3-6) - March 21st

Whole School House Athletics - May 21st

District Cross Country - May 30th
Dear Parents,
No doubt by now you have heard the word “THRASS” in your home? What is it all about and how do we implement this tool into our daily literacy program?

We invite interested parents to a THRASS information night to learn about this tool that we use to teach handwriting, reading and spelling on: Monday 24th February at 7pm in the Early Learning Centre.

To help us with the organisation of numbers on the night, could you please fill out the form below and return it to school by Friday 21st February. Please Note: As we are expecting large numbers, there will be no provision for child minding. Thanks for your understanding re this.

We look forward to “THRASSING” out some words with you!!
Jill Reynolds, Literacy Co-ordinator

THRASS INFORMATION NIGHT - Monday 24th February
Early Learning Centre 7 - 8pm

I am/ We are interested in attending the information night on THRASS.

Parent Name/s ___________________________________________
On behalf of the Montrose Primary School Integration team we would like to thank Glenn Bower of Absco Sheds for generously arranging donation of a garden shed. This will be of great benefit to the members of the O K Club to assist with easy access and storage of sandpit equipment and toys.

If you require a shed please consider using Glenn and Absco Sheds.

Glenn Bower
National Key Accounts Manager
t: 0498 498 008
e: glenn@absco.com.au

INTERNATIONAL SUPPLIERS OF:
GARDEN SHEDS ~ AVIARIES ~ CARPORTS ~ GARAGES
RURAL SHEDS ~ PATIO COVERS
Thank you for your support!

This is just a taste of the fabulous materials you helped our school receive from the Woolies Earn and Learn program! We have games for the classrooms and Art, Music, Drama and Chinese goodies waiting to be used by the children! Thanks again for your continued support!

Just a reminder!
Your child will need a smock or old shirt to wear in the Art room to protect their school uniform. Please can you send it along so it can be kept in the classroom and used when needed.
Thank you!
Montrosoe Primary School

Twilight Fair

14th March 2014
5 pm – 8 pm
All Welcome

The Parents Club are currently looking for Donations:

Pre-Loved toys in good condition
(please leave at tubs near office)

Stall co-ordinators and Volunteers
(see form on following page)
PARENTS CLUB NEXT MEETINGS
Please join us in the morning after assembly, have a coffee and find out more about the Parents Club. Babies and Toddlers welcome to these relaxed meetings.
FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3rd MARCH – Twilight Final Planning Meeting

Thank you for the continued support of our sponsors:

IGA

Glenbrae

Bakers Delight

Healesville

Mel’s Beauty Barn

TWILIGHT NIGHT VOLUNTEER FORM

Yes I am able to help out on Twilight Night 14th March, 2014

☐ 5pm – 6:30pm Name:__________________________

☐ 6:30pm – 8pm Contact Phone Number:__________________________

Please come along if you can help for set up, any time on the night between school pick up and 5pm.

We are also looking for stall co-ordinators for the night (this does not mean you work on the stall but ensure it is set up and ready for the night) Please message the parents club if you are interested on: montroseparentsclub@yahoo.com.au
Goods and Services

ADVERTISING MATERIAL INCLUDED WITH NEWSLETTER
The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development does not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development for accuracy of information contained in the advertisements to claims made by them.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN BUSY THAT ISN'T ELECTRONIC?
Then call in to
MARBRY Pty Ltd
Specialists in Children's Art and Craft Materials...........
- Paints and Brushes
- Modelling Materials
- Papers and Boards
- Crayons and Pastels
- Pencils and Markers
- Scissors and Glues
- Cardmaking and Scrapbooking Supplies for Mum
- Experienced, friendly staff.
55 Hawthorn Road, KILSVITH PH: 9728 8377
or visit our website...... www.marbrycraft.com.au

LES GODFREY
SEWING MACHINE SERVICE
PH: 9728 4108 MOB: 0411 108 577

MOBILE SERVICE GUARANTEED REPAIRS TO ALL MAKES
Electronic and Mechanical
44 The Boulevard, Montrose, 3765

---

Want to play footy in 2014?

Montrose Football Club will be holding a
Registration Day on Sunday 16th February, 2014
10.00am to 11.30am
Ken Dowling Pavilion,
Montrose Recreation Reserve.

Meet the Coaches

UNIFORM SALES ON THE DAY

Visit MFC website
www.montrosefc.org.au for forms and instructions

Season commences Sunday 6th April.

For all registration enquiries contact Liane on 0488 832 987 or email montrose.juniors@gmail.com.
Montrose Calisthenics is now accepting enrolments for students aged 3 and over.

Come and try your first 2 lessons in February for FREE!

For further information please call Pauline on 9728 4167
Check out our website www.montrosecalisthenics.com
ENROLMENTS TAKEN
NOW for 2014
7 – 12 year olds
For FIRST 5

PIANO ON KEYBOARD LESSONS
AT SCHOOL
IN SCHOOL TIME

NO OBLIGATION
1st 3 LESSONS FREE

SAVE $48.00
if you ENROL NOW

Enrol NOW for 2014 in PIANO on KEYBOARD
We SPECIALISE IN PIANO
This is the program which teaches children to sight read
and play music
$16.00 per half hour lesson (1st 3 FREE )
* Convenient – in school time
* Inexpensive
* Learn with Friends (max 3 per group)
* All equipment provided
* INDIVIDUAL Tuition

YOUR ONLY COST IS $18 FOR NEW BOOK

Phone 9761 9058
OFFER CLOSES
SOON !!!