SCHOOL CALENDAR

April
Thu 3    Hot Cross Bun orders delivered
Fri 4    Whole School Dress Up Day
Fri 4    Last day of Term 1, 2.30pm finish
Tue 22   First day of Term 2
Fri 25   ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

May
Sun 4    Working Bee
Wed 21   School House Athletics
Fri 30   District Cross Country

June
Wed 21   School House Athletics
Fri 30   District Cross Country

**** Our first week back is a short one. Are you intending on taking an extended break? Let the office know via phone, email or note****

Other
Recess: 11.00am to 11.30am
Lunch hour: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Uniform Shop: Wednesdays, 2.45pm to 3.30pm
Canteen Lunch orders to be in by 9am Wednesday and Friday

2014 Term Dates
Term 1 - 30 January to 4 April
Term 2 - 7 July to 7 July

Message from the Principal
Hi Everybody,

After Secondary College, what then for kids in the Yarra Ranges?

A call from Julie McDonald, School Council President.
The Yarra Valley Educational Precinct Committee is a group of educationalists, business leaders, representatives of local government and concerned residents of the outer east advocating for the ongoing provision of university, vocational(TAFE) and community education on the former Swinburne site in Lilydale.

A bi-partisan petition, if well supported, will show our parliamentary representatives that the issue is important to us all. A full copy of the call to sign up is printed later in the newsletter.

To access the petition, all that community members, parents and guardians have to do is to do is click on the following link:
http://chn.ge/1cIHw1H

Year 6 Camp
Well done to the staff for organising a terrific camp in Canberra.

A huge pat on the back for the high standard of behaviour, cooperation, sense of fun and growth in responsibility demonstrated by our children whilst visiting the nation’s capital.

Local member Tony Smith was the first speaker to address parliament which was a thrill. Tony was very generous with his time afterwards chatting with the children which is much appreciated.

Naplan
Next term our grade 3 and 5 students will sit the Naplan tests.

There has been a lot of conjecture as to the proprietary as to how it is administered in some schools around the country. I am sure that in the vast majority of schools it is implemented according to the teacher guidebook and that the results are a reasonable snapshot of a child’s performance on the day. In terms of basing our teaching to the test this is not the case at Montrose. In writing sessions our teachers will cover a number of writing genres or styles prior to the test because that is what we are teaching. In terms of our grade 3s, we do introduce them to the format of each test, as these are totally different to the way we would approach a writing, maths or reading activity. It is disappointing for the schools that the information from the tests is not available for many months after it has been administered... its currency is lost. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tests please don’t hesitate to call.

Neil Pollard

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Principal: Neil Pollard
Assistant Principal: Kylie Fisher
School Council President: Julie McDonald
After School Care 9728 5491
Thank you Kat Rigg, Emma Hedges and Terry Orr for your help in the canteen on Friday and Amy Polglaze for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Karen Wheeler, Caroline Peat, Ruth Osborne, Darlene Larcombe and Terry Orr for Wednesday 2 April and Kate Critchley, Cath Smirk and Jo Nubley for Friday 4 April.

Alison

WORKING BEE AND BBQ

SUNDAY MAY 4

9 – 12 NOON

Meet some new faces, help out and have fun. – Kids activities 11-12 then BBQ for all.

Register your interest with class teacher, main office or via e-mail... mailto:montrose.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
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**Art Award:** Josh D PK  
**WOW:** Harry P 5N, Maddy McK 5C, Will C 5N, Ben J 5N, Zac S 5C, Jasmine G PC, Carly H PS, Tayiba K-L PH  
**Panda award:** Whole class  
**Drama:** Hayley P  
**Sports Award:** Hudson H PK  
**WOW:** Travis W PC, Kayla C PC, Liam D 6P, Acacia P 6P

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**LOST**

Size 6 Hoodie with Name Dellar on tag. Could parents please check their child’s clothing to make sure they have correct uniform. Please return to office.

Thanks
Coming soon to the Uniform Shop...

Black leggings:
- Full length - $15.00
- Bike short length (mid thigh) - $12.00

** Note sizings run SMALL. Order 1 size larger than your child would normally wear.

Accepting pre-orders now!

Grade 6 printed gear still available at the Uniform Shop......
Hurry! Last items!!

1 x size 14 Polo Shirt $......
1 x size 12 Hoodie $......
1 x size 14 Hoodie $......
3 x size 16 Hoodies $......
1 x size S Hoodie $......
What are you doing in the holidays?

Here are some ideas for the Easter/April school holidays:

In our area:

Eastern Regional Libraries – our local public libraries – crafts & performances

Shire of Yarra Ranges – Montrose Town Centre & Mooroolbark Community Centre – crafts, movies & performances

Wyreena Community Arts Centre, Croydon – art & craft

All the way to the city…and beyond:

Laughs galore, as part of the Comedy Festival. Keep an eye out for the FREE kids’ shows...

Zoos Victoria – FREE activities (& FREE entry for kids under 16) like Ranger Kids at Werribee Open Range Zoo, the new Works Area in Keeper Kids at Melbourne Zoo & ‘Celebrate Corroboree’ at Healesville Sanctuary.

Arts Centre Melbourne – lots of performances but especially ‘The 13-storey treehouse’, based on the book by Andy Griffiths! Lots of laughs for everyone!

National Sports Museum (the MCG) – try the Game On area & also do some holiday activities
www.nsm.org.au

Federation Square – mostly FREE holiday activities at Fed Square, ACMI & the NGV lan Potter Centre.
www.fedsquare.com/events/school-holidays

Monash Science Centre – ‘The hungry scientist’ – satisfy your scientific hunger!
http://www.sciencecentre.monash.edu.au/shp

Queen Vic Market – school holiday cooking, craft activities & farm animals
www.qvm.com.au/whats-on

State Library of Victoria – Ned Kelly and making your own travel book
What an absolutely wonderful start to the year and congratulations to everyone for their fantastic efforts this term at ‘Getting Along’, our key to success this term. Students have displayed superb examples of friendship and kindness towards their peers and as a YCDI team we could not have been more proud, well done!

This week we are selecting three winners for the YCDI Award - two junior and one senior. This week’s award winners are:

1. This person has been a good friend to all other classmates. She knows when someone needs a helping hand and supports others in a very friendly way. This person gives hugs and encourages other classmates to cheer up when something has gone wrong. This person enjoys having a laugh and sees the funny side of life, rarely complaining about anything! She will let others join in her games all the time. Congratulations to Georgia W-D of 1C on a great effort by showing many habits of mind within the Getting Along key.

2. This student has shown amazing consideration towards those around her. She selflessly goes about helping others in any way that she can. During recess Victoria looks out for those with no one to play with, offering to be their friend and continues doing this on a daily basis. Victoria goes out of her way, helping those experiencing difficulty in the classroom. She is a caring and considerate class member. I could not think of a more kind-hearted person. Well done Victoria B from 1R.

3. The winner of the You Can Do It Award in Term 1 from 5N is a student who demonstrates ‘Getting Along’ at all times. They interact with all members of the class in a positive and friendly manner. They happily work with a variety of partners and groups on classwork tasks, always treating others with respect. They are able to compromise and solve problems; always thinking before they act. They greet people with their smile and friendly nature. This person is extremely polite and one of the most well-mannered people that Miss Newbiggin has ever met. Congratulations Ryan P.

At assembly this Friday we will be presenting the Bounce Back awards to students who have shown resilience this term.

Have a wonderful holiday and keep up the great work everyone!
Here’s what Georgia, Victoria and Ryan had to say about receiving their awards:

**Junior YCDI Students of the Week:**

*Georgia W-D*

*Why do you think you got the award?*
I help people with work

*My Hero:*
Mum

*What could I change:*
Weekend on Monday and Tuesday

*When I grow up I want to be a:*
Swimming Instructor

**Junior YCDI Students of the Week:**

*Victoria B*

*Why do you think you got the award?*
I let people play with me

*My Hero:*
Granny

*What could I change:*
Swimming every Tuesday

*When I grow up I want to be a:*
Vet

**Senior YCDI Student of the Week:**

*Ryan P*

*Why do you think you got the award?*
I compliment people

*My Hero:*
Batman

*What could I change:*
Story writing everyday

*When I grow up I want to be a:*
Artist

From your YCDI Leaders: Tom, Abbey, Kurt and Tara.
2015 in the planning!

Twilight Fair 55th
Friday March 14
Activities & Attractions: Pre-loved Toys, Popcorn, Face Painting, Fun Arcade, Fairy Face, Magic, Glass Sticks, Lazy Stilt, Famous Cafe, Stall, Music, BBQ & Drinks

Advertise your business through

- Sponsorship
- Donations, services or raffle items
- Assistance with lighting, BBQ or set up

We are currently looking for businesses we can use that are within the school community. If you might be able to assist or would like to know more contact:

montroseparentsclub@yahoo.com.au

When shopping over the holidays or any time, when making your purchase at the Good Guys, ask for the Bayswater Bucks for Montrose Primary School. These $$ allow us to purchase goods for raffle items throughout the year and are really appreciated! So when you next make a purchase small or large, please ask.
The NEW 2014 | 2015 Melbourne Entertainment™ Membership will be released in late March, and this year you now have a choice of

- The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers,
  -OR-
- The new Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

So you can either order via the website, contact Sandra Rowe - sassarowe@outlook.com or go to the office and see one of the ladies there and they will give you a book once you have paid for it. If ordering on-line please quote Montrose Primary School as your preferred school. There are a lot of great offers to keep your family entertained on the School Holidays.
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Phone 97351138. or Mobile 0417546264
See our timetable at www.bukidokarate.com

Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc.

Free Training Sessions

Friday 28th March and 4th April.
Time: 4.30pm till 5.15 for under 7, 8 and 9
5.30 till 6.15pm for under 10 upwards.

Where: Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave Croydon

KILSYTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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NEW PLAYERS WANTED

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Locations: Lilydale Lake Dates: April: Tues 8th, Thurs 10th, Mon 14th
Time: 4:30pm-6pm
Westervolds Park, Templestowe - Canoe Launching Ramp (take Main Entrance, off Fitzsimons Lane).
Dates: April: Mon 7th, Wed 9th, Fri 11th, Sun 13th, Tues 15th, Thurs 17th Times: Morning session:
10am-11:30am
Afternoon session: 4:30pm-6pm
Costs: $30 per session ($25 per session for bookings of 3 or more sessions)
Booking essential as spaces are limited.

Contact: warwickdraper@yahoo.com.au wdraper@elthamcollege.vic.edu.au
Children’s Program for ages 4-10 years
Follow the story of Easter through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in play and craft.

Friday 10th April 2014 - 10 a.m.-2.00 p.m.

At St. James & St. Peters Anglican Church,
666 Mt. Dandenong Road, Kilsyth

Cost: $2.00 per head, BVO lunch
Morning fruit and cordial supplied.

Bookings Essential: Phone 9728 2696
or email kilsythanglican@telstra.com

Easter Fair

Saturday 5th April, 2014
9 a.m.—2.00 p.m.

Children’s Activities

Variety of stalls
Live Music
Food stalls

To book a stall please phone Joyce on 9728 2245

St. James and St. Peters Anglican Church
666 Mt. Dandenong Road,
Kilsyth 3137
Melway Ref. 32-J8
Dear President and Members

Re: Petition to Support the Provision of University, Vocational (TAFE) and Community Education in the Outer East

The Yarra Valley Educational Precinct Committee is a group of Educationalists, Business Leaders, representatives of Local Government and concerned residents of the Outer East advocating for the ongoing provision of university, vocational (TAFE) and community education on the former Swinburne site in Lilydale.

We have been working for 12 months in a voluntary capacity advocating the retention of the Swinburne site for educational provision as outlined above. We have been encouraged in our work by words of encouragement from the Advisory Councils of Selby Primary School and Healesville High School, principals who are members of the Committee and many members of the community. It has been suggested by some that the issue is no longer important to our community. We believe that it is vitally important and so we have decided to prepare an on-line petition to our State Parliament. This is a bi-partisan petition and, if well supported, it will show to our parliamentary representatives that the issue is important to us all.

This petition will be delivered to the Minister of Higher Education and Skills, Hon Peter Hall, and the Shadow Minister of Higher Education and Skills, Steven Herbert. It says "The Government of Victoria: That the Legislative Assembly of Victoria guarantee that the facilities and the land of the former Swinburne Lilydale Campus remain solely for university, vocational (TAFE) and community educational provision". The explanation attached to the petition "The ongoing provision of university, vocational (TAFE) and community education on the former Swinburne site in Lilydale is important to address the very low uptake of tertiary education by students living in the Outer East region of Melbourne, in the electorates of Casey, Latrobe and Deakin, where the combined effect of distance and socio-economic disadvantage has acted as a deterrent to the uptake of tertiary education and re-training. The impact of the closure of Swinburne is also significant for adults retraining to re-enter the workforce and for the programs that were conducted at the Swinburne Campus for people with disabilities. A local tertiary institution is seen as an excellent training centre for skilled employees in the Yarra Valley. The Outer East region is the only Metropolitan region that does not have this provision available for its residents. The people of the Outer East should not be so disadvantaged. The campus Lilydale must be retained to address this issue and alternative providers encouraged to provide courses at the campus."

To access the petition, all that members and parents/guardians have to do is to click on the link provided

Please join this campaign: http://chn.ge/1cHW1H

On behalf of the Committee, I ask for your support. Please distribute the petition to your school community via email and if you feel inclined send a short email message or note of support to the YVEPC similar to those forwarded by Selby PS and Healesville High School Councils. We can forward these to Members of Parliament if this helps the cause.

Yours sincerely

Bernard G Dobson
TSTC; B.Com; B Theol; Gr Dip Ed Admin; Gr Dip RE; M.Ed.
Convenor