SCHOOL CALENDAR

April
Thur 21  Angel Light Link – Grade 5/6 girls
Fri 22  Junior School Council go to the Shrine
Mon 25  Anzac Day
Tues 26  STUDENT FREE DAY

May
Thur 5  Grade 5/6 Forensic Incursion
       Grade 3/4 Science Day
Fri 6  Mother’s Day/Special Person’s Day Stall
10-12  NAPLAN
Wed 11  Prep Chinese Lunch at Mooroolbark
Tues 17  Preps & Parents Clay Sessions
Thur 19  Multicultural Day
19-24  Book Fair

June
Wed 8  STUDENT FREE DAY
Thur 9  Grade 5/6 Immigration Excursion
Mon 13  Queen’s Birthday

August
Mon 22  STUDENT FREE DAY

Other
Recess: 11.00am to 11.30am
Lunch hour: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Uniform Shop: Wednesdays, 2.45pm to 3.30pm

2016 Term Dates
Term 1  - 27 Jan (teachers only) to 24 March
Term 2  - 11 April to 24 June
Term 3  - 11 July to 16 September
Term 4  - 3 October to 20 December

Canteen Lunch orders to be in by 9am Wednesday and Friday

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

Message from the Principal
Hi Everyone

Fun Run
Next week on Thursday April 28 we are hoping to catch up on our Fun Run that was knocked out by bad weather in term one. The children will be running around either the oval for the juniors or the school track for the seniors. The children will run 3 sets of 20minute sessions. Sponsorship can be for per lap or as a donation. The children will receive a raffle ticket per $5 of sponsorship returned. There are many great prizes to be won. Funds raised will go towards some iPads for classroom use and sports equipment.

Chinese Visitors on the way!
Early in term 3 we will be welcoming 12 students from our sister school of Kunshan Zhenhua Experimental Primary School in Kunshan, China. In the past the children have arrived on a Monday and stayed with families for the week. Activities were organised by both the school and the families and we farewelled the group on the Sunday morning. The purpose of the homestay is for our guests to experience a small piece of life in Australia. Many families have participated in hosting before and are most welcome to join in again. This will be the third visit from our sister school. We will hold an information session on Tuesday May 3 at 6.30 in the staffroom, but if you have any queries beforehand please call either Miss Yau or myself.

Pupil Free Day next Tuesday
Just a reminder that next Tuesday is a pupil free day and you should make arrangements for care for your children for the day. Our staff will be visiting two schools to further their knowledge in the teaching of reading.

Neil Pollard
Well it has been a big week in the canteen. Thanks to everyone for their well wishes. A big thank you to Bronwyn Reimers for helping me in the canteen on Wednesday and Kate Critchley and Andrea Murphy for helping on Friday. With one helper short on each day, we still managed to get through 2 very busy canteen days with smiles all ‘round.

This week’s helpers are Emma Hedges for Wednesday 20th April and Sara Kobler and Fran Speight for Friday 22nd. *If anyone is free to help this Wednesday or Friday, please call Amanda on 0428 380 432.* I’m also keen to hear from anyone who would like to join our canteen helper’s team for 2016, helping out once or twice a term. We can always use more helpers. Even offering an hour from 9-10am on a Wednesday or Friday morning can be an immense help.

A new canteen menu will be circulated this week as I have discovered the Winter Wednesday menu distributed last week had some old prices on it. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Please discard your blue Canteen Menu and replace with the new yellow Canteen Menu Term 3&4 2016.

Wednesday soup starts this week. This week’s soup is Tomato. All soups need to be pre-ordered. Soup notices will be sent home each Monday to be returned by 3.30pm Tuesday.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

If your child orders a Moosie in their lunch order they come back to the canteen at lunch play time to collect their Moosie. Children who have ordered their lunch on a paper bag MUST present their lunch order paper bag to receive their Moosie. Children who have Stickybeaks lunch order wallets are given a red token to redeem for a Moosie.

Amanda 😊
SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK

ART
Artist of the Week: Nikki W 3H

SPORT
Sport Star of the Week: Sage P 1/2G

MUSIC
Grammy Award: Noah G 4MS

DRAMA
Oscar Award: Sebastian D 2N

CHINESE
Panda Award: Thomas F PC

ASB
Star of the Week: Tyson C 3G

CLASSROOM WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Beau H PC Jade R 1JC Fraser H 2TM Tysen B 3K
Ruby D PC Zayne D 1JC Sebastian P 2TM Ethan S 3K
William A PC Leila C 1JC Olivia V 2XN Jayden M 4AB
Joshua C PH Finn M 1JC Aana L 2XN Cody B 4AB
Mia M PH Frankie L 1WA Talar A 2XN Sam E 4MS
Elizabeth D PK Matilda T 1WA Mila J 2XN Cooper W 5/6AN
Will F PK Lucas D 1WA Matilda J 2VW Isabella L-T 5/6AN
Julian G PP Tessa L 1/2G Taya C 2VW Teige P 5/6BC
Nayeli C PP Jean S 1/2G Declan H 3G Alex G-K 5/6BC
Owen T 1AR Joshua L 1/2G Lexie S 3G Will B 5/6DF
Elsie M 1AR Rylee H 1/2G Liam H 3K Matt C 5/6MC

VALUE OF THE WEEK
Organisation

Tully C PC Bianca P 2VW
Ashlyn D PH Tobias C 3G
Elizabeth D PK Evie S 3H
Jade M PP Victoria B 3K
Heidi C 1AR Ben C-V 4AB
Blake M 1JC Megan A 4MS
Destiny H 1WA Jamie S 5/6AN
Carly H 1/2G Molly O 5/6BC
Bailen S 2TM Will S 5/6DF
Noah R 2XN Ashleigh M 5/6MC

NEXT WEEK’S VALUE
Cleanliness

What is it?
Cleanliness means bathing regularly and keeping your body clean. It means wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping your belongings neat and clean.
You can practice cleanliness at home by helping to keep your room neat and clean.
What’s happening in Term 2?

Inter-school Sport – Friday’s dates TBC
District Tennis Competition – Thursday April 21st
Prep – 2 Auskick Clinics
District Cross Country – May 20th
Divisional Cross Country – June 7th
Regional Cross Country – June 14th
Grade 5/6 Rugby Clinics – Monday May 2nd and May 9th
Grade 4 Rugby Clinics – Friday April 29th and May 6th
AFL 9’s Grade 3/4 – May 13th, 20th, 27th and June 3rd
RMIT PE student teachers – Wednesday April 13th, 20th, 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in the House Cross Country last Friday. It was great to see all the Grade 3 to 6 students trying their best over the 2.5km course. Students who finished in the top 10, emergencies 11-14th and Junior Squad (Grade 3’s finishing 15th – 20th) are invited to train on Wednesday mornings 8am at school and Thursday mornings 7:45am at Lilydale Lake. The District Cross Country is on Friday May 20th at Lilydale Lake.

The top 3 place getters from each race were:

10 & under boys
1st – Oliver L
2nd – Luke C
3rd – Max V

10 & under girls
1st – Hannah D
2nd – Tyana R.B.
3rd – Keely W

11 years boys
1st – Jamie D
2nd – Jett P
3rd – Sean F

11 years girls
1st – Ela G
2nd – Grace G
3rd – Amy P

12 years boys
1st – Jye P
2nd – Hayden H
3rd – Ashley M

12 years girls
1st – Tayja M
2nd – Jemima W
3rd – Anastasia S

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Sage P Grade: 1/2G
Nomination reason: For her determination to always do her best and great improvement in basketball this year

What’s the most important thing about sport? Having fun
My favourite sport is: Basketball
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Playing different games
My favourite football team: Hawks
My sporting hero is: Sam Mitchell
At lunchtime I like to: Play basketball
The best thing about school is: Learning Guitar
My favourite food: Mango
When I grow up I want to be…. A basketball player
This term’s Key for Success is **Organisation**. The habits of mind that go with the Organisation Key are: *Planning Your Time and Setting Goals*.

Our YCDI Award winners for this week are:

**Scarlett M. PH:** This prep student has shown fantastic organisational skills. She always knows where all of her books, pencils, glue stick and pencil case are. This Prep H student is so organised she often helps others in the grade to become more organised. These great skills have enabled this student to produce some fantastic work in the classroom. You need to be congratulated.

Well done Scarlett M.

**Dylan K. 3K:** This 3K student is exceptionally diligent and efficient. He comes to school each morning with a big smile and a wonderful ready to learn attitude. Work is always complete to an exemplary standard, on or ahead of time. His tub is tidy and his book work is consistently neat. His homework is always completed on time. He will even hand his homework in on Thursday if he knows he will be absent on Friday! He is a conscientious student who is respectful of others in our classroom.

You should be very proud of your efforts so far, keep up the great work, Dylan K!
Scarlett M, Prep H

Why do you think you got the award?
I'm organised and kind.

My Hero is:
Taya.

My favourite things about school are:
Writing.

When I grow up I want to be:
A Gymnast.

Dylan K, 3K

Why do you think you got the award?
I think it’s mainly because I put my homework in before I was away.

My Hero is:
My drawings.

My favourite things about school are:
Maths and story writing.

When I grow up I want to be:
I'm not sure.
The Book Fair is coming to town for Education Week!

Our very own book shop at school. Hundreds of books from new and favourite authors, popular series, variety items, fascinating facts, adventure, mystery, friendship, and even “laugh-out-loud” stories. Every reader is monstrously cool!

- Bring your friends & family.
- Join in the guessing competitions.
- Meet a book character (Who will visit us this year?!)  

Watch out for the glossy Book Fair brochure, coming home to you very soon – I hope you can join us!
Enrich and extend your Maths and problem solving skills!

Hand in an A4 or A3 sheet including:
- Question
- Your name and grade
- All maths working out (diagrams, drawings, calculations)
- Written explanation of how YOU solved the problem.

DUE DATE: Thursday 5th May by the end of lunchtime.
Place in orange Maths Masterclass box at the office.

REMEMBER: You don’t need to have reached a correct answer to enter. It is all about the learning process, not the answer.

Good luck!
Mr Storr

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### Maths Masterclass- Prep, Grade 1 & 2

#### Question 4: How Many Rolls?

![Dice](image)

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**Instructions**
1. Roll three dice. Suppose you got the numbers 2, 4, and 6. Use the numbers you got to make as many possible answers as you can. **e.g.** You can make sums like this:
   - \(2 + 4 + 6 = 12\)
   - \(6 + 4 - 2 = 8\)
   - \(26 + 4 = 30\)
   - \(64 - 2 = 62\)
   
   Write down all your sums on a sheet of paper.
2. Colour the answers to your sums on the 50 grid.
3. Now roll the dice again, write down all the sums you can make with these new numbers and use a different colour to colour the squares on the 50 grid.
4. Keep rolling new numbers and making more sums until you cover the 50 grid.

*How many rolls did you take to colour every number?*

*Are there any numbers you can’t get?*
Are you a keen Montrose Mathematician in Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 who would like to take on a wonderful opportunity to practise your maths and achieve your personal best?

**About the Competition**
(For more information please visit [www.amt.edu.au](http://www.amt.edu.au))

The Australian Mathematics Competition is designed to be a fun event. Each child undertakes a competition paper containing 25 multiple-choice problems and 5 extended questions. Many problems show the relevance of Maths to everyday life and give examples students can relate to. Questions are written by experienced teachers. Students of all standards will progress and find a point of challenge.

Grade 3 & 4 students enter the Middle Primary Division and Grade 5 & 6 students enter the Upper Primary Division. Each student’s results are compared against their own grade level.

**Competition date:** Thursday 28th of July (Term 3)

**Entry fee:** $6.00 (non-refundable)

**Prizes and Certificates**
All students have their efforts recognised with a certificate showing their level of achievement. Cash and book prizes are awarded to the top students across Australia.

**How to Enter**
Notices have been given out to interested students in classrooms. Spare notices are available from the office or the Montrose PS webpage. Both permission form and payment must be returned to the office by **Friday 29th of April**. Late entries cannot be accepted.

**Good luck!**
Mr Storr
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
State Schools’ Relief
Prep CSEF uniform support

Fact sheet for parents

Program background
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
  OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credited towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr

State Schools’ Relief
Telephone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au
A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

We would like to thank everyone who collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn tokens for our school last year!

We have finally received our bundle of goodies and the children will be using them straight away! We have drums, a parachute, puppets, masks, canvas boards, construction sticks, brushes, paper and lots of things for all to share! Thanks again!
Are you able to help??

**Mother’s & Special Persons Day Stall — Volunteer Form**

Are you able to help out on 1 hour on Friday 6th May? You will be required to assist children with purchases for Mother’s Day, and possibly some gift wrapping. You will be contacted via phone/SMS to confirm your time. Parents Club would like to thank you for your support.

Yes I can help out on the following time: (please tick)

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My Name is____________________________________

My contact number is____________________________

Any other information____________________________________

Please return this form to your child’s teacher, to the office or SMS the above details to Priscilla 0413 664 280
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montroseauskick@hotmail.com

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