SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Thur 5  Grade 5/6 Forensic Incursion
Fri 6   Mother’s Day/Special Person’s Day Stall
Tues 10 Prep 2017 Information Night
10-12  NAPLAN
Wed 11  Prep Chinese Lunch at Mooroolbark
Mon 16  Grandparents Day from 9am
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

Invitation to a Family Adventure
Just a reminder that in July we are welcoming a group of students from our sister school Kunshan Zhenhua Experimental Primary School. The children are usually in grades 5 and 6, although we had some year 4s in our first touring group.

This is a terrific opportunity for a family adventure, to broaden your child’s horizons. Tonight Miss Yao and myself are conducting an information night where we can detail previous hosting experiences and outline some ideas we have for July. It starts at 6.30 and will be in the staffroom. Come along, bring a friend!

(If you cannot attend, please call for a chat... we would love to have you on board).

Gearing up (already) for 2017! Calling all kinder parents!!!
Next Tuesday night starting at 7 we will be holding a Parent Information session in the Early Learning Centre for parents of children starting school next year. This is a great chance to hear from the current prep team and our specialists who will outline their programs. Following that, there will be a chance to chat to staff and book a tour of the school if you haven’t already done so. Pass the word to any friends who have a child at kinder.

Naplan
A reminder to parents of children in years 3 and 5 that the national literacy and numeracy testing will be carried out next week. It is important that children arrive in good time so that they enter their classroom without being rushed.

The test days are:
- Tuesday: Language Conventions (spelling and grammar 40 minutes)
- Tuesday: Writing (40 minutes)
- Wednesday: Reading (yr 3 45 mins, yr 5 50mins)
- Thursday: Numeracy (yr 3 45 mins, yr5 50 mins)
- Friday: catch ups

If you have any questions regarding this please call me.

Neil Pollard
Wednesday canteen was a little quieter last week after the Public Holiday and Student Free Day. Our pumpkin soup was a hit with most soup cups returned completely empty and a few orange mouths were seen at the canteen during lunch play. A big thank you to Elle Marcombe for swapping her shift to help one of our other mums. Anzac biscuits were still popular with an extra batch again selling out before the end of lunch on Friday. Thank you to Kate Critchley, Kate Stephens and Ruth Osborne, self-named the ‘KKR team’, for helping in the canteen on Friday. The girls did a fabulous job having all the grade 5 & 6 lunches ready and packed early so the children could eat before their inter school sports. Unfortunately a change in the weather led to the sports being cancelled. A couple of our mums from this Friday’s team are unavailable to help this week. If you are free to help in the canteen this Friday 6 May, please contact me asap on 0428 380 432.

Due to changes in work commitments a few mums are no longer available to help in the canteen on Fridays. I need 6 new canteen helpers to form 2 new Friday teams. If you are free once or twice a term and have been thinking about helping in the canteen please come and see me at the canteen after school on Wednesday or Friday; or call me on 0428 380 432. The canteen is a great chance to meet other mums or socialise with mums you know. The kids love seeing their mums at the canteen and the mums love it to. It’s busy, it’s fun, it’s something different and it puts a big smile on your child’s face.

DID YOU KNOW?
The canteen runs with 1 canteen helper on a Wednesday and 3 canteen helpers on a Friday. Ideally our canteen roster would run smoothly with 40 canteen helpers, at present we have 24. If you’d like to join our canteen helper’s or have a group of friends you’d like to join with, please contact myself on 0428 380 432.
**SPORT SHORTS**

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORT FRIDAY MAY 6TH**

Montrose Primary V Rolling Hills Primary 1:15pm – 2:30pm

Girls Netball, Mixed Netball (6’s), Volleyball, Soccer – @ Rolling Hills Primary

Football – at Mooroolbark Secondary College (against Rolling Hills)

Mixed Netball 5’s at Ruskin Park Primary (against Mt. Evelyn Primary)

Games – Fitness and Fun (12:30pm – 1:30pm in the hall)

**Washed out matches against Ruskin Park Primary will be rescheduled for later term**

**FUN RUN**

Congratulations to all Prep to Grade 6 students for their effort in the Fun Run last Thursday. As a school we ran over 4000km, which is the distance between Melbourne to Broome!

Don’t forget to collect your sponsors and bring the money back to school in order to go in the running to win a prize.

Total laps per house were the following:

1st – Emery 3,536 laps
2nd – Heinze 3,517 laps
3rd – Melba 3,450 laps
4th – Crellin 3,434 laps
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:

**Ari C. PC:** This Prep student brings his red folder and reader to school daily and is always looking for ways to help around the classroom. He completes all set tasks to an astounding standard within the given time frame. At first it was a bit frightening letting the Prep students into our newly reformed classroom library. This student proved me wrong! Without the slightest need of assistance, he would place the misplaced books into the correct boxes and would ensure his peers returned all the books neatly. Thank you for being so organised Ari. You are a STAR, Ari C!

**Mia W. 3K:** This student in 3G displays the value of organisation in everything she does. Her homework is always handed in on time, her diary is always filled in with her readings, school dates and personal events and she is always on time with notices and permission forms. Her desk is highly organised and she keeps a neat and tidy tub. You’re a role model for organisation! Keep it up, Mia W!

**Asher S. 4S:** When I think of the habits of mind for Organisation I think of this 4S student. He sets himself goals that he works hard to achieve. He works in a timely fashion, completing all tasks to the best of his ability and always in the allocated time. This student has an organised tub, and is always ready and waiting to learn, sometimes before I am even ready to teach! He constantly makes sure he is clear about what is required of him in each task and his organisation and willingness to learn shows in his amazing results!

Keep up the amazing work Asher S, you are a true star!

MISSING

SIZE 6 SCHOOL JUMPER
CLEARLY LABELLED ZAVIER W
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE IF FOUND
Ari C, Prep C

Why do you think you got the award? Because I helped in the library.

My Hero is: My brother.

My favourite things about school are: Making new friends.

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

Mia W, 3G

Why do you think you got the award? For keeping my tub clean.

My Hero is: My mum and dad.

My favourite things about school are: Playing with my friends.

When I grow up I want to be: A Basketball player.

Asher S, 4S

Why do you think you got the award? Because I'm always happy about learning.

My Hero is: Cyril Rioli.

My favourite things about school are: My friends.

When I grow up I want to be: I'm not sure.
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 12th May by the end of lunchtime.
Place your entry in the orange Maths Masterclass box at the office.

REMEMBER: You do not 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- Gr 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**Question 5: Plan the Seating!**

Etihad Stadium holds 50,000 people.

The seats are divided into bays, with rows of seats separated by walkways.

Imagine if all of the rows held just 14 people. How could the stadium be set out?

Design a seating plan which includes as many bays as you like.
Congratulations to the Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 Maths Masterclass Winners:

River (1WA) and Emmanuel (1WA)

for rolling dice and making sums to try and cover the 0-50 grid!
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 credit 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.ssr.net.au/schools
MONTROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTICULTURAL DAY

THURSDAY, 19 MAY, 2016

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Dress up Parade*
- African Drumming
- Chinese Lion Dance
- Commedia dell Arte
- Hip Hop Infusion
- Taekwondo Interactive
- Indigenous Australian Culture
- New Zealand Haka Dance

* The dress up parade starts at 9.10 a.m. on the basketball court.
Mother’s and Special Person’s Day Stall

Friday 6th May

This is a great opportunity for your child to select a surprise gift for their mum, grandma or special person for Mother’s Day on Sunday 8th May

Gifts range from 50 cents - $10

Gift packs
Individual gifts
Wrapping

Can you lend a hand?

Mother’s & Special Persons Day Stall — Volunteer Form

Are you able to help out for 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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