Message from the Principal

Hi Everyone,

For the past 18 months our staff has been focusing upon growing our knowledge of how children develop their mathematical understandings. Our leading teacher, Glenn Storr, has been driving this professional development. Part of our plan has been to link in with the thinking of maths expert Michael Ymer and to incorporate our philosophy and implementation around his work. Recently all class teachers participated in another round of ‘Observation Lessons’, where Michael demonstrated how he would approach providing rich tasks for classes at each level and then discussing afterwards with the teachers how he then used this platform as a springboard to adjust the activity so that the learning needs of both the emerging level maths child and the highly developed maths child are both stretched. Our staff understand that the need to differentiate so that children are taught at their level of understanding is a given and pre-plan their activities with this in the forefront of their minds. Earlier this year some parents attended an evening of maths with Michael and it was both a challenge to preconceptions and a revelation. We will continue to work with our mentor Michael Ymer into 2016.

Maths at Montrose is now a vibrant curriculum area... a favourite of a growing number of children. I know this because of the interest shown by kids in responding to the Maths Masterclass challenges in each newsletter as well as the increasing number of children entering the Australian Maths Competition.

So I invite you to become part of the growing number of those thinking about maths, using maths and therefore thinking mathematically. Here is a great link that will have you and your family using maths that is evident in everyday life:


Help your kids to live maths! We’re counting on you!

Thanks to the parents for your input regarding your child’s educational, emotional or social needs for 2016. Teachers will now commence digesting that information and adding it to their own understandings about how each child at Montrose learns so that we can create 20 class groups... each one a balanced learning community. This work is involved and painstaking and is carried out in a most professional manner. Classes will be announced on Orientation Day in December.

Neil Pollard
Thank you Arathi Jensen, Rachel Fichtner, Julia Griffin and Kate Critchley for your help in the canteen on Friday and Emily Watson for helping on Wednesday.

This week’s helpers are Ruth Osborne for Wednesday 11th November and Elle Marcombe, Julie-Anne Carlson and Sarah Koblar for Friday 13th.

Over the last few weeks and coming weeks I have had to do a shuffle around with the roster due to absences etc. If you are someone who has been thinking of helping in the canteen but unsure, I have a space to fill on Friday 20th November. This would be a great opportunity for you to give it a try and see how everything is run. If you are interested please leave your number with Sue/Jodie at the office.

Thanks.
Alison

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LOST PROPERTY!

The Lost Property box is filling up again. The following is a list of items which are unnamed.

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If you are missing anything, feel free to come and have a look, otherwise these items will be displayed at this Friday’s assembly.
Value of the Week

Trustworthiness

Nash J  PC  Hannah D  3GS
Judah G  PH  Amy P  3KS
Aiden H  PK  Joe B  4B
Destiny H  PS  Tyler K  4VW
Hudson H  1C  Amelia P  5C
Olivia V  1P  Reece J  5N
Bailen S  1R  Christopher S  5/6H
Charlotte E  1/2G  Tristan L  6C
2M  Nick D  6F
Oliver L  2N
Alex H  2P

Value of the Week: HONESTY

What is it?

Honesty is being truthful and trustworthy. It means that you can be relied on not to lie or cheat.

Honesty means telling the truth regardless of the consequences. It means that you don’t promise things to people that you know you can’t deliver. It means not being tempted to exaggerate to impress others.

Honesty means that you can trust things to be as they appear to be.
SPORT SHORTS

What’s coming up for the remainder of 2015 in Sport?

Wednesday November 11th – Regional Boys Softball finals at Jells Park
Thursday November 12th – Final Prep Gymnastics sessions
Friday November 13th – Grade 5-6 Tennis Clinics finish
Monday November 16th – Friday November 20th – Prep to 2 Swimming
Friday November 20th – Grade 5 Bike Hike along the Warburton Trail
Tuesday November 24th – Senior All Star Girls State Hoop Time finals
Thursday November 26th – Junior Future Stars State Hoop Time finals
Friday November 27th – Senior Future Stars State Hoop Time finals
Monday November 30th – Friday December 4th – Grade 3 – 5 Swimming
Friday December 11th – Grade 3 to 6 House Swimming Carnival

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK
Name: Milly K Grade: 1P
Nomination reason: For her terrific effort and skills displayed during Gymnastics
What’s the most important thing about sport? Having fun and Gymnastics
My favourite sport is: Gymnastics
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Playing different games
My favourite football team: I don’t know?
My sporting hero: My dad
At lunchtime I like to: Play tiggy with my friends
The best thing about school is: Sport
My favourite food: Mango
When I grow up I want to be…. A vet

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK
Name: Will B Grade: 5N
Nomination reason: For his terrific riding skills and ability to help fix his peers bikes!
What’s the most important thing about sport? To have fun
My favourite sport is: Cycling
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Probably Bike Education
My favourite football team: Don’t have one
My sporting hero: Danny Macaskill
At lunchtime I like to: Play with my friends
The best thing about school is: Learning new things
My favourite food: Sushi
When I grow up I want to be…. An air force pilot
PERSISTENCE is this term’s new YCDI Key for Success. You can demonstrate Persistence by: believing ‘I can do it’; giving 100% effort all the time; and not giving up when something feels like it’s too hard to do.

This week’s award winners are:

Award winner: Bethany T 5N
Why do you think you got the award? I was persistent with my writing
My Hero is: Taylor Swift
My favourite things about school are: Art and writing
When I grow up I want to be: A designer

Award winner: Lokesh J 1P
Why do you think you got the award? For my writing
My Hero is: My Dad
My favourite things about school are: Maths and Sport
When I grow up I want to be: A teacher
DUE DATE: Thursday 12th November 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

Maths Masterclass- Prep, Grade 1 & 2
Question 3: In A Pickle

If you’re in a fickle mood,
Pickles are the perfect food.

Some are sour, some are sweet,
Either way, they’re good to eat!

*How many pickles in this bunch?*
Try subtracting in a crunch.

Imagine eight in every row,
Just subtract and you will know.
Is your family going through some changes: like separation or even a new baby?

Do you need to explain divorce or separation, single parent families or step families? Perhaps there has been the loss of a grandparent or a pet? The illness of someone close? Or a new baby coming? Or even an adoption to explain?

The school library has some great resources to help you and your child. Come in and pick up our 'Family Issues Resources' booklist. It will guide you to some great books to share with your child.

Topics include:
- Divorce & separation
- Adoption
- Death & grief - general
- Death & grief - pet
- Single parent families
- Death & grief - grandparent
- Death & grief - parent
- Death & grief - sibling or friend
- Stepfamilies
- Illness
- New baby
Digital media is so easy to copy, edit and share that we sometimes forget that it isn’t always ‘ours’. We need to respect other people’s ownership and privacy in all media.

**What’s the issue?**

- We can’t always know what other people’s opinions and feelings are, so we can’t make decisions about their attitudes to specific private material on their behalf—ask!

**Why does it matter?**

- There are privacy laws in Australia which control what you can, and can’t, send, say or share through the mail, telephones, e-mail and other forms of communication. They also protect what information about you can be collected and kept. When you pass on private images and other information without other people’s permission you may be breaking these laws.
- Identity fraud is when people access your personal information without your permission: possibly to steal from you or otherwise act as if they are you. In the digital world it is easier to do this than offline so protecting this information is important.
- When someone shares a picture, or other digital media such as a text, with you it is a one-to-one interaction. Just because they shared it with you, it does not mean that they want it passed on to other people.

**Advice**

- ‘Private’ means it’s not for everyone
  - Only you have the right to share your personal information. Be aware that the more you share it the less private it is.
  - Passwords are supposed to keep access to your data and online identity safe, they should not be shared even with trusted friends.

- My friends might not be your friends
  - Just because someone shares something with you it does not give you permission to pass it on or show it to others.

- Rules and guidelines about privacy are there to protect you and your identity
  - Thinking ‘it won’t happen to me’ is not taking responsibility for your activities online or offline.
  - Be aware of what you can do to protect your personal information, online identity and the access to digital material you create. If you are not sure what to do, ask a trusted adult.
Curriculum Day – Service Closed
We will not be running a service on Monday 7th December. I have had a number of families requesting care, unfortunately we ran an expression of interest a few weeks back and during that time, only one family expressed their interest. Please understand that we require this notice in order to run curriculum activities. Sorry if this has caused any inconvenience to families.

What’s coming up…
Thank you to all the children who participated with the gift creations for the Sophakama Community in South Africa. We will insure that they have a special Christmas this year.

Happening this week, children will have the opportunity to make their own kite in our Kite Creation Session this Thursday afternoon. So if you’d like to take part, Thursday is the day to come!

Coming up in the next few weeks, we are looking forward to the following activities:-

* **Wildlife Rescue Awareness** – what to do if you find an injured or displaced native animal or bird (the whole school community will be invited to attend this workshop)
* **Christmas Gifts** – The children will be able to make and create their own gifts and cards for their family.

So if one of these activities interests you and your child, please watch out for future Camp Australia pages in the Montrose Primary Weekly newsletter.

**Sun Smart Kids**
In accordance with the Camp Australia policy, all children attending the service are to provide a sun smart hat. These hats can be their school hats, provided that it returns to school with them each day. Baseball caps are not a suitable hat, due to the lack of neck coverage. Please can you make sure that your child has a labelled hat which can either be kept in their bag, or ideally, remain at OSHC.
LEARNING MUSIC IMPROVES RESULTS IN OTHER SUBJECTS
eg Mathematics

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Montrose CFA Community Calendar 2016

The Montrose CFA is fundraising for a new fire-fighting truck.
The Calendar will be sold from
Montrose Meats
IGA Montrose
Little Flower Shoppe

Calendars are $20 each

#SupportUsSupportYou
MontroseCFA Facebook
Kilsyth Heat Basketball Club NOW Recruiting

We are currently recruiting for the current Summer 2015/16 Season. We URGENTLY need 1 player for our Under 16s team. You will need to be 15 or younger on the 31st December 2015 to be eligible. No experience needed. We also URGENTLY require an under 14s player, aged 13 or younger on 31/12/2015. If you have ever wanted to try out and join a team please contact us.

Free Trial, Free Uniform and Discounted Fees

Please contact us ASAP as registrations are now open and if you would like to play at “The Heat” this season, we would love to hear from you.

Richard Diepgrond
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