**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**March**
- Thu 5  Division Swimming (select students)
- Mon 9  PUBLIC HOLIDAY (LABOUR DAY)
- Fri 13  Twilight Fair, 5pm to 8pm
- Mon 16  Parent Helper Info Night, 7pm
- 18-20  Grade 4 Camp, Phillip Island
- Mon 23  Parent/Teacher interviews
- Tue 24  Incursion (Grades 5 to 6)
- Wed 25  THRASS info Night for Parents, 7-8pm
- Thu 26  Round Robin (Grade 6)
- Thu 26  Clean Up Australia Day
- Fri 27  House Cross Country, Grades 3 to 6
- Fri 27  Last day of Term 1, 2.30pm finish

**April**
- Mon 13  Start of Term 2

**May**
- Tue 12  NAPLAN (Grades 3 and 5)
- Wed 20  House Athletics Day, Prep to Grade 6
- Fri 29  District Cross Country

**July**
- 22-23  Whole School Production

**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

2015 Term Dates
- Term 1 - 29 January to 27 March
- Term 2 - 13 April to 26 June
- Term 3 - 13 July to 18 September
- Term 4 - 5 October to 18 December

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

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**Message from the Principal**

**Say Cheese**

Yesterday was school photo day and with it came lots of movement around the school as classes moved to from their rooms, to the group shot are at the front of the school, then on to individual snaps in the library. Once the classes were through that phase the family group shots were pulled together. Then specialist groups such as the choir, the leadership teams and so on until the list was exhausted. Unfortunately time ran out before we were able to summon the whole school for a group shot. This will be taken some time in the future.

If you have forgotten that today was the photo day, and would still like to purchase some, give the office a call, and we will explain how you can order directly, online.

**Chaplaincy permissions-Important**

Last week accompanying the newsletter were the new chaplaincy program permission forms. I would like to think that a very high percentage of families have read the explanatory notebook and have returned the permission form. Apart from the services we generally attribute to the role, such as supporting kids and families who are experiencing tough times, the program also has a proactive, preventative side.

Last year programs aimed at specific groups of children or age groups were run over extended periods of time. Friendship groups, and Positive Self Image sessions proved to be very popular by those in attendance. Plans are afoot to run a number of terrific, timely programs, so please sign on.

**Raffle tix for twilight**

On Friday March 13 our Twilight Fair is to be held. The Parents Club has done an outstanding job in organising this event. They now need your help on two fronts:

1. They have assembled a terrific group of raffle prizes. Today a raffle ticket book is coming home. Can you help by selling them?
2. Each stall on the night needs volunteers to run it for an hour. Your class teachers will be asking for you for an hour that you can set aside. Sessions are: 5-6pm, 6-7pm and 7-8pm. Help us out by approaching them.

**Fun Run**

Last Friday we had a terrific time as the Fun Run unfolded. The children showed great spirit as they ran, with lots of kids encouraging friends to dig-in. Now is the time to finalise the sponsorship and return your forms. The giant raffle will be held soon.

*Neil Pollard*
Thank you Fran Speight, Julie-Anne Carlson and Annette Murphy for your help in the canteen on Friday and Karen Wheeler for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Elle Marcombe for Wednesday 4 March and Sara Koblar, Janet Morrison and Nicki Thomas for Friday 6 March.

Thank you to all the mums who have already volunteered their time to help out in the canteen this year. We can never have too many helpers in the canteen, but sometimes don’t have enough so if at any time you think you might be able to help please drop in and see me and I will add you to the emergency list. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Alison

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Third and Final Parent Helper Information Session

This is a reminder regarding our final Parent Helper Information Session to be run in the Early Learning Centre on Monday 16 March commencing at 7pm. The session runs for about an hour.

We are also running a THRASS information evening on Wednesday 25 March 7-8 pm in the E.L.C. for any interested parents.

Please note there is no provision for child minding for the evening sessions.

Jill Reynolds
Literacy Co-ordinator

Your child’s progress-Reporting Schedule

This year our communication and reporting schedule is to be altered slightly. This has come about to address the declining numbers attending level information nights and the need to include training sessions such as ‘classroom helper’ and ‘Thrass’ on the calendar.

So for 2015 you can expect:

- A Newsletter each term outlining the areas of study, proposed excursions and changes to procedures from each level in the school.
- Parent Teacher interview: End of term 1. This term it will be on Monday March 24 commencing at 2.00pm
- Written report and student portfolio. End of term 2
- Parent teacher interview: End of term 3
- Written report and student portfolio. End of term 4

Please set Monday 24 March in your diary
Workers of the Week

James H  PC  Caleb S  PS  Isabella A  1/2G  Samuel E  3KS
Amerlia N  PC  Jake W  PS  Xander D  1/2G  Tyler R  3KS
Matilda V  PC  Jordan F  1A  Sebastian R  1/2G  Brayden G  4B
Jade McC  PH  Olivia V  1A  Bella S T  1/2G  Aaron K  4B
Bethany S  PH  Maya A  1C  Tysen B  2M  Theo M  5C
River T  PH  Finn A  1C  Keeley M  2N  Jackson A  5N
Piper C  PK  Georgie C  1C  Scarlett W  2N  Abbey W  5/6H
Ruby H  PK  Sebastian D  1C  Casey J  2P  Ben J  6C
Billy M  PK  Kooper C  1R  Annie M  2P  Sheldon J  6C
Matilda T  PK  Chloe P  1R  Josh G  3GS  Keira K  6C
PoppyG  PS  Bailen S  1R  Bailey K  3GS  Harry P  6F

Drama: Bethany S PH
Music: Oliver W 1A
Panda Award: William M PK

Value of the Week

Tact

Jack S  PC  Alex M  2P
Nate H  PH  Luke C  3GS
Blair W  PK  William R  3KS
Grace B  PS  Spencer L  4B
Matilda J  1A  Zoe C  4VW
Taj C  1C  Talia J  5C
Fraser H  1R  Emily M  5N
Charlotte E  1/2G  Ella S  5/6H
Lauren W  2M  Evan B  6C
Eli T-B  2N  Toby O’R  6F

VALUE OF THE WEEK: COURTESY

Courtesy is having good manners and acting in a way with others that make them feel valued and respected. Words like “thank you”, “excuse me” and “please” let other people know that you care about their feelings and appreciate what they do. Friends and family appreciate courtesy. It shows them that you respect them.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

INSPIRATIONS

WELLBEING
An Alphabet Poem of Philip Island Coastal Discovery Camp

A is for archery the target so far
B is for ball skills you need for GAGA!
C is for cuddling Manny the Manatee at night
D is for dark when we turned off the light!
E is for empty when we lifted the lid
F is for fox holes in which we hid!
G is for greedy when seconds were called
H is for heavy the surfboards we hauled!
I is for igloo built out of sand
J is for jam that got spilt on my hand!
K is for kangaroos we saw leap and bound
L is for lost socks I have not found!
M is for morning an effort to get up
N is for noisy a song with a cup!
O is for orange juice a drink so sweet
P is for pasta served with tasty meat!
Q is for quiet after lights were out
R is for resting no messing about!
S is for surfing I did really well
T is for tinkling “stop ring that bell!”
U is for umbrella which we didn’t need
V is for victory at times I did succeed!
W is for waterlogged after camp we were
X is for Roman ten lights out not a stir!
Y is for yank on the wetsuit I pinched myself ouch!
Z is for zzzzzzzz asleep on the couch!

By Madison Barker, 5N

Anglesea camp poem

A is for Anglesea camp YMCA,
B is for Beach where we love to play.
C is for Cooking on the trangia stove,
D is for Digging in the sand at the cove.
E is for Energy we ran out of at night,
F is for Flying, hanggliders what a sight!
G is for Ga Ga, a game like dodgbell,
H is for Hills we climbed, did not fall!
I is for Icecream we had for dessert,
J is for Jumping around in the dirt!
K is for Kicking up sand at the beach,
L is for Lemon Cordial just out of reach!
M is for Mountain Bikes we rode on the tracks,
N is for Nurofen, for our poor aching backs!
O is for Oranges not enough to share,
P is for Pillow Fight, Oh we didn’t dare!
Q is for Quiche that was called carrot cake,
R is for Rocking the canoes by mistake!
S is for Surfing a skill that was hard,
T is for Talking but the teachers were on guard!
U is for Under the waves that were high,
V is for Vertical Challenge touching the sky!
W is for Water in the lake where we fished,
X is too hard so I’ll get on with list!
Y is for Yawn, we did once we got home,
Z is for zzzzzzzzzz in bed all alone!

By Flynn and Tayla
Picture storybooks

The school library has a HUGE collection of picture storybooks for the kids to borrow during their weekly library visits.

Parents - you too can join the school library and borrow picture storybooks!

- Perhaps your child needs extra help with their reading, and would benefit from time reading with you at home.
- Perhaps your child just loves reading and needs a bigger supply of terrific books.
- Maybe you just like to have some great picture storybooks on hand for quiet parent-and-child moments on the couch together.
- Or maybe you too love to read picture storybooks....

COME ALONG TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY TODAY AND JOIN UP TO BORROW!
TERM 1 WEEK 6

WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN
Congratulations to all of the students for their effort in the Fun Run last Friday. As a school we ran over 11,000 laps... which is just remarkable! I am sure there were a lot of sore legs on Friday night and Saturday morning. Please return your sponsorship forms as soon as possible. Every $5 raised = 1 raffle ticket.

MELBOURNE STORM RUGBY CLINICS
Grade 3-4 students (+ 5/6H) will be participating in Rugby clinics on Feb 23rd, March 2nd in P.E. sessions and then on March 6th (Grade 3s, 4s only) during Sport. The final session is a gala hour where students will play in modified games for the hour. This is a free program and will allow students to learn about a different sport in a safe manner. Parents are welcome to come and watch the sessions.

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING
This Thursday 20 students from our before school swimming squad will be representing our school at the Yarra Division Swimming Competition. We wish them the best of luck in both their individual and relay events. Congratulations to the entire squad for their effort over the last three weeks of training.

TREE TOPS ADVENTURE
Our Grade 6 leaders are attending a Leadership Day at the Tree Tops Adventure centre in Belgrave. This day will test the student’s ability to work out side their comfort zone as they climb, weave and leap their way through the high ropes courses. It is sure to be a wonderful day!

Miss Knell

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERMS 1 & 2

Please note that dates are always subject to change 😊

Melbourne Storm Rugby Clinics (Grade 3s and 4s + 5/6H) - Feb 23rd, March 2nd, March 6th

Grade 6 Student Leaders day at Tree Tops - March 4th
(School, Vice, House Captains, MAD team, JSC leaders, YCDI team)

Divisional Swimming - Thursday March 5th

Grade 6 Round Robin Sports Day - Thursday March 26th

House Cross Country (Grades 3-6) - Friday March 27th

Whole School House Athletics - May 20th

District Cross Country - May 29th

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK
Name: Brody D Grade: 2N
Nomination reason: For his love for sport and determination to succeed. Doing particularly well with running and the Fun Run (60 laps of the oval)

What’s the most important thing about sport? Having fun
My favourite sport is: Football
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Ship, Shark, Shore
My favourite football team: Collingwood
My sporting hero is: Scott Pendlebury
At lunchtime I like to: Play different sports
The best thing about school is: Playtime
My favourite food: Chinese
When I grow up I want to be:.... A football player
THANK YOU

On behalf of School Council I would like to express our sincere thanks to all the members of the Parents Club for their hard work and dedication to our wonderful school. The installation of the new air conditioning units in the Prep/One Building was a much needed addition for our students and the staff. Your fundraising efforts over the past two years to achieve this huge goal have been amazing and you have made such a difference to everyone in this building. A big thank you also goes to our Co-Presidents, Melanie Barley and Priscilla Rees-Condon, for their tireless leadership and drive. Well done to everyone involved!!!

We all know projects like this wouldn’t happen without the support of our families so I would also like to thank you all for contributing. As parents/guardians we always seem to be reaching into our pockets but end results like this make it all worthwhile. The Parents Club is always looking for extra helpers, especially with the Twilight Fair fast approaching. Please consider joining in and helping out as many hands make light work. Without this group, our children would not have the benefit of these much needed items.

Julie McDonald - President
Montrose Primary School

Twilight Fair
COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!

Friday March 13th
5pm - to - 8pm

Face Painting
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Raffle
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Montrose Primary School
Twilight Fair

Friday 13th March
5-8pm

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Montrose Primary School

Twilight Fair

Friday 13th March
5-8pm

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What have we been learning at Montrose OSHC...
Each week, at OSHC, we focus on a theme of which we base our activities. Our themes are chosen by the children themselves and have a choice to contribute to the activities ideas along with set activities chosen by the educators. Last week, the children in OSHC were focusing on all things from the from the rainforest and jungle.

We made some beautiful Macaw parrots, Jungle snakes, Vines pictures, Jungle finger painting, to name a few of the craft activities the children enjoyed doing.

This week’s theme...
This week, the children have chosen our weekly theme of “Flight” part and parcel to our Paper Plane Flight competition held in week three (sorry, I think we started a trend as since then the playground has been inundated with paper planes - Please remember to recycle!)

Special Mention...
One of our OSHC Cubs, has not been very well and his presence has been missed in the room, so a big SHOUT OUT, to Alexander H, although your absence has made it easier to teachers who struggle to tell you and Fraser apart, I miss you, my fellow twinny 😊

We’re here to make before and after school care visits the best experience possible - for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program - please feel free to drop by, meet me and my team and see what happens in at the service first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Mary
Camp Australia Montrose Co-ordinator

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