**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**February**

- Wed 24  THRASS Parent Info Night - 7pm
- Mon 29  School Photo Day

**March**

- Tues 1  Grade 5 Transition at Lilydale Heights
- Thurs 3  Clean Up Australia Day
- Fri 4  Fun Run
- Tues 8  Grade 3/4 Endangered Species Incursion
- Mon 14  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Fri 18  Twilight Fair
- Mon 21  Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tues 22  House Athletics Carnival
- Thurs 24  End of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

**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.

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**Message from the Principal**

Hi Everyone

**Fun Run Friday March 4**

Our annual Fun Run is coming up fast. Each year our children have joined in the fun of the day when they head out for 3 x 20 minute stints around our two courses. The juniors do a shortened course around the oval whilst the seniors move around the running path around the school perimeter.

The children have two weeks to gather some sponsorship for the number of laps they run. After the run the children then visit those sponsors and collect the amount promised.

The children receive 1 raffle ticket per each $5 and these tickets go into our monster draw to be held at assembly. There are many, many great prizes for the children to win… that assembly is one not to be missed!

The children will bring home their sponsorship forms today. More forms, if needed can be obtained at the office.

**School Council Election Nominations**

A reminder to interested parents that the school council has a number of vacancies which need to be filled before our Annual General Meeting coming up on March 15. The vacancies are set at two year stints, with half the membership retiring each year to allow for continuity of the council. Nominations need to be emailed, faxed or delivered to the office.

**Swimmers make a splash!**

Well done to the swimmers who have been training before school… your dedication has paid off with a successful competition yesterday. All participants will progress to the divisional level next Monday. We wish you all the best!

**Vale Lyn Godfrey**

It is with great sadness that I bring news of the passing of Lyn Godfrey. Lyn was assistant principal at Mooroolbark Secondary College before recently retiring. Lyn served the Mooroolbark community for all but 6 months of her 42 year career with the Education Department. During those years Lyn performed in many roles. The constant was her devotion to the children she came in contact with.

Neil Pollard
Thank you Ruth Osborne, Julianne Carlson and Danielle Rae for your help in the canteen on Friday and Caroline Peat for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Janet Morrison for Wednesday 24th February and Fran Speight, Lesley Miller and Dianna Gazeas for Friday 26th.

Thanks!
Alison

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to our school Fun Run on Friday the 4th of March, Clean Up Australia Day will be brought forward a day and take place on Thursday the 3rd of March.

If all students could bring along either a pair of gloves or a pair of tongs as well as a plastic bag to the school, that would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

Inspiration Leaders

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School Photo Day Is Coming!

Monday 29th February

Photo Day Tips:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
Hair: Neat and swept off face.

Choose to order photos manually or online.
Sibling photo orders available.
WORKERS OF THE WEEK

SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK

ART
Artist of the Week: Maddy B

SPORT
Sport Star of the Week: Lily C 3K

MUSIC
Grammy Award: Declan H 3G

DRAMA
Oscar Award: Memphis S-D PK

CHINESE
Panda Award: Jay K 1/2G

WOW:
Thomas F PC, Harvey B-F PH, Jasmine R PK, Chelsea W PP, Jamie S 5/6A, Brodie P 5/6D, Matthew C 5/6M

Sebastian P 2M, Harrison W 1C, Mikehel W 4S

Ayla C 3K, Olivia E 5/6B

CLASSROOM WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Heidi M PC Jayden B 1A Kayla C 2M Poppy-H-C 3K
Beau H PC Myra C 1C Charlotte V 2M Gabrielle B 4B
Flynn C PC Jade R 1C Olivia V 2N Lily W 4B
Mia M PH Noah G 1C Trav W 2N Coco M 4S
Harvey B-F PH Charlie S 1C Lorelai L-T 2VV Asher S 4S
Taeyah R PH Elsie M 1R Milly K 2VV Mitch S 5/6A
Kaden I PK Max C 1R Oliver C 3G Olivia E 5/6B
Jaxon D PK Aiden H 1R Jasmine S 3G Mitchell R 5/6B
Jasmine R PK Evie C 1R Sienna H 3H Alyssa N 5/6D
Oscar T PP Lincoln L 1/2G Lily H 3H Travis M 5/6D
Georgia G PP Riley G 1/2G Hannah C 3K Ashleigh Mc 5/6M
Matthew A PP Rylee H 1/2G Mason D 3K
Jasper W 1A Carly H 1/2G Victoria B 3K

VALUE OF THE WEEK
Kindness

William A PC Max S 2VV
Poppy W PH River A 3G
Perry D PK Fynn K 3H
Gemda D PP Daimon W 3K
Destiny H 1A Cooper T 4B
Zayne D 1C Nikita P 4S
Noah R 1R Talia J 5/6A
Ryan M 1/2G Joe B 5/6B
Brody A 2M Ben J 5/6D
Tayiha K-L 2N Norris Y 5/6M

NEXT WEEK’S VALUE
Tact

What is it?

Being tactful is telling the truth, but in such a way that no one is offended. It is knowing when to say something and when it is better to be silent.

When you are tactful you handle other people’s feelings carefully. You don’t say things that will make them feel embarrassed.

Treat their feelings the way you would want your feelings to be treated.
The following Grade 5/6 students were awarded badges at last Friday’s assembly for Junior School Council, Wellbeing and Inspirations roles.

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TERM 1 WEEK 5

WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN
On Friday March 4\textsuperscript{th} is the whole school Fun Run. Students will participate in 3 x 20-30 minute sessions throughout the day, with the aim of completing as many laps as possible. Prep – 2 students run around the oval, while Grade 3 – 6 students complete laps of the fitness track.
- Students are to come dressed in their house colours
- Must have appropriate running shoes on
- Bring a drink bottle and wear a hat
- For every $5 students raise they receive 1 raffle ticket
- We also tally the number of laps each house runs

Important dates coming up…

Divisional Swimming – Monday February 29\textsuperscript{th}

Whole School Fun Run – Friday March 4\textsuperscript{th}

Regional Swimming – Monday March 7\textsuperscript{th}

Tree Tops Leadership Day (Grade 6 leaders) – Tuesday March 8\textsuperscript{th}

Round Robin Day (Inter-school Sport) – Wednesday March 16\textsuperscript{th}

Whole School House Athletics – Tuesday March 22\textsuperscript{nd}

House Cross Country (Grade 3 – 6) – Friday April 15\textsuperscript{th} (first Friday of Term 2)

Check out some of our swimmers from Before School Swimming Training. They have been training hard in preparation for the District Swimming Carnival! Good luck super fish!

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK
Name: Lily C Grade: 3G
Nomination reason: Fantastic ball handling skills across all sports and determination to do her best
What's the most important thing about sport? Having fun
My favourite sport is: Basketball
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Ship, Shark, Shore
My favourite football team: Geelong
My sporting hero is: Miss Knell
At lunchtime I like to: Play with my friends
The best thing about school is: Sport
My favourite food: Soup
When I grow up I want to be…. A vet
This term’s Key for Success is Getting Along. The habits of mind that go with the Getting Along Key are: Being Tolerant of Others, Thinking First and Playing by the Rules.

Our YCDI Award winners for this week are:

**Lenny M. PK:** This Prep student is a wonderful friend and classmate. He comes in everyday with a smile, ready to learn. He is supportive of his peers, taking care of them when they are upset or just need a friend. Keep up the fantastic effort, you are an absolute star. Congratulations to Lenny M of Prep K.

**Lachlan A. 3H:** This person deserves the Getting Along award because he contributes in a calm, fair and helpful way in all situations. He works and plays with a purpose, and is good at including others. He appreciates other people, and has a lot to offer them in return. Congratulations: Lachlan A, 3H.

**Lenny M, Prep K**

Why do you think you got the award?  
**Because I was being nice.**

My Hero is:  
**Michael Jordan.**

My favourite things about school are:  
**Playing outside.**

When I grow up I want to be:  
**A basketball player.**

**Lachlan A, 3H**

Why do you think you got the award?  
**Because I was nice to people outside.**

My Hero is:  
**Dane Swan.**

My favourite things about school are:  
**P.E. and Art.**

When I grow up I want to be:  
**A football player.**
# COMING IN 2016

**News of the school library (new books, events, bookclubs), themed reading, book reviews, reading recommendations, and lots more – each week in the school newsletter.**

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Every year, the Premier of Victoria invites all students from Years Prep to 10 to take part in the [Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge](#). This initiative encourages students to develop their love of reading and their literacy skills.

* Notification will be sent home when it starts.

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Our [Scholastic Book Fair](#) will run during the school’s Education Week celebrations, 15-24 May 2016.

* Books to buy, a special book character visitor, & some fun competitions! Open to everyone!

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[Children’s Book Week](#) runs from 20-26 August 2016. This year’s theme is ‘Story Country’.

* Read the Award winners, come dressed for the fancy dress parade…and lots more!

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**Book Bugs Bookclub** is a lunchtime bookclub for the Prep-Grade 2s. It runs throughout the year in the library for junior kids who love books, reading & listening to stories.

* Starting up again soon…

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**Chatterboox Bookclub** is a lunchtime bookclub for grade 3-6’s who are book lovers and keen readers, and enjoy getting together with others to find out about & recommend some great reading.

* Starting up again soon…

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[Help our school earn free books for classrooms & library](#)

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**Scholastic Book Club** – approx 3 times per term, Scholastic bookclub brochures will be sent home. If you want to purchase, simply mark your choice on the order form, follow the payment instructions & return your order form to the School Office by the nominated date.

**Good quality books at reasonable prices**
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
Student Accident Insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools

Main Points

- Schools are reminded that the Department DOES NOT provide personal accident insurance for students. Montrose PS has no whole-of-school policy - parents/guardians must purchase it themselves.

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and

- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

- Principals should remind parents/guardians and staff that the Department DOES NOT hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Additional Information

- The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.
Would you like to hold a stall at the Twilight Fair?

We would like to offer parents from the school a chance to showcase and sell their wares. If this would interest you, we currently have stall availability for the Twilight Fair.

We have limited spaces so these will become available on a “first in first served” basis. As we don’t want to double up and the fact that we have stalls already committed, we will advise you when you contact us if we have the same product already being sold.

Stall fees are $30 flat rate or $25 plus raffle prize.

We would prefer no Party Plan please.

Please contact Cathy Ryan on markryan1969@bigpond.com
The Twilight Fair is not far away. In order for the night to run smoothly and successfully, we require your assistance.

Can you help please?

- Are you able to help with the BBQ and Drinks Stand?

  A team of 2 or 3 people is required to coordinate the BBQ & Drinks Stand.

  Duties include ordering and picking up supplies as required & preparing utensils for cooking. You will need to be available from 3pm – 5:30pm on day of fair for set up and food preparation.

- Are you available the day before the Fair to blow up balloons using the air compressor? A team of 2 people would be a great help.

  If you can assist on any of the above please contact Mel Barley on 0438 522 453 or melaniebarley@y7mail.com

Are you able to help throughout the night?

Twilight Fair Volunteer Form

Name:                                          Phone Number:
Email:

Please circle preferred time to help:

9am – 11am  4:30pm – 5:30pm  5:30pm – 6:30pm
6:30pm – 7:30pm  7:30pm – 8:30pm

Please return this form in your child’s Communication Folder.
Thank you for your assistance.

Alternatively, please contact Mel Barley on 0438 522 453 or melaniebarley@y7mail.com
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