SCHOOL CALENDAR

March
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

April
Fri 15   House Cross Country
Mon 25   Anzac Day

May
10-12   NAPLAN
Thur 19  Multicultural 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?!?
The weather did not support us last Friday so unfortunately it has been postponed to Friday March 11. (The long term forecast is now not so promising for that day.... A decision will be made closer to the day). Announcement will be made on the public address as well as on Facebook. Keep your fingers crossed.

Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday 21st March
Notices for Parent/Teacher Interviews for Term 1 have been sent home. This is a ‘first in will be first processed’ basis. Staff will receive the return slip, mark in a time and then move it around to each sibling’s teachers. The system is smooth and each teacher will mark in a time on the day it is received. So do not stick this note on the fridge… fill in your preferences and return it the next day!
Please note, some parents may be around the school during the week and could schedule an interview then. Have a chat with your child’s teacher.

Thrass Charts Have Arrived
Parents who attended the Thrass information evening and ordered a Thrass Chart for home, please note: They have arrived! They are at the office waiting for you. Come in person, ring and pay over the phone or send your $7 with a note. Your chart will be sent home.

Final Assembly for the Term
Due to the Good Friday falling in the last week of term, the final assembly for the term will be on Friday, March 18 (the same day as the Twilight fair).

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS CLOSE
Nominations for new membership of our school council closed with the number of nominees matching the number of vacancies. Hence there is no need for an election to be held.
Congratulations to the new council members: Kate Teggleove, Bree Kuffer, Belinda Moyes, Deeanne Antrobus, Diane Bouwhuis, Adrian Wilson and Stacey Barker

Neil Pollard
Thank you Gemma Heemskery, Sharyn Thomson and Nicole Foster for your help in the canteen on Friday and Bronwyn Reimess for helping on Wednesday.

This week’s helpers are Kylie Sheperd for Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} March and Rachel Fichtner, Sandra Rowe, Dianna Gazeas and Jaci Caccia for Friday 11\textsuperscript{th}.

Easter and the holidays are fast approaching so the canteen will be putting on a special Easter bun morning tea for Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March. Order forms will be coming home with your child this week. Please complete, enclose the correct money and return to the office asap or by Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} March.

Thanks! Alison
**SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

**ART**  Artist of the Week: Hayden M PP  
**WOW:** Lily H 4S, Max M 4B, Trysten R 4B, Lily W 4B, Tobi M 3K, Fynn K 3H, Scarlett W 3G

**SPORT**  Sport Star of the Week: Jaxon D PK  
**WOW:** Chelsea C PC, Scarlett W 3G, Tyana R-B 5/6A, Oliver L 4B

**MUSIC**  Grammy Award: Ayla C 3K

**DRAMA**  Oscar Award: Nate H PC

**CHINESE**  Panda Award: Tayja M & Olivia E 5/6BC  
**WOW:** Kaden D 3H, Georgia P 2VW

**ASB**  Star of the Week: Norris Y 5/6M

**CLASSROOM WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

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**NEXT WEEK’S VALUE**

**Forgiveness**

**What is it?**

Forgiveness means that if someone hurts you, you are prepared to give the person another chance.

Everyone makes mistakes. Sometimes we do things that we wish we had not done; that is when we need to learn to forgive ourselves.

We need to know that we can change our behaviour if that situation occurs again.
**WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN**

This was postponed due to the hot weather. We are proposing to do it next Friday March 11th but again will depend on the hot weather we are having.

Students will participate in 3 x 20-30minute 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…**

- **Regional Swimming** – Monday March 7th
- **Whole School Fun Run** – Proposed date of Friday March 11th (depending on weather)
- **Tree Tops Leadership Day** (Grade 6 leaders) – Tuesday March 8th
- **Round Robin Day (Inter-school Sport)** – Wednesday March 16th
- **Whole School House Athletics** – Tuesday March 22nd
- **House Cross Country (Grade 3 – 6)** – Friday April 15th (first Friday of Term 2)

**HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Tuesday March 22nd for all students at the Croydon Athletics Track.

- Events begin at 9:30am (800m selected students), then tabloid events for all students between 10am and 2pm.
  - Students dress in house colours
  - Must wear appropriate running shoes, bring lunch, a hat, sunscreen, drink bottle
  - We require parent helpers so please tick the box on the permission form if you are able to assist 😊

**SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK**

Name: Jaxon D Grade: Prep K
Nomination reason: For his amazing start to P.E. at Montrose Primary School. Running the 100m sprint in 18seconds!
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: Blues
My sporting hero is: My basketball coach
At lunchtime I like to: Play with my friends
The best thing about school is: Sport
My favourite food: Chocolate
When I grow up I want to be…. A soccer player
SPORT SHORTS

Cooper W 5/6A
Freestyle relay, medley relay, 50m breast

Lucy C 4B
Freestyle relay

Luke C 4B
Freestyle relay, medley relay, 50m breast, 50m fly

Rosalee C 5/6B
Freestyle relay

Pippa C 4S
Freestyle relay, 50m back

Jayden F 5/6A
Freestyle relay, 50m back

Max C 3K
Freestyle relay

Amy P 4B
Freestyle relay

Cody B 4B
Freestyle relay, 50m fly

Hannah D 4B
Freestyle relay, medley relay, 50m breast

Hayden H 5/6M
Freestyle relay, medley relay, 50m breast, 50m back

Ellena G 5/6A
Freestyle relay
Check out our super swimmers that competed at the Yarra Division Swimming Competition last Monday. We look so cool in our new Montrose Primary swimming caps… and yes they make us swim really fast in the water!
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:

**Connor C. Prep P:** This Prep student arrives at school every day with a big, happy and contagious smile. He is a thoughtful and kind friend to everyone in Prep P, and he always supports his peers when they need help. He happily includes other children in the games he is playing, making sure that they are never alone.

Congratulations to Connor C, you are an absolute champ!

**Georgie C. 2N:** Since the first day of school this year, this student has effortlessly fitted in amongst her 2N peers. Taking in her stride with grace, the disappointment of narrowly missing out on becoming a class wellbeing leader, a role she would have been terrific at. Rather than displaying animosity towards the victor, she has instead struck up a terrific friendship with her. She continues to be a fantastic role model, assisting peers whenever necessary, regardless of whether they are close friends or colleagues. She really has displayed a terrific getting along attitude, and is proof you don’t need to wear a badge to be a leader.

Well done Georgie C.

**Norris Y. 5/6M:** This student is an absolute delight to have in the classroom and it is evident that he is clearly respected by all his peers. He always listens to his classmates and is always willing and ready to help anyone who needs it. From the very first day of school he has brought with him a positive attitude and a bright friendly smile. He is exceptionally kind and fair to all classmates and displays the important skill of being tolerant of others.

Congratulations Norris Y of 5/6M for setting a great example of what Getting Along is.
Connor C, Prep P

Why do you think you got the award? Because I have been very good and I am a nice boy.

My Hero is: A player for sport.

My favourite things about school are: Doing Art.

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

Georgie C 2N

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

My Hero is: My Sister.

My favourite things about school are: I get to read lots of stories.

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

Norris Y, 5/6M

Why do you think you got the award? I get along.

My Hero is: My friends.

My favourite things about school are: Maths and Sport.

When I grow up I want to be: A 7/11 Manager.
With the school year well on its way, I have lots of new books almost ready for the school library...

...BUT I DESPERATELY NEED HELP TO COVER THEM.

Are you good with tape & scissors?

(I promise there’s definitely NO use of ‘Contact’! And its very easy to do!).

Pop into the library (on Tuesday or Wednesday) & see me.

Many thanks, Andree
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
Holiday Club Interest

Camp Australia Montrose OSHC is asking families to “express their interest” for a potential Holiday Club to start at Montrose in 2017.

It is you, the school community who can make this happen. We need at least 15 children a day and if we get out of the 510 children at school at least 10%, it will become a reality. So please, contact the service by visiting the staff or by calling on 9728 5491 and provide the following details:-

Camp Australia Montrose Holiday Program Expression of Interest

Please return this slip to the OSHC Room or School Office

Child(ren)’s Name:-………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent’s Name:-…………………………………………………………Contact Number:-…………………………………………………………

Approx. How Many Days Week:-………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please note that this does not guarantee a booking

Well Done Preppies

I’d like to say Well Done to all the preppies who have attended OSHC since February. We currently have 11 preps students who attend Before and After School care and all have done an excellent job in adjusting to school life and are wonderful to have in the room. We look forward to watching them grow and eventually graduating from Montrose Primary School in 2022!!!
Huge raffle with heaps of fantastic prizes.

This is our BIGGEST raffle EVER, so don’t miss out.
Montrose Primary’s Famous Cake Stall!
Friday 18th March

Plates and Information sheets will be coming home this week......

Release the inner Master Chef in you and create a unique and exciting cake, biscuits or a slice to sell at our famous Cake Stall.

We are also looking for homemade jams, preserves and chutneys.

We are most grateful for all donations. Unfortunately we cannot accept shop-bought goods.

**Don’t forget to use the supplied ingredients label, completing it twice (as we need to keep a copy on file). This will be included in the plate package. Additional labels are available from the office.

All un-labeled goods are unable to be sold 😞**

Please leave donations in the Drama Room on Friday 18th March.

With many thanks Parents Club 🎂
Proudly sponsoring the Twilight Fair:
Croydon and Districts Table Tennis Association is holding a free Open Night Table Tennis **Wednesday March 30, 7pm -10.30pm** at Kilsyth Sports Centre, 123 Liverpool Road Kilsyth. Bring friends and hold your own challenge matches on one of our 23 tables!!

Questions to Andrew 0450 763 252
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