**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**March**
- 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

Twilight Fair RIDE PASSES and TOKENS that have been ordered are available for PICK UP at the office

**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

**Message from the Principal**

Hi Everyone

As we race towards the end of term there are many events on our calendar. As the term ends on the Thursday of next week, this Friday will be the final assembly. It will be held in the morning as usual and will include a performance by the choir. On the following Thursday, term will end at 2.30 p.m.

**TWILIGHT FUN**

This Friday is a huge day on our calendar when we get together for our Twilight Fair. Though the weather report shows a shower or two in the morning the day will clear to allow us to come together for a fun-filled evening. Check out the Parent Club page for a full run down of the fun ahead.

**Good Luck and Play Well**

Tomorrow our senior students head off to play the summer sport round robin. This whole day event has the children playing 4 to 5 games of their respective sports against the other schools in our district. Having had the pleasure of working with the rounders team last year I can say that the kids are in for a fun-filled and enjoyable day. The growth in the team dynamics as the games progressed was a treat to see. I wish all the players the very best.

**Parent –Teacher Interviews**

Apart from a couple of classes where teachers are going on leave, the bulk of the parent teacher interviews will be held next Monday. This is a great opportunity for families to touch base and in some cases finally meet your child’s teacher. The extended 15 minute timeslots have taken some of the pressure off staying on time and keeping to schedule.

**House Athletics**

Our 2016 House Athletics are scheduled for next Tuesday. This brilliant event takes place at the Croydon Athletics Track and is a super fun day. Children need to have snacks, a drink bottle and lunch for the day. Make sure that they are dressed according to the weather. Many thanks to the Parents Club who have organised for a coffee van to be on site for the day.

Neil Pollard
Thank you Rachel Fichtner, Sandra Rowe, Jaci Caccia and Amanda Droscher for your help in the canteen on Friday and Kylie Sheperd for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Elle Marcombe and Amanda Droscher for Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} March and Kate Critchley, Amanda Droscher, Kate Stephens, Deeanne Antrobus and Lesley Miller for Friday 18\textsuperscript{th}.

You should have all received an order form, by now, for the special Easter morning tea, to be held on Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March. Please complete, enclose the correct money and return to the office asap or by Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} March.

Most of you would have heard I am finishing up as canteen manager at the end of this term so it gives me great pleasure in announcing Amanda Droscher as our new Canteen Manager. You will see Amanda helping out in the canteen over the next few weeks while learning the ropes and will officially take over at the start of term 2. I have great faith Amanda will do a fantastic job and bring many exciting new ideas to the canteen with the help of the wonderful, loyal group of parent helpers to support her.

Thanks! Alison

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Uniform Shop

By now you should have received an order form for Winter Tunics and Polar Fleece Vests - If you haven’t received one please ask at the office or the uniform shop.

Polar Fleece Vests are blue, with orange Montrose PS logo. A sample is available for viewing at Uniform Shop.

$45.00 per vest.

Winter tunics are in Montrose colours, and will be available to order up to size 10. The sample garment can be seen in the Uniform Shop.

$45.00 per tunic.

These 2 items are special order only and are not routinely stocked in the Uniform Shop, so be sure to get your order form in by Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March.
SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK

ART  Artist of the Week: Emmanuel G 1A  WOW: Blake M 1C, Bethany S 1A, Ruby L 1/2G, Elsie M 1R
SPORT  Sport Star of the Week: Bethany S 1A  WOW: Chantal W 5/6M, Lily C 1/2G, Thomas D 2M, Jasmine S 3G
MUSIC  Grammy Award: Poppy P 5/6D
DRAMA  Oscar Award: Jade Mc 1WA
CHINESE  Panda Award: Myra C 1JC  WOW: William F PK, Chloe M 4MS
ASB  Star of the Week: Harrison B 2N

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NEXT WEEK’S VALUE

Consideration

What is it?

Consideration is thinking about how your actions will affect other people and how they will feel. It is being thoughtful. Consideration is doing things in a manner that benefits you as well as others.
Last Tuesday the Grade 6 leaders participated in a Leadership Day at Trees Adventure in Belgrave. Students climbed, leaped, zip lined, crawled and challenged themselves through the various courses while having a wonderful time. They bonded with each other, developed communication skills, trust, persistence and determination to work outside their comfort zone. Well done to everyone involved!

**SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Name:** Bethany S Grade: 1A

**Nomination reason:** For always putting in 100% effort and showing great determination to improve her basketball skills

**What’s the most important thing about sport?** To not break the rules

**My favourite sport is:** Swimming

**My favourite thing about P.E. lessons:** Playing cool games

**My favourite football team:** Hawks

**My sporting hero is:** My dad

**At lunchtime I like to:** Play with my friends

**The best thing about school is:** Learning stuff

**My favourite food:** Carrots

**When I grow up I want to be…. A rock star!**

**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 😊
Dear parents/guardians,

This year we are participating in the Premier’s Active April Challenge (very similar to the Premier’s Reading Challenge) and we would love for your child/ren and yourself to be a part of our Montrose Primary team. This is a purely optional activity but one that will encourage students to monitor and increase their physical activity levels. It also rewards students for the physical activity they currently do.

Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative, which encourages Victorians to get more active more often and participate in 30 minutes of physical activity every day during April.

To accompany this form, you can visit www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools to download the Information for Parents flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier’s Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering.

HOW TO REGISTER:
Registration and Team Details
Login / Register  activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team ID  montrose-primary-school
Team Name  Montrose Primary School

Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

HOW TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL TEAM:
1) If your family are already registered:
   1. Login to the Active April Activity Tracker app using the student’s username and password
   2. Go to the Teams page and select “Request to join a Team”.
   3. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click “Send Request”
   4. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next login.

2) If your family are not registered
   1. Register at activeapril.vic.gov.au – register yourself first, then register family members.
   2. Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.
   3. In the top right navigation, change “Logged in as:” to the relevant child’s name. You’ll now be viewing the Activity Tracker app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.
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We are hoping to get as many students and families involved as possible, so log on and join in the fun! Montrose Primary School getting active and fit together. Miss Knell
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:

**Noah R. 1R:** Since the beginning of this year, this student has been a wonderful, considerate class member, who always goes out of their way to welcome and care for other students in the classroom. He is kind and thoughtful, going out of his way to make sure others are happy and have someone to play with. Often at recess, this student will make sure that others have someone to play with, often inviting those sitting on the friendship seat to join in with his basketball game.

Fantastic start to the year, Noah R 1AR.

**Keely W. 4B:** Some people just have the happy knack of getting on well with almost everybody. This 4B student is one of those people! Of course, it helps that she is friendly and cheerful, and that she doesn’t take anything TOO seriously. Her friends are lucky to have her as a mate and 4B is lucky to have her as a part of our class.

Congratulations, **Keely W**, you’re a legend!

**Mackenzie R. 5/6BC:** This student consistently shows a positive and tolerant attitude toward all his peers. He is patient and polite and offers advice in a tactful and considered manner. He does not allow others to treat him unfairly but stands up for himself assertively, not aggressively. But best of all he also makes sure his peers are not being treated unfairly and has developed the confidence to stand up for others. He regularly compliments class members on their work and personal achievements. Last but not least, he always offers me a friendly greeting in the morning with a big booming smile.

Thank you Mackenzie R from 5/6BC for being such a pleasure to be around.
Noah R, 1R

Why do you think you got the award?
Because when I was playing with my mates, there was someone on the friendship seat and I invited them to play.

My Hero is:
Dad.

My favourite things about school are:
Drawing and Sport.

When I grow up I want to be:
An Artist.

Keely W, 4B

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

My Hero is:
My Family.

My favourite things about school are:
Sport.

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

Mackenzie R, 5/6BC

Why do you think you got the award?
Being nice.

My Heroes are:
Friends and Family.

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

When I grow up I want to be:
An Astronaut.
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
Not long now until the Twilight Fair. We still need your help!!

"Many hands make light work"

- Do you have a marquee we could borrow for the night?
- Are you able to help set up at 9am on Friday? Please turn up on the oval if you can.
- Are you able to help set up at 3:30pm on Friday? Please turn up on the oval if you can.
- After you’ve enjoyed the festivities of the fair, are you able to hang around for an hour afterwards to help pack up?

Don’t forget to:

- Pre order your ride wristbands and tokens.
- Buy your tickets in our biggest raffle ever.
- Get the kids involved in the baking for the cake stall.

Please contact Mel Barley on 0438 522 453 if you can assist.
Are you able to help throughout the night on a stall?

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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Family Day Care Vacancies Available

bestchance is a not-for-profit with 120 years of child family support, with qualified educators offering stimulating and educational in-home child care for 0 -12 years old.

- Weekly playgroups including our bush playgroup
- Natural environments encouraging imaginative play
- Regular support and monitoring from our coordination team
- Flexible hours
- Registered service provider, CCE and CCR rebates apply
- Experienced and new educators welcome to join our team

There are currently limited vacancies for Family Day Care with Claire in Montrose on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 6.30am – 6pm

If you need quality child care by experienced and supported Family Day Care Educators in a family centered home based environment please call our Family Day Care team on 8562 5140

www.bestchance.org.au | familydaycare@bestchance.org.au

Players Wanted for Basketball

Teams have now been entered for the Winter season of domestic basketball for Term 2 & 3 2016. Montrose Vikings Basketball club still has places available in the following teams.

- Under 7 Boys
- Under 7 Girls
- Under 9 Boys
- Under 9 Girls
- Under 11 Boys
- Under 11 Girls
- Under 13 Boys
- Under 13 Girls

Please contact Natalie Johnson on M: 0400 962 372 or email nataliejohnson@bigpond.com or register your interest at Montrosevikings.org.au

CHANGING FAMILIES
ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO CO-PARENT IN A CHANGED AND CONFUSING WORLD?

DO YOU WANT TO:
- Do what's best for your kids?
- Talk to others about the transition to parenting separately?

This group is designed for those experiencing the confusion and worry of parenting after separation. It is intended to be practical, useful, and supportive to help parents and children move forward.

WHEN:
Thursday 17th March 2016
TIME:
9:30am – 11:30am
COST: FREE
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO BOOK IN NOW!
WHERE:
Lilydale West Primary School
Bowen Road, Lilydale

CONTACT:
Julia at Parentzone 9735 6190 for further information and bookings

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE:
For more information please contact Lilydale West Primary School on 9735 4670