SCHOOL CALENDAR

March
Thurs 24  End of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

April
Fri 15  House Cross Country
Fri 22  Junior School Council go to Shrine
Mon 25  Anzac Day
Tues 26  STUDENT FREE DAY

May
Thur 5  Grade 5/6 Forensic Incursion
10-12  NAPLAN
Wed 11  Prep Chinese Lunch at Mooroolbark
Tues 17  Preps & Parents Clay Sessions
Thur 19  Multicultural Day
19-24  Book Fair

June
Wed 8  STUDENT FREE DAY
Thur 9  Grade 5/6 Immigration Excursion
Mon 13  Queen’s Birthday

August
Mon 22  STUDENT FREE 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

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

Hi Everyone

Montrose Braves the Elements to Shine at Twilight
Last Friday proved to be the worst day of the week weather-wise. At 7.30 in the morning a tree was blown across Trevallyn Close. Well done to Mary from Out of Hours School Care who rang the SES and patrolled the intersection until assistance came and cleared the road.

The day was spent checking the weather forecast as the Twilight Fair was going to be impacted upon. The organisers held to the forecast that the rain would stop early afternoon and so continued with their preparation.

Approaching five o’clock the Fair was coming together. The weather was holding (mostly) and there was even a burst of blue sky. Though the weather kept some away, it was amazing to see the crowd build and build. The atmosphere was one of making the best of it… and the optimists would say that it was great weather for hamburgers and hot chips, and that the ice-cones actually lasted longer!! The rides were popular and the spinning wheel a winner!

Congratulations to Mel Barley, Twilight Fair coordinator, for your heroic efforts. No doubt Mel will thank those who took on responsibility for stall organisation and also those who volunteered to spend time on the stalls. Stay tuned to the Parent Club page as they report on the success of the Fair and also how they will direct funds to the school.

UNUSED TOKENS !!!
If you had the odd unused token left from Friday, send it to school with your name on it. We will draw a lucky name from the box at the first assembly next term and the lucky winner will win a neat prize.

Lucky Volunteer:
The names of all the volunteers will also be put in a box and a lucky volunteer will win a neat thank you prize.

End of term Reminder
School will finish at 2.30pm this THURSDAY. Please ensure your pick up arrangements take this into account. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend a bit more time with your kids over the break.

Neil Pollard
Thank you so much to Kate Critchley and Amanda Droscher for managing the canteen on Friday in my absence and Kate Stephens, Deanne Antrobus and Lesley Miller for helping them. Thank you also Elle Marcombe and Amanda Droscher for your help on Wednesday.

This week’s helpers are Caroline Peat, Emily Watson, Janet Morrison and Elle Marcombe in the morning and Nicki Thomas in the afternoon for Wednesday 23rd March.

Thank you and Goodbye!

It is hard to put into words how much I have appreciated the help and all the hard work of so many lovely mums who have come through the canteen over the years since I started working here. All are busy mums, many also working but still make it possible to find time to help, some coming in on their day off or even using annual leave! It has been said many times before, but without this dedication there would not be a canteen as it couldn’t possibly run without the help of parents, so thank you!

Over the nine years I have met so many mums; formed many friendships and I have learnt so much from such a variety of people. I’m often quoting what a “canteen mum” has suggested I do, see, visit etc. We have shared many laughs; a trillion stories and the common interest of preparing healthy and interesting food for our children.

Thank you to all the children at Montrose too, for your patience, lovely manners, help in times of craziness and your enthusiasm and loyalty to the canteen. It has been lovely to see many grow and move all the way through the school from preps to six. I will miss your happy, smiling faces 😊

Thank you also to the office staff for your help and support in the administrative side of the canteen, greatly appreciated!

Last of all I wish Amanda all the best as she takes over the managing of the canteen and hope she gets as much enjoyment out of the role as I have. Wishing you all a happy Easter and a relaxing break!

Goodbye – Alison x
SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK

ART
Artist of the Week: Zach F 4S

SPORT
Sport Star of the Week: Ashley M 5/6A

MUSIC
Grammy Award: Lexy M 3H

DRAMA
Oscar Award: Emmeson M 2N

CHINESE
Panda Award: Hudson K 2M

ASB
Star of the Week: Lily C

WOW:
Bethany F 2M, Hayden G 2N
Olivia E 5/6B, Poppy P 5/6D, Matt C 5/6M, Travis M 5/6D
Tobias C 3G, Keely W 4B, Benjamin C-V 4B

CLASSROOM WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Joshua B PC
Elouise T PC
William A PC
Poppy W PH
Jacodie G PH
Brock D PH
Mac P PK
Monique H PK
Jazmine R PK
Felix D PK
Guy F-L PP
Sonni M PP
Oliver V PP
Grace B 1AR
Charlotte U 1AR
Eli W 1JC
James H 1JC
Eva T 1WA
Matilda T 1WA
Hunter R 1WA
Emily A 1/2G
Lily C 1/2G
Maddie Z 1/2G
Isabelle A 2TM
Andre J 2TM
Koby L 2XN
Noah R 2XN
Taya C 2VV
Kaelan B-F 2VV
Max S 2VV
Riley M 2VV
Ruby L-M 3G
Oliver L 3G
Lachlan A 3H
Fynn K 3H
Keeley M 3K
Thomas B 3K
Hannah D 4AB
Oliver L 4AB
Pippa C 4MS
Kaycee D 4MS
Natalie O 5/6A
Ruby C 5/6A
Rosalee C 5/6B
Madison B 5/6B
Jemima W 5/6D
Nathan H 5/6D
Teak R 5/6M

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Consideration

Ella Mc PC
Ashlyn D PH
Memphis S-D PK
Chelsea W PP
Jake H 1AR
Chloe G 1JC
Claudia C 1WA
Billy F 1/2G
Thomas D 2TM
Seb R 2XN
Kieli M 2VV
Audrey M 3G
Blake D 3H
Poppy H-C 3K
Lachie G 4AB
Asher S 4MS
Caitlyn T 5/6A
Alia T 5/6B
Laney J 5/6D
Jye P 5/6M
ROUND ROBIN DAY

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Inter-school Sport Round Robin Day. Students had been practising their skills and learning the strategies involved throughout the term and loved the challenge to participate in games against other schools. Our results were:

- Boys Softball – 1st
- Girls Softball – 3rd
- Cricket – 2nd
- T-ball – 2nd
- Rounders – 5th

Thank you to the parents and teachers who coached and assisted on the day!

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Ashley M
Grade: 5/6A
Nomination reason: For his match winning catch against Ruskin Park Primary in the Boys Softball competition.

What’s the most important thing about sport? Having fun and teamwork
My favourite sport is: Basketball
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Running
My favourite football team: Pies
My sporting hero is: Michael Jordan
At lunchtime I like to: Play basketball
The best thing about school is: Making friends
My favourite food: Pizza
When I grow up I want to be…. A NBA star
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:

**Aiden D. PC:** This Prep student walks into school everyday with a booming smile. He is a very motivated and enthusiastic learner. This student uses his manners and is continuously searching for ways to help in the classroom. He is a good friend to all of his peers as he shows empathy, trustworthiness and the qualities of a good listener. He is a generous, kind and caring student that considers his friend’s feelings by addressing his concerns in a tactful manner. Great start to the school year Aiden.

**Amy M. 2M:** The recipient of this award has proven time and time again a worthy winner. Her contagious smile and cheeky laugh seem to put everybody around her in a better mood. She is genuine in her happiness to work and play with anyone in the class. She actively seeks out different people to work with and will also help others find partners or groups as well. You will always feel welcome and included in her games at recess and lunch as she offers invitations to play to all, and will share her toys just as generously. Your attitude toward getting along with others is admirable Amy. Congratulations Amy M.

**Mitchell S. 5/6A:** The winner of the You Can Do It Award in Term 1 from 5/6A is a student who demonstrates ‘Getting Along’ at all times. They interact with all members of the class in a positive and friendly manner. They happily work with a variety of partners and different groups on classwork tasks, always treating others with respect. They are able to compromise and solve problems. This person is always willing to help others in the classroom and around the school. They are inclusive of other students and make sure that things are fair. Well done to our Getting Along winner from 5/6A – Mitchell S.
Aiden D, Prep C

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

My Hero is: Spiderman.

My favourite things about school are: P.E.

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

Amy M, 2M

Why do you think you got the award? For sharing all my toys.

My Hero is: My Dad.

My favourite things about school are: Playtime.

When I grow up I want to be: A Puppy Walker.

Mitchell S, 5/6A

Why do you think you got the award? Being nice to all my peers.

My Heroes are: My friends.

My favourite things about school are: P.E. and Sport

When I grow up I want to be: A ‘Donut King’ Manager.
In our area:

Eastern Regional Libraries – our local public libraries – “Hop into holiday fun” crafts & performances.

Shire of Yarra Ranges – Montrose Town Centre & Mooroolbark Community Centre – crafts, movies & performances

Wyreena Community Arts Centre, Croydon – lots of art & craft

Croydon Cinemas – movies showing in the school holidays: Zootopia, Kungfu Panda 3 & maybe even The Jungle book. Cheapest local cinema to see movies, for adults & children!
www.croydoncinemas.com.au

All the way to the city…and beyond:

The Comedy Festival - Laughs galore! Keep an eye out for the FREE kids’ shows in Fed Square with The (Very) Big Laugh Out!

Zoos Victoria – FREE activities (& FREE entry for kids under 16 on weekends, school holidays & public holidays) like Learning to roar at Werribee Open Range Zoo, Become a Wild Child at Melbourne Zoo & Meet our little burrowers at Healesville Sanctuary.
www.zoo.org.au/autumn

Arts Centre Melbourne – lots of performances but especially ‘The 52-storey treehouse’, based on the book by Andy Griffiths! Lots of laughs for everyone!

National Sports Museum (the MCG!) – with the Olympic Games soon in Rio, come along & Meet an Australian Olympian, or join the Cartoon Drawing sessions for the lighter side of sport.
www.nsm.org.au

Federation Square – mostly FREE holiday activities at Fed Square, ACMI & the NGV Ian Potter Centre.
www.fedsquare.com/events

Monash Science Centre – holiday science workshops – take an adventure in hands-on science!
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.
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE DAYS**

**Shaun the Sheep Movie**

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016 @ 10.30AM

**The Peanuts Movie**

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016 @ 10.30AM

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**MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE WARMLY INVITES PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & STUDENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 21ST APRIL 2016 – 7PM**

7:00pm – Principal’s address & speeches in the Technology Wing. 7:45pm – Guided & self-guided tours, concludes at 9.00pm. Light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to meet and chat with staff and students.

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Wednesday 23rd March
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