SCHOOL CALENDAR

November
Thu 13  PUPIL FREE DAY
17-21  Swimming, Preps to Grade 2
Tue 18  Growing Up Online Parent Forum
Wed 19  Project Rockit Incursion, Grade 5/6
Thu 21  Grade 5 Warburton Trail Bike Ride

December
1-5  Swimming, Grades 3 to 5
Fri 5  Final payment due, Grade 6 Camp
Tue 9  Orientation Day Grade 6
Tue 16  Grade 6 Graduation
Fri 19  Last day of Term, 1.30pm finish

January 2015
Wed 28  Start of Term 1

February
2-6  Grade 6 Camp, Anglesea

Message from the Principal
Hi Everybody,

Year 4 Camp
A phone call from Mr Storr at the camp at Anglesea confirmed that the campers were having a great time. The weather was clear but quite windy. Check out the school Facebook page for some action snaps.

Organisation for 2015
Last week I mentioned that two multi-age classes would operate in 2015. There would be one 1/2 and one 5/6 class.

Grade lists will also soon be created, with many factors taken into account. The student's social grouping, academic needs and abilities, opportunity to develop extra responsibilities and the development of children's emotional resilience all play a part in the decision making process. The relative importance of each depends on each individual child. Hence teachers will give a different weighting in order to maximise the benefits of a child's educational setting. You may have some information or concerns regarding your child’s placement. (Note that this input should not take the form of requesting a particular teacher).

Please do not go directly to your current child’s teacher. Rather contact Kylie Fisher or Neil Pollard before Friday 7th November either by phone or in writing so that your concerns can be included in the decision making process.

Also, if your children will not be attending Montrose in 2015 can you let the office know.

A Call from School Council President regarding SCHOOL FUNDING
Council President, Julie McDonald, is calling upon parents to action the Cover the Costs campaign. Julie has written a page in the newsletter. I urge you to read this and respond by sending off letters that will be sent home today.

Neil Pollard
Thank you Rachel Fichtner and Sandra Rowe for your help in the canteen on Friday and Janice Pedersen for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Karen Wheeler for Wednesday 29 October and Emma Hedges and Kat Rigg for Friday 31 October.

Alison

JUMP Rope for Heart

Thank you to those who participated in this year’s Jump Rope For Heart Program.

Due to the implementation of a new system, we require all paid sponsorship forms to be returned to school so we can process payment and have prizes allocated. Sponsorship forms will be returned so that families may use them for tax purposes.

If you are unable to find your sponsorship form, please provide your receipt or alternatively a note to the office with your child’s name and total money raised.

Thank you for your understanding.
28th October 2014

Dear Parent

You may be aware of the changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2015. The EMA has been essential Government funding for parents holding Health Care Cards and/or Pension Cards, providing much needed assistance with costs involved in educating their children. As of 2015 this funding will no longer be available and will greatly impact our school. In 2014 almost 1/3 of our families received EMA, yet we don’t qualify for the extra financial assistance that has been put in place of EMA.

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools' Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

At this stage Montrose Primary School will not receive any funding.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

The School Council is supporting the ‘Cover the Costs’ campaign which is calling for an alternative to EMA funding. We would urge you to support this campaign by signing the attached two letters and returning them to the school office ASAP.


Yours sincerely

Julie McDonald
School Council President

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Workers of the Week

Talar A  PC  Alex H  1A  Nikita P  2N  James G  3/4Y
Harrison B  PC  Sebastian R  1A  Jamie W  2N  Jake P  5C
Hudson K  PC  Cooper A  1C  Ruby E  3/4B  Flynn C  5H
Oliver W  PC  Lachlan A  1C  Travis M  3/4B  Darcy M  5H
Milly K  PH  Brianna C  1C  Chantal W  3/4B  Ryan F  5N
Cale R  PH  Max V  1C  Teak R  3/4S  Max D  6F
Darcy H-Y  PK  Fynn K  1M  Ben R  3/4S  Jessie G  6F
Alex H  PK  Alexis S  1M  Jackson A  3/4V  Bella D  6N
Chloe P  PK  Victoria B  1R  Joe B  3/4V  Matt P  6N
Bethany F  PS  Austin G  1R  Rosalee C  3/4V  Annelies V W  6P
Abby H  PS  Noah C  2G  Alex G-K  3/4V  Matilda W  6P
Mia G  1A  Willow S-D  2G  Spencer L  3/4V

Sport: Keeley M  WOW: Taig B, Marlee S, Gus H, Riley M
Art: Tara M 6F  WOW: Kelsey McM-H 6N, Elise McD 6P, Flynn O 6N, Conor R 6P,
Acacia P 6P
Panda award: Hudson K PC
Drama award: Kurt H

Value of the Week
Patience

Maya A  PC  Christopher A  3/4B
Emme McI  PH  Jade S  3/4S
Lorelai L-T  PK  Bailey Y  3/4V
Nate B  PS  Jemima W  3/4Y
Shay K  1A  Tristian L  5C
Liam H  1C  Jake L  5H
Brody D  1M  Bailey D  5N
River A  1R  Tahlia A  6F
Noah C  2G  Kelsey McM-H  6N
Mia M  2N  Eloise McD  6P

Value of the Week: Truthfulness

Truthfulness means you speak and act in a way that reflects the truth. It means that you don’t tell lies under any circumstances, not even to save yourself from getting into trouble.

For Sale
Girls Summer Uniform Dress (size 12G) - $30
New, never worn
Contact Juleane 0401 259 151
Is your family going through some changes: like separation or even a new baby?

Do you need to explain divorce or separation, single parent families or step families? Perhaps there has been the Loss of a Grandparent or a pet? The Illness of someone close? Or a new baby coming? Adoption to explain?

The school library has some great resources to help you and your child. Come in and pick up our 'Family Issues Resources' booklist. It will guide you to some great books to share with your child.

Topics include:

- Divorce & separation
- Adoption
- Death & grief - general
- Death & grief - pet
- Single parent families
- Death & grief - grandparent
- Death & grief - parent
- Death & grief - sibling or friend
- Stepfamilies
- Illness
- New baby
HOOP TIME REGIONAL FINALS

It seems every week at the moment that we have students achieving great success in Sport and last week was no exception with four teams playing in the Hoop Time Regional finals.

On Wednesday our All Star Boys did exceptionally well playing against Yarra Road in the grand final. While they were defeated, it was still terrific to make it this far.

**All Star Boys**
Coach: Jez Bader
Players: Eythan, Andre, Liam, Charlie, Harry, Braden and James

On Friday we had three Grade 5-6 teams play off in the Future Stars finals. All teams tried hard and showed some great basketball skills. Congratulations to Montrose Mercury who made the grand final but unfortunately lost by one goal in overtime.

**Montrose Mercury**
Coach: Shelley Taylor
Players: Darcy, Ben, Zac, Rhyse, Nick, Amelie and Isobel

**Montrose Mavericks**
Coaches: Jake and Tyler Birchall
Players: Bella, Abbey, Eliza, Chloe, Tom, Tim, Matt and Ryan

**Montrose Marlins**
Coach: Ross McDonald
Players: Ashley, Harry, Aiden, Lucas, Griffin, Tayla, Courtney and Jayde

*Miss Knell*

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Keeley M Grade: 1A

Nomination reason: Continually trying her best, having fun and showing good skills across all areas

What’s the most important thing about sport? Listening

My favourite sport is: Basketball

My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Playing tiggy

My favourite football team: Geelong

My sporting hero: I don’t know?

At luncheon time I like to: Play on the playground

The best thing about school is: Sport!

My favourite food: All foods except for meat

When I grow up I want to be... I’m not sure yet???
Persistence is believing ‘I can do it’, giving 100% effort all the time and ‘working tough’!

This week’s winners are.....

**Junior YCDI Teddy:**
This Prep student has worked so hard all year to improve their outcomes in all areas of the curriculum. With persistence and an ‘I can do it’ attitude, he has improved his handwriting, reading, THRASS knowledge and drawing skills immensely. He is always working hard to achieve his best and I have been so pleased with his efforts. He never mutters the words ‘I can’t’ or "It's too hard". He knows that practice makes perfect and we can achieve anything when we work at it. It is so easy to teach a student who is willing to stick at something and not give up. Thank you Henry P for being this kind of student for me!

**Senior YCDI Teddy:**
This award goes to a person in 3/4 VW, who in the beginning of the year would often say ‘I can’t do this’ only to discover she was very capable of doing it. Her persistence and determination to give things a go, particularly in Maths, has meant that her favourite phase ‘I can’t do it’ has disappeared and has been replaced with positive self-talk and a You Can Do It approach. She has discovered that what she may initially find confusing or overwhelming is not so daunting once she gives it a try. Congratulations Madison A, for turning your approach towards mathematics around. Keep it up!

Here’s what Henry and Maddy had to say about receiving their awards:

**Junior YCDI Student of the Week:**
*Henry P. from PC*

Why do you think you got the award?
*Because I am well behaved in class.*

What could you change?
*I would make Christmas come twice a year.*

My hero?
*Miss Cousins.*

When we grow up we want to:
*A builder.*

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**Senior YCDI Student of the Week:**
*Maddy A. from 3/4 VW*

Why do you think you got the award?
*Because I believe in myself.*

What could you change?
*I would make everything candy.*

My hero?
*My Mum.*

When we grow up we want to:
*A basketball player.*

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From Your YCDI Leaders
This week is your last chance to order Mangos extended until Wed 29 October

$24 for a tray of delicious mangoes
(approx 14 to 20 depending on the size)

Take orders for your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours, or share a tray with a friend!
Mangoes will be delivered approx end of Nov / start of Dec.

All our Entertainment Books are now sold out

Election Day Fundraising BBQ – Sat 29 November!
Montrose Primary School is a voting venue for the upcoming election on Saturday 29 November.

The Montrose Primary School Parent’s Club will be running a fundraising BBQ & home-baked goods stall during the voting hours.

This will be a fantastic fundraiser!
We will be selling Bacon & Egg Rolls, Sausages in Bread & home-baked goods.

How can you help?

1. We are seeking egg donations for our Bacon & Egg rolls.
If you can help, please contact either Jo Carland 0408 534 650 or Mel Barley 0438 522 453 with approx quantities by Friday 21 November.

2. Volunteers needed to help run this fundraiser on the day.
We need some fabulous volunteers to help cook, take orders & sell home-baked goods at our stall
If you can help, please keep an eye out for the volunteer roster coming home soon.

3. We need our school families to make some treats for our home-baked goods stall.
Paper plates will be coming home a week before the election for families to make something delicious that we can sell.
Final weeks to sell your Caravan Cubbie Raffle tickets –
all unsold tickets due by 13 Nov

WIN!
the coolest cubby around

Montrose Primary School Fundraising Raffle
Major prize valued up to $2500

A vintage caravan cubby of your choice to be won -
models to suit all ages.

Buy your tickets today $5 per ticket or 5 for $20 and go in
the draw to win some great prizes.

Drawn 14 November 2014

Support Montrose Primary School and help raise money to fund
air conditioning in the prep / grade 1 building.
Please return all unsold tickets to the office.
LEARNING MUSIC IMPROVES CONCENTRATION

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE

Enrol NOW in ............
Piano on Keyboard Lessons
$16.00 per half hour lesson

* Convenient – in school time
* Inexpensive
* Learn with Friends (max 3 per group)
* All equipment provided
* Individual tuition

ONE FREE LESSON IF YOU ENROL NOW
Phone 9761 9058

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Bows Australia “Junior Jack Attack” Tournament
Lilydale Bowling Club, 5 Hardy St, Lilydale VIC 3140
1300 746 882
Friday 5th December 2014.

Sue Badrock has been our 3 year old teacher for the past 20 years and she wants to know what has become of all her students.

Do you have a fond memory of Mrs. Badrock?
If you do please send us an email to mt.evelyn.memorial.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au She’d love to hear from you and know how her early lessons have developed through into your life.
Advent Workshops 2014

WHAT
The Christmas Story told through story, songs & craft.
Biscuits, cordial & fun shared with others

WHERE
Montrose Uniting Church
Cnr Gratten & Canterbury Rds
Montrose. (Meiway 52 B.8.)

WHEN
Monday - November 24th & December 1st, 8th & 15th
3.45 to 5.00pm

WHO
Open to all children from 4 year old Kinder up to Grade six.
Also a small group for 3 year olds

COST
$12.00 Per child for 4 weeks of fun.
Paid in full on pre-registration,
(Max $40.00 per family),
or $4- per child per week.
Payment is due by 11th November

CALL
Call Robyn 9728 3739 for a registration form.

Pre-Registration is Recommended