SCHOOL CALENDAR

December
Wed 17  School office closes 4pm
Thu 18  Splash Out, MSAC, Grade 6
Fri 19  Last day of Term, 1.30pm finish

January 2015
Thu 29  Start of Term 1 (Grade 1 to 6) 28-29 Prep 2015 Interviews

February 2015
2-6  Grade 6 Camp, Anglesea
Mon 2  Start of Term 1 (Prep) 1pm finish
Tue 3  Prep, 1pm finish

March 2015
Mon 2  All School photos

Other
Recess: 11.00am to 11.30am
Lunch hour: 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Uniform Shop: Wednesdays, 2.45pm to 3.30pm
Canteen Lunch orders to be in by 9am Wednesday and Friday

2014 Term Dates
Term 4 - 6 October to 19 December

2015 Term Dates
Term 1 - 29 January to 27 March
Term 2 - 13 April to 26 June
Term 3 - 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 - 5 October to 18 December

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 Everybody,

Visit from Kunshan Zhenhua Experimental Primary School
On Monday I had the pleasure of hosting Principal Feng Liang Zhang from our sister school in China. Though it was a lightning fast trip, Principal Zhang immersed himself in studying our teaching methods as he moved from a maths lesson in grade 3A5 to a spelling lesson in grade 2E. Thanks Glenn and Lynne! An issue high on his interest was our You Can Do It values program and how this is enacted in our classes. Thanks to Prep H for sharing their Chinese song and the choir who sang a couple of Carols beside the Asian Garden. Many thanks to Hua Yao for her high speed interpreting that made the visit so effective. I am confident after our meeting that a student visit to our sister school is feasible... stay tuned for more on that front!

A time to celebrate
What a great time of year it is! A time to come together to celebrate the great things we have achieved. Over the last few weeks we have been busy both winding up 2014 but also keeping an eye to 2015. Attendance at celebrations is a great reward... our Carols Night was just about perfect! Today I started the day with our Parent Club members who celebrated their emergence as a terrifically energetic and effective group! The majority of the day was spent at the Grade 6 Graduation where I had the pleasure to listen to the grade 6 teaching team and the specialists as they acknowledged this great group of children. What a day!

Tomorrow and Thursday each of the grades will also spend time celebrating the year in their respective grade parties... definitely a great time of year.

ANZAC 100 YEARS Grant.
Federal Member for Casey, Tony Smith, rang this week with the news that the school has received a $1400 grant to erect a plaque honouring ex-students of Montrose Primary School who lost their lives in the First World War. More news on this closer to ANZAC Day 2015.

Reminder 1: The office will close for business at 4 pm on Wednesday December 17. Please finalise all necessary business by then.

Reminder 2: Any parents who have paid their class materials for 2015 and not collected their book packs should pick them up this week.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CROSSING SUPERVISORS
I have been notified by the Shire of Yarra Ranges that school crossings may not be manned at our dismissal time of 1.30pm. Parents should take note of this and speak to their children if they normally walk home. Reminders for caution will be made during the day.

Neil Pollard

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Thank you from the Canteen

Thank you Rachel Cooke, Janet Morrison and Fran Speight for your help in the canteen on Friday and Rachel Fichtner, Sandra Rowe, Ruth Osborne and Kylie Sheperd for helping on Wednesday.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the mums who have helped out in the canteen this year. Thirty generous mums offered their time to come in on a Wednesday or Friday to help, prepare, cook, pack and serve lunches and snacks. Some of the days were busy and frantic but the kitchen stayed full of chatter and laughs so thank you ladies for helping make the canteen run smoothly and successfully in a happy atmosphere. Thank you also to all the children for being patient with us when we muck up and to those who are always polite and use their manners at the counter. It is lovely to hear and always appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to feeding you all again next year!

Alison

THERE IS NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK

Friday Canteen Fruit Salads
Thank you to all the people who help make the school library such a great place:

Daniela Charquero - what a wonderful help you have been. You have covered new books, done book repairs, shelved books, filled display shelves, helped with the Book Fair & Children’s Book Week, & even stuck on hundreds of stickers & labels, all while juggling your family, personal & course commitments!

I can’t tell you enough how much I enjoyed your company & appreciate the huge amount of help you committed. May your new job in a public library be terrific - welcome to the joys of Library Land!!

Stacey Barker - my book covering fairy, who appears like magic & covers all our lovely new books. You are wonderful, and I really appreciate your help. Without it, getting our new books quickly to the kids would be sooo much slower.

Deb Lee-Talbot & Louise Karlstrand - you both may not feel your help has been much, but every little bit has made a difference. Thank you so much for being able to help whenever you can, and make the school library run well - you are great!

All the kids for sharing their love of reading & books with me, & allowing me to help them find the book they didn’t know they wanted!! They also have some terrific reading recommendations for me as well!

Thank you, also, to:

The school staff, Mr Pollard & Mrs Fisher for your continued support of the school library, and great encouragement of reading & books to our students.

Wishing you all a safe & happy Christmas and school holidays. Happy reading!
See you in 2015.
Cheers,
Andree Johnson-Clarke
DON'T LOSE THIS NOTICE
2015
ENROL NOW
KEYBOARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL
IN-SCHOOL TIME

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE
THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY
Enrol NOW in ............

PIANO ON KEYBOARD LESSONS
$16.50 HALF HOUR lesson
* Convenient – in school time
* Inexpensive
* Learn with Friends
* All equipment provided
* INDIVIDUAL tuition

ONE FREE LESSON
IF YOU ENROL NOW
Phone 9761 9058

STILL LOST
Brand New size 10
Hoodie
Name: Dellar

Montrose Community Market
Sat 20 December
Outside Library, 9am to 1.30pm
Variety of stalls, plants, food, jam,
hair & body products and many more
for Christmas presents.
Any enquiries, phone Lesley Moore
97796057
(No market in January)

FOR QUICK SALE
FISH TANK AND STANDS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION
Large wooden stand (only) to suit 48inch X 18inch tank
(approx 4.1 foot by 1.5 foot)
$20.00
Medium Size Tank with Wooden Stand 36inch X
14inch
(approx 3.2 foot by 1.2 foot)
$50.00
Delivery to door available $10.00
Please call Mary on 0411 867 198