**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**February**

Thurs 18  Classroom Helpers Info Session 3.40pm  
Mon 22   Classroom Helpers Info Session 9.05am  
Wed 24   THRASS Parent Info Night - 7pm  
Mon 29   School Photo Day

**March**

Tues 1   Grade 5 Transition at Lilydale Heights  
Fri 4    Fun Run  
Tues 8   Grade 3/4 Endangered Species Incursion  
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

**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

**Council Election process**  
Each year one half of our school council completes its two year stint as members made up of Department of Education and Training employees and non-DET (parent) members.  
Our election process has opened and nominations are now being called for 4 parent members. The successful nominees will be appointed for two years. The nomination form and information about the function of school councils is included in the newsletter. Closing date for nominations is February 23. If you would like further information don’t hesitate in calling and having a quick chat.

**Updating our Information**  
A big thank you to the families who have already returned the blue Student Information forms. It is most important that this information is updated and accurate. If you have not yet returned the sheet, please do so as soon as possible. Please note: the form should be returned even if no changes need to be made. Simply make a note of that on the front of the sheets.

**Taking care when parking**  
Last week the office received a number of complaints from local businesses and services, as well as from our neighbours regarding our parking habits. The Town Centre and library rang as our parents took up all the space reserved for the folks who use those services. Our neighbours are happy to put up with the busy times in the morning and afternoons provided they are able to enter or leave their property when they wish to. Unfortunately, some of our parents have been parking across driveways thus preventing our neighbours from going about their business. Please show the same courtesy that you expect from others when parking.

**Early notice for Evacuation Drill**  
This Wednesday we will be practising our evacuation drill. This will be to our offsite area at the Town Centre Park. It will be held in the session before lunch. This is the first of 5 scheduled drills for the year.

Neil Pollard
School Council Elections 2016

School Council elections are now being held. Following this article is the Department of Education and Training (DE&T) information for parents regarding School Council elections. Parents are urged to consider nominating for School Council if they feel they can make a significant contribution towards helping to shape the direction of the school.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

• A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DE&T) employees can be parent members at their child’s school.

• A mandated elected DE&T employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An optional community member category. Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DE&T employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.
Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DE&T employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

Timeline for Montrose Primary School Council Election
Notice of election and call for nominations .......................... 16 February 2016
Close of nominations ...................................................... 23 February 2016
Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder .............. 23 February 2016
Prepare ballot papers and distribute on or before .............. 2 March 2016
Close of ballot .................................................................. 9 March 2016
Count votes & declare ballot ............................................. 9 March 2016
Annual General Meeting ............................................... 15 March 2016

Nomination forms are available from the office now
Schedule 5A - Nomination form for Parent Member Category

Nominations close Tuesday February 23

The persons whose names appear under Nominator and Seconder, nominate:

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For election to the Parent member category of the School Council of

MONTROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I am a* (please tick):

(a) parent of a student at the school

(b) parent of a student at the school and a DE&T employee to whom note 2(a) below does not apply

Signature

Signature

*You may only nominate or second a candidate for election to the Parent member category if you are a member of one of the categories of person listed in (a) or (b) above. If you nominate or second a candidate and you are not a member of one of the categories of person listed in (a) or (b) above, then the nomination form will be invalid.

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am/I am not a DE&T employee that I have not nominated or seconded a candidate for election to the DE&T employee member category that I have not accepted a nomination to stand for election in the DE&T employee member category that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence

Signature of candidate

Date:

Delete as appropriate

Notes:

1. To nominate or second a candidate for election to the Parent member category, or accept a nomination for election to the Parent member category, each of the nominator and seconder and candidate must be either -
   (a) a parent of a student of the school; or
   (b) a parent of a student at the school and a DE&T employee, to whom paragraph 2(a) below does not apply.

2. If you are a parent of a student of the school and a DE&T employee and -
   (a) you have nominated or seconded a candidate standing for election in the DE&T employee member category, or accepted a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the DE&T employee member category, then you may only nominate or second a candidate or accept a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the DE&T employee member category, and you may not nominate or second a candidate or accept a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the Parent member category;
   (b) you do not fall within paragraph (a), then you may nominate or second a candidate to stand for election, or accept a nomination to stand for election, to either the Parent member category (using this Schedule) or the DE&T employee member category (using Schedule 5B), but not both categories.

3. DE&T employee*
   (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or a fixed term of at least 90 days -
      (i) under the Teaching Service Act 1981; or
      (ii) by the DE&T under the Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998; or
      (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
      (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the Education Act 1958; or
      (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and
   (b) does not mean a person employed under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.
Thank you Terri Archer, Emma Hedges and Sara Koblar for your help in the canteen on Friday and Elle Marcombe for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Caroline Peat for Wednesday 17th February and Leanne Peacock, Julia Griffin, Paula Maki and Nicki Thomas for Friday 19th.

Thank you to all the mums who have already volunteered their time to help out in the canteen. I would like to try and finalise a roster for the year soon so if you haven’t already done so, please consider putting your name down to help. The more people we have lightens the load for everyone.

Thanks! Alison

I would like to help in the Canteen:

Name: .................................................................................................

Ph.No.: ..................................................................................................

Friends I’d like to be with: .................................................................

...........................................................................................................

Please tick which day you’d prefer or both if you don’t mind either.

☐ Wednesday (all day)  
☐ Friday (all day)  ☐ Friday 9am-12.30pm  
☐ Trial (I would like to try before committing)

All Registration MUST BE COMPLETED AND PAID by Thursday 18th February.

No Registration – No Play. Registration Cost of $10 – please pay at the office

Singlets: If you require an ASB singlet, please pay $40 to the office ASAP and contact Nicky Thomas on 0422802174

We still require Grade 5 Girls to play in our ASB competition. They play Thursday nights and train one night per week, straight after school. Please fill out a registration form at the office.

Keep an eye on our window near the hall for ASB teams, sports star of the week and training times etc.
**Workers of the Week**

**SPECIALIST WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

**ART**  
Artist of the Week: Steele G PH  
**WOW:** Lilly P PK, Lucas D PK, Violet L PC, Ben S PC, Scarlett M PH, Ashlyn D PH, Georgia G PP, Matthew A PP

**SPORT**  
Sport Star of the Week:  
**WOW:**  

**MUSIC**  
Samuel E 4S

**DRAMA**  
Audra T PP

**CHINESE**  
Panda Award:

**CLASSROOM WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

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**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**Fairness**

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**NEXT WEEK’S VALUE**

**Kindness**

**What is it?**

Kindness is showing care and concern for other people, animals and the environment.

Kindness need not be on a grand scale. It can be in a small gesture. It can brighten up somebody’s life, help animals feel more cared for and make the planet a better place to live.
The following students were awarded badges at last Friday's assembly for Junior School Council, Wellbeing and Inspirations roles.

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The Grade 5/6 leaders will receive their badges at this Friday's assembly.

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**School Photo Day Is Coming!**
**Monday 29th February**

**Photo Day Tips:**

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
Hair: Neat and swept off face.

Choose to order photos manually or online.
Sibling photo orders available.

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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 first YCDI Award winners for the year are:

**Lily C. 3G:** This student in 3G has had a brilliant start to the year and is constantly displaying the YCDI Getting Along value. She is always polite, friendly and team orientated. She asks if she can help around the classroom and always includes her peers in activities and games.
Keep up the great work, Lily C.

**Ryan M. 1/2G:** This student bounces into 1/2G’s classroom before school with a big smile, a friendly greeting and a willingness to help prepare his classroom for the day. He consistently initiates conversation with his friends and teachers. He enjoys playing with new and old friends. He is inclusive, and he is always the first to give a compliment to a classmate regarding their work or their behaviour. Top job Ryan M! Keep up the great attitude!

**Ashlee H. PH:** This student has settled beautifully into the Prep classroom. She comes into the class everyday with a smile and a very happy attitude. She co-operates with everyone and has excellent ‘getting along’ skills. This student always makes everyone’s day by being very happy and a very nice person to have in the grade.
From Prep H, Congratulations Ashlee H.

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**Lily C, 3G**

Why do you think you got the award?  
**For getting along with other people.**

My Hero is:  
**Dad and Mum.**

My favourite things about school are:  
**Sport and Art.**

When I grow up I want to be:  
**A vet.**
Ryan M, 1/2G

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

My Hero is:
Mum.

My favourite things about school are:
Art.

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

Ashlee H, Prep H

Why do you think you got the award?
I was really kind to people.

My Hero is:
Scarlet.

My favourite things about school are:
Playing on the basketball court.

When I grow up I want to be:
A gymnast.
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
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.
Montrose Primary School
2016
Twilight Fair
COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!

Friday March 18th*
5pm -to- 8pm

Face Painting     Huge Raffle
Music & Entertainment     Inflatable World
Abseiling Wall
Badge Making
Chair - o - plane     Show Bags
Famous Cake Stall
Lolly Stall     Crazy Hair
Market Stalls
Animal Nursery

*Pre purchase your Unlimited Ride Pass and Cash Tokens from the school office

Designed by Peggy Kar
The Twilight Fair is not far away. In order for the night to run smoothly and successfully, we require your assistance.

Can you help please?

- Do you have a sturdy gazebo that could be used on the night? If so, please label and drop at school on the morning of the Fair.

- Are you able to donate any prizes for the raffle?

- Would your business like to be a sponsor of the Fair?

- Are you able to help with the BBQ and Drinks Stand?
  
  A team of 2 or 3 people is required to coordinate the BBQ & Drinks Stand.
  
  Duties include ordering and picking up supplies as required & preparing utensils for cooking. You will need to be available from 3pm – 5:30pm on day of fair for set up and food preparation.

- Are you available the day before the Fair to blow up balloons using the air compressor? A team of 2 people would be a great help.

If you can assist on any of the above please contact Mel Barley on 0438 522 453 or melaniebarley@y7mail.com

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Are you able to help throughout the night?

Twilight Fair Volunteer Form

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
Proudly sponsoring the Twilight Fair:

Montrose

Thank you also to:
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COACHING

- MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB
- ANZ Hot Shots program 4-9 yrs
- Group coaching 10-17 yrs
- Cardio Tennis (adults)
- Great Fun & exercise

Contact Graeme Hill: 0409 016 022
Or email to graeme@headstarttennis.com.au

Special Introductory Offer
Available to School Families Only

Therapeutic Massage
40 Minutes $40 (10 min free)
80 Minutes $70 (20 min free)

Children under 12
30 min relaxation massage for $20 (10 min free)

BOYS & GIRLS
SOCCER PLAYERS
FOR 2016 SEASON

LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER, MEET NEW FRIENDS,
AND BEST OF ALL – IT’S GREAT FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
www.montrosesoccer.com

2016 Registrations are now open – www.aflauskick.com.au
Or contact Montrose Auskick at montroseauskick@hotmail.com

2016 Season starts : Saturday 9th April, 9am
At the Montrose Reserve Junior Oval (behind the clubrooms)