Message from the Principal

Hi Everyone,

Last week was a fabulous week to be at Montrose.

Orientation Day saw most of grade 6s off to their secondary schools for their final visit before they start next year. Our new preps arrived and met their class teacher as well as becoming acquainted with the rest of the children in their grades. After recess, all of the rest of the school moved to their new classrooms to meet their teacher and classmates. Children who will be starting with us next year also dropped in to meet their class. On the whole it was a great experience for the children (and staff). These class groupings were the result of many hours of consideration by the staff, and I congratulate them on the amount of care and consideration that went into forming them.

Next year’s teaching teams are fantastic. They are a terrific blend of experience and all are enthusiastic about the year ahead.

Carols

Well done to Shannon Sheppard on her first carols event. The evening rolled along smoothly and showcased the choir who were in great voice. The teachers also made great song choices making the evening a wonderfully happy experience.

Responsibility Day

Last Thursday our grade 6s took over the school for Responsibility Day. In groups of three and four, each team ran classes till lunch time.

An amazing experience that saw exhausted teams stagger to their ‘staff room’ at 1.30!

Reflections

As the year draws to a close, it is apt to spend a little reflection time and look back on the year.

Our Twilight Fair on the oval was a great success and a tribute to our Parent Group... what a terrific bunch they are. Circus Splendida was a fantastic production that allowed our children to shine to perfection. Two nights of absolute magic! Seeing grades off to camp was a highlight. The expectation of the campers is always a treat... and the transformation upon their return is always a treat to behold. The Fun Run, Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals are all top class.

Every time I am amazed at the degree of parent participation... it truly does lift each of the days. Miss Knell does it so well! Pink Day stood above the many dress up and out of uniform days. The Junior School Council fundraiser was a terrific hit and visually stunning.

Today our grade 6s will have enjoyed their Graduation ceremony. A chance to dress up and shine... a wonderful end to the 7 years of primary schooling.

On Friday we will celebrate our last assembly in the morning just after 9.00am. School will dismiss for the holidays at 1.30pm.

Neil Pollard
SCHOOL PACKS

School packs are now available for collection at the office.

Wednesday 16th December is the last day to pay for the school packs.

They can be collected from the office up until Thursday 17th December.

They can also be collected on Wednesday 27th January 2016.
Thank you from the Canteen

Thank you Julie-Anne Carlson for your help in the canteen on Friday and Caroline Peat, Elle Marcombe, Ruth Osborne, Kylie Sheperd and Julia and Lara Griffin 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

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There is no school banking this week.
PERSISTENCE is this term’s new YCDI Key for Success. You can demonstrate Persistence by: believing ‘I can do it’; giving 100% effort all the time; and not giving up when something feels like it’s too hard to do.

This week’s award winners are:

Award winner: Hannah C 2P

Why do you think you got the award? Because I keep trying my best

My Hero is: My Dad

My favourite things about school are: Learning new things

When I grow up I want to be: Not sure

Award winner: Evie S 2M

Why do you think you got the award? I never give up and when Mr Mulhall says fix it up I go back and keep trying

My Hero is: My Dad

My favourite things about school are: Playing games with the class

When I grow up I want to be: A vet
Thank you to all the people who help make the school library such a great place:

* Sandy Brown - what a wonderful help you have been. You have covered new books, done book repairs, processed Take Home Readers, shelved books, filled display shelves, helped with the Book Fair & Children's Book Week, stuck on hundreds of stickers & labels, & kept me focused on my office organisation, all while doing the myriad of things a mum does! I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate the huge amount of help you committed. Thank you!

* Stacey Barker - thank you so much for covering some books again early this year. You are terrific!

* The parents who processed our new junior school Take Home Readers - without you our Take Home Readers would still be trickling through, rather than being ready for the kids to use so quickly! Thank you!

* 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 2016.

Andree Johnson-Clarke
Farewell to our friend Jerome

Jerome started at Montrose approximately three years ago and has been a pleasure to have around. In the time Jerome was at Montrose OSHC, he was studying to be a Secondary School Science teacher and I am pleased to announce that after all his hard work, he has been placed in a secondary school teaching science and maths as of February 2016. We shall miss him and his incredibly high ball kicks also his enthusiasm towards his work. Please join me in wishing him all the best of luck in his teaching career and may he continue to have a lasting impression on the children under his care. Thank You for being a part of the amazing team here at Montrose OSHC Jerome. I personally will miss you dearly.

OSHC Christmas Party

With Thursday being Jerome’s last shift at Montrose, we will be holding our OSHC Christmas party a day early. Those families booked in, we are asking that you please provide something for the table (chips, cakes etc) The staff will provide the drinks so please do not supply any. All are invited and even if you and your children are not booked in, the OSHC doors are open to all families (your children will need to be supervised by yourself though). Again, if you do come along to celebrate Jerome’s leaving and Christmas, please bring something to share for the party table.

All foods can be left at the OSHC room Thursday morning, before 9am.

Farewell Jake P....

It’s time to say goodbye to all the grade six students who have attended the OSHC throughout their school life, especially to Jake P, who has attended the service for almost his 7 years at school and he has been a truly amazing kid. In his last year at OSHC, we truly saw Jake grow into an individual and wish him all the best for the future. We will miss you Jake.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff - Jerome, Emily, Abbey and Monika for all their hard work this year, we’ve achieved so much.....thank you.

I’d also like to take the opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas to both Colin on the crossing and Mrs Pedder for keeping us all safe in and around school and to all the amazing staff at Montrose Primary School.

Lastly Merry Christmas to you all and keep safe. I look forwards to seeing the familiar and the new faces in the new year.

All the best,

Mary x

OSHC will open at 1:30pm on Friday 18th December and will close its doors at 6:00pm
Thank you for buying lots of delicious Mangoes. We sold 136 trays and made a profit of $816. What a great effort!

Enjoy your mangoes and thank you for supporting the Parents Club.

A note from the Parents Club President:

On behalf of the Parents Club committee I would like to thank all families for their support. We have completed many great projects around the school and purchased some new products this year including the following:

- Sports uniforms for all students for interschool sports
- New gymnastics/high jump mat and replacement cover of existing mat
- TV for the art room to showcase art work and artist techniques
- assisted with the Gaga Pit and recreation area
- Repainting of all the lines on the basketball/netball courts and added some more down ball and hopscotch courts
- Totem pole art installation, currently in progress

Montrose Mail was a success, we hope the students enjoyed sending/receiving their mail.

Look out for more changes and updates to come in 2016!

Feel free to join us next year and make a difference.

Have a great summer with your families.
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Montrose After School Basketball

Anyone interested in playing basketball next year?

We are searching for boys and girls interested in playing in teams from Grades 1-6.

Existing coaches please let us know if your team will be continuing in 2016 so we can register you for the coming season.

We have new coordinators so any enquiries or questions please contact either Nicky Thomas 0422 802 174 or Rebecca White 0404 015 369

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See you all next year

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