**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**December**
- Wed 10: Swimming Carnival (NO CANTEEN)
- Wed 10: Pick up Mango orders, 3.30pm
- Thu 11: Special Christmas Canteen Lunch
- Fri 12: Last day of Canteen for 2014
- Tue 16: Grade 6 Graduation
- 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

**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

**Message from the Principal**

Hi Everybody,

**Carols Success!**
What a fabulous turn out last night for the 2014 Carols event. The weather supported our endeavours and the crowd was huge. Well done to Sarah Butler for her preparation and organisation. A new touch was the various grades leading the community singing and that seemed to gain the desired audience participation. The traditional carols were interspersed with interesting and humorous modern Christmas songs. Well done to our grade 6s who again closed the evening with a powerful performance. I took great delight in watching their faces as they sang... it was a terrific social event that signalled one of the remaining highlighted ‘coming together’ opportunities before their Montrose years finish.

**Transition**
It was marvellous seeing our new 2015 preps sitting in their classrooms this morning. Our transition program has certainly prepared them well for the move from kinder to school. They are a credit to the local pre-school programs! Your job as parents this evening is to celebrate your child’s transition to the next phase of their schooling. Our message over the last months has been a strong one of being resilient and embracing the changes ahead. Adding friends to existing friendships, broadening social circles and accepting a different style of classroom organisation are our aims.

**Student Leadership**
Over the last few weeks many of our year 5 students aspiring to take on leadership positions for 2015 have signalled their intentions by indicating areas of interest. This week short listed candidates will be interviewed for the school captain positions. I anticipate that our current leaders will be able to introduce our leaders at our final morning assembly on December 19.

Neil Pollard
Thank you Nicky Thomas and Sara Cobler for your help in the canteen on Friday and Janice Pedersen for helping on Wednesday. This week’s helpers are Rachel Fichtner, Kylie Sheperd, Sandra Rowe and Ruth Osborne for Thursday 11 December and Rachel Cooke, Janet Morrison and Fran Speight for Friday 12 December.

**Dates to remember:**
Wednesday 10 December - NO CANTEEN (Swimming carnival)
Thursday 11 December - Special Christmas Canteen lunch
Friday 12 December - Last day of canteen for the year.

**Unavailable Products:**
Honey Butterflies
Jam Drops
Meatball Rolls
Salt and Vinegar veggie chips
Fried Rice

Thanks
*Alison*

![Friday Canteen Fruit Salads](image)
Workers of the Week

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Drama: Lexi C
Panda Award: Cailie R PH
Art Award: Jack O’H 5H  WOW Ruby H-C 5N, Keira K 5N, Ben J 5N
Sport Star: Bailee K

Lost Property
I think we have set a record for the following items: 16 lunchboxes, 16 drink bottles, 45 containers, not to mention several non-uniform clothing items, all unnamed.

If you are missing any of these items, come and have a look. The Lost Property is located in the main building between room 14 and 15. If these items are not claimed by Friday 12 December, they will be donated to charity.

Thank you!
Library Amnesty

Return your overdue library books

NOW...

Oh no – you've got overdue library books! Has someone else been reading them? Are they lost on your bookshelf? What can you do?

It's easy....

...search high and low, and return your overdue school library books!

NO QUESTIONS ASKED, NO FINES CHARGED
2014 The year that was...

There isn’t very many weeks that pass in the year, that there isn’t a sport event on or a group of students training for an upcoming event. So as the year comes to a close it’s a wonderful opportunity to reflect on some of the amazing opportunities and successes our students have completed in the P.E. and Sport world. These include:

- A dozen students competing in the Yarra Division Swimming Competition and then progressing through to Regionals
- Inter-school Round Robin Day, winning Boys Softball, Girls Softball, T-ball and finishing 2nd in Rounders and Cricket
- Progressing through to the Regional finals in T-ball, Girls Softball and Boys Softball
- Weekly winter Inter-school Sport, winning Football and Mixed Netball
- 60 students competing at District Cross Country, 20 at Divisionals, 10 at Regionals and 1 at State
- 71 students competing at District Athletics, 28 progressing through to Divisionals, 8 through to Regionals
- Winning the State Netball Championships
- 32 Hoop Time teams competing from Grades 3-6
- 6 Hoop Time teams playing in the Regional finals and 2 in the State finals
- Participating in the Grade 3-4 AFL 9’s Gala Day and finishing runners up in both the girls and boys competitions
- House Cross Country, House Athletics, House Swimming Carnivals
- Grade 5 Bike Education Program including the Warburton Trail Bike Hike
- Grade 6 Leadership Day at Tree Tops
- Prep - 2 Gymnastics program
- Prep - 5 Swimming program
- Lunchtime Dodge Ball Competition
- Tennis Victoria, Melbourne Victory and AFL 9’s clinics ran throughout the year
- Before school Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics training
- Jump Rope for Heart with the ‘Jump Off Day’
- Whole school Fun Run
- RMIT P.E. student teacher program throughout Terms 2, 3 and 4
- Grade 1 Sports Event day
- Then of course we have weekly P.E. lessons 😊

While it’s safe to say... I am officially tired and ready for the Christmas break. I am so proud of the effort, improvement and determination our students have instilled all year. I would personally like to thank the hundreds of parents who have assisted in some way throughout the year. Without your support, this amazing program would not be possible. Merry Christmas and have a safe break. See you in 2015.

Miss Knell

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK

Name: Bailee K Grade: 2N
Nomination reason: Huge improvement. Scoring her first goals in Golden Child (basketball)

What’s the most important thing about sport? Having fun
My favourite sport is: Soccer
My favourite thing about P.E. lessons: Playing basketball
My favourite football team: Hawks
My sporting hero: Don’t have one
At lunchtime I like to: Play tiggy with my friends
The best thing about school is: Writing
My favourite food: Meatballs
When I grow up I want to be... A police officer or a baker
You Can Do It!

This is our last week of YCDI awards for Persistence, but it is a big week, with four award winners.

The first persistence award goes to a member of 5C who has shown such growth throughout this last semester in particular. This student is now taking more risks in their learning and has definitely adopted the notion of believing in themselves, therefore is no longer afraid to make mistakes. It has been wonderful watching this student grow and actually trusting in their ability. Congratulations Ashley S for persisting and sticking with it even when it gets tricky. With perseverance you will no doubt have a successful 2015!

The YCDI award for 6P goes to a student who always tries their best in class and will have a go at everything. They have a quiet determination that means they will fly under the radar on occasions. This student always tries their best in class tasks and is a friendly classmate to everyone in 6P. It has been fantatsic to watch this student contiually improve throughout the year.
Congratulations, Liam D.

This student has loved writing in all its forms, all year. She has taken on new challenges with excitement and she is always striving to get the wonderful ideas she has down on the page. She will be the last person sitting at her desk, rushing to finish off that last clever idea!
She never needs prompting to include amazing vocabulary relishes the opportunity to write for creative purposes. Well done for motivating yourself to reach your own goals. Congratulations Audrey M of 1C!

This Grade 1 student has shown remarkable persistence in his reading and writing this year. It has been delightful to watch his confidence grow as the year has progressed. This student has persistently worked at improving, and upon seeing results, he has strived to do even better. I am so proud of everything you have achieved this year. Well done, Saxon P!

Here’s what they had to say about receiving their awards:
Junior YCDI Student of the Week:  
Saxon P. from 1R

Why do you think you got the award?  
*Because I am helping people.*
What could you change?  
The Sky.
My hero?  
My Dad.
When we grow up we want to:  
A Soccer Player.

Senior YCDI Student of the Week:  
Ashley S. from 5C

Why do you think you got the award?  
*For being honest and trustworthy.*
What could you change?  
I would make the sky purple.
My hero?  
Dyson Hepel.
When we grow up we want to:  
A policeman.

Junior YCDI Student of the Week:  
Audrey M. from 1C

Unfortunately Audrey was unavailable for an interview on Friday.

Senior YCDI Student of the Week:  
Liam D. from 6P

Why do you think you got the award?  
*Because I was being persistent.*
What could you change?  
No school.
My hero?  
Lebron James.
When we grow up we want to:  
A Cricket Player.

From Your YCDI Leaders
Stuck for that perfect Christmas present?
Have another mum or dad as your KK and you don’t know what to buy them?

Purchase a Veggie Smugglers Cookbook* at the office today for $30 (with 40% of the proceeds going to the school’s fundraising goals)!
A set of 5 e-books is also available for purchase, delivered to you via email.

Here is a sample of a fantastic recipe from the brains behind the Veggie Smuggler Cookbooks, Wendy Blume.

**Chocolate and Beetroot Brownies**

*Makes 15*

- Butter, for greasing
- 150g dark chocolate, broken into pieces
- 100g unsalted butter
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup caster sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla essence
- ¾ cup plain flour
- 110g almond meal
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
- 1 cup peeled and grated fresh beetroot (tip – wear disposable gloves!)

Using your microwave on medium heat (600W), melt the chocolate, stirring every 30 seconds until runny. Add the butter and mix through until melted, microwaving for a little longer if needed. Allow to cool slightly.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, sugar and vanilla. Sift the flour over the top. Add almond meal, walnuts, beetroot and chocolate mix and fold through until just combined.

Pour into lamington tin and bake for 20-25 minutes until just cooked through. Leave to cool in the tin before cutting into squares. Serve dusted with icing sugar and fresh strawberries!

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Don’t forget to pick-up your Mango orders this Wednesday at 3:30pm from the Parent’s Club room. Contact Sandra on 0404 076 484 if you have difficulties collecting your order.
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2015
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Look what two of our students are doing. Good Luck Lexi and Dylan!

The Hartwell Players present
The Snow Queen

From the classic fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson comes this adventure of good and evil. Gerda must travel far, meeting many people, to rescue her beloved Kay. Join the Crow, the Princess and the Robber Girl as they sing and dance their way to help Gerda to finally confront the Snow Queen herself!

Written by: Hayley Lawson-Smith and David Lawson-Smith
Directed by: David Lawson-Smith
Assisted by: Lisa McNiven
Piano by: Celia Riley

Performances:
January 2015
7pm - Friday 16th
7pm - Saturday 17th
2pm - Sunday 18th
7pm - Thursday 22nd
7pm - Friday 23rd
8pm - Saturday 24th
7pm - Saturday 24th

Bookings:
www.hartwellplayers.org.au
9613 9981

Tickets:
Adults $18
Concession $12
Family $40

Venue:
Performing Arts Centre
Ashwood College
Vernam Drive, Ashwood

Mount Dandenong Preschool
2015 ENROLMENTS

Mt Dandenong Preschool is happy to announce we will be running an extended program for 3 year olds in 2015.

3 year old kindergarten hours will now be: 6 hours (2 days of 3 hours)

There is a limited number of places still available for 3 and 4 year olds so if interested, please download a registration form from www.mtdandenongpresschool.com.au and return to the kindy as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you have any queries please contact Alanna Deering on 0404 863 503.
Holiday Program - January 2015

Paddlepower

Come and try kayaking!

Lake Lillydale & Westerfolds Park

An exciting Paddlepower program for young people with awards, fun games and activities! Parents and advanced sessions also available.

Go Ahead. Give it a Go!

Locations:

- Lillydale Lake (5pm - 7:30pm)
  - Wed Jan 14: Kayak fun and games!
  - Fri Jan 16: Games and race against the clock!
- Westerfolds Park, Templestowe (5pm - 3:30pm)
  - Tue Jan 13: Kayak fun and games!
  - Thu Jan 15: Kayak Ball! (Basketball on the water)
  - Mon Jan 19: Potash the Raptis!
  - Wed Jan 21: Race against the clock!

Cost: $20 per session (90 minutes - Coaching and all equipment provided)
($15 for club members - join for $30 annual youth membership). Book in for 1 or more sessions.

Contact: www.paddl depower@yahoo.com.au

Bookings close Wednesday January 7th (late bookings only if space available)

This program will be coordinated by 3 time Olympian Warwick Draper and delivered by qualified coaches. We thank Canoeing Victoria for their support through PaddlePower.

PADDLEPOWER is a British Canoe Union Program. The Australian version was modified by Canoeing Victoria with permissions from the British Canoe Union and support from the Victorian Government.

Melbourne Canoe Club
Invitation to Montrose P.S

School Helpers' Morning Tea

We would like to invite all our wonderful school helpers to a special 'Thank-you Morning Tea', as a sign of our appreciation of your invaluable and continued support.

Date: Friday 12th December 2014
Time: 11-11:30am
Where: In the Gym