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### **School Calendar**

#### February 2022

24th-25th Feb-St John First Aid In Schools

28th Feb-Division Swimming

28th Feb-Student Free Day

#### March 2022

14th—Labour Day Public Holiday 16th-18th Mar—Grade 6 Anglesea Camp

#### **Dates 2022**

Term 1— 28th January (teachers) 31st (grade 1-6) 1st Feb (prep) to 8th April

Term 2— 26th April to 26th June Term 3— 11th July to 16th September

Term 4— 3rd October to 20th December

Morning Break: 11.30am—12.10pm

Afternoon Break: 1.50pm-2.40pm

**Uniform Shop:** Thursday 2.45pm-3.45pm

Parents must QR code, ring bell, wait outside, Jenna will then check your

vaccination status and bring you into the shop one at a time.

Orders filled on Wednesday

Download an order form from the school website

\*please note we are experiencing lengthy delays in the manufacturing and delivery of some items, we apologise for any inconvenience.

REMINDER: All newsletter items must be in by

Friday night in order to ensure they are included in the following week's newsletter.

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Principal: Kylie Fisher Assistant Principal: Glenn Storr School Council President: Bree Kuffer After School Care 0411 867 198

### Message from the Principal

Dear Montrose Primary School Families,

This week started with huge smiles and a real sense of connectedness as classes undertook their group photos. I was delighted to receive the praise and positive feedback from School Pix staff about our students' behaviour and attentive listening. This team of photographers move across different schools daily and to get such wonderful feedback is a testament to the respectful culture at Montrose Primary School. Well done kids you have made us proud once again!! Also, a big thank you to Mr Storr and our school captains for their work in ensuring the two photo days were seamless.

#### **Play Areas**

With our Prep children settling into school routines so well and becoming familiar with their new environment we have now changed their playground area to the back part of the oval and the adjoining playground. The excitement coming from our Prep children in the playground today was heart-warming. Our Grade 4 and 5 students have also had their play areas swapped to provide variety.

#### St John First Aid in Schools (Prep - Grade 6)

This Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February all classes will attend the St John First Aid in Schools program. This program educates our students about different medical conditions and first aid knowledge. Be sure to ask your child/ren about the experience and embrace the opportunity to have further family specific discussions.

#### Land Updates - 11 Henry Street

Following numerous delays last year due to COVID, the preparation of 11 Henry Street is well underway again. The black metal fencing and double access gates at the front of the property, along with the high timber fencing have helped to secure the site. It was an emotional day witnessing the demolition of Ron Wallace's family home earlier this term marking the end of an era. Recently, we have had the removal of contaminated soil and addition of clean soil. We are currently going through a tender process for the works required to merge the current school site with the land. This will include steps and a ramp as well as some battering of the end of the oval and some basic land-scaping. We are hoping for a handover either towards the end of this term or early next.

#### **Gardening Club**

Have you noticed the work that our Gardening Club have commenced around the school? The planter boxes outside the Performing Arts building have been planted out with a wide range of vegetables including broccoli and potatoes to name a few. A number of garden beds are being redeveloped with a lovely selection of plants. It is so wonderful to see our Gardening Club members and Mr Nowicki back doing what they enjoy.

### Message from the Principal

<u>Simplified Steps for reporting a positive case:</u> (Keep this somewhere handy)

Parents are to notify the **Department of Health** either online or by phone about the positive case.

Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398

Phone the school and notify us that your child has tested positive.

To simplify the process for families we are happy to be **notifying the Department of Education** on your behalf, this will save you having to register with the online app and then enter the details yourself. In order to do this we will need to ask a few questions when you phone through the positive notification. These are needed for the Department of Education App e.g. if your child was symptomatic, type of test.

Students may only return after 7 day isolation **if they are symptom free**. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, have completed their 7-day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic **do not need to undertake surveillance testing for 30 days**.

A reminder that **Monday 28**<sup>th</sup> **February is a student free day**. Their Care will be running a program on this day for any families that require this service.

Kind regards,

Kylie



## From the Office

#### **REMINDER:**

GRADE 6 CAMP
FINAL PAYMENTS DUE
Wednesday 2nd March

#### **Compass questions?**

Parents, contact us at the office if you have any Compass queries.

Your child's attendance can be updated using Compass.

Excursions can be paid using Compass.

Information will be circulated using Compass.

The calendar will show upcoming events on Compass.

To all our Montrose Families,

We have had several worried phone calls about car parking and children at the crossings over the last week.

We ask that you please take the time to talk to your children about the importance of using the supervised crossings and ensuring children are not running across the roads.

Please also be aware of the No Parking signs around the school. These signs serve a purpose to assist with the safety of our children.

We understand the parking difficulties surrounding school grounds and thank you for your patience and understanding.



### **ART NEWS**

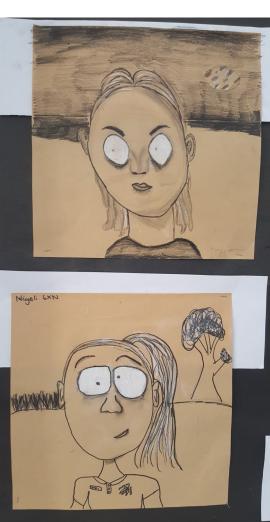
Check out the fantastic artwork from our Grade 6 students—Tim Burton style.





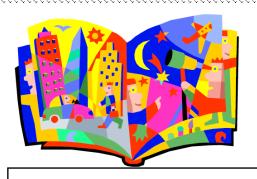
### **ART NEWS**







## **Library News**



# LIBRARY LINKS

### **COMING IN 2022**



## LIBRARY LINKS



#### News from the school library

Events, new books, themed reading, reading recommendations, and lots more – in each school newsletter.

\* \* \*

Every year, the Premier of Victoria invites all students from Years Prep to 10 to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. This initiative encourages students to develop their love of reading and their literacy skills.

\* Notification will be sent home when it starts.

Our <u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> will run during the school's Education Week celebrations, 19-24 May 2022. This year's theme is 'Dive into reading Book Fair: get hooked on books'

\* Books to buy, a special book character visitor, & some fun competitions!

The Book Fair is open to everyone!







Children's Book Week runs from 20-26 August 2022. This year's theme is 'Dreaming with eyes open'.

\* Read the Award winners, come dressed for the fancy dress parade, competitions, meet some authors....and lots more!

**₩**SCHOLASTIC

Help our school earn free books for classrooms & library

<u>Scholastic Book Club</u> – approx 7 times a year, Scholastic

7 times a year, Scholastic bookclub brochures will be sent home. If you want to purchase, simply go online to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or return the order form to school.

\*\*Good quality books at reasonable prices\*\*

### **Canteen News**

#### **COMPASS ONLINE ORDERING LIVE NOW!**

It was an incredibly busy week in the canteen last week and we appreciate everyone's quick uptake of the new ordering system. We have had quite a few operational processes that have changed as a result of going online and we hope to have most of these working more smoothly in the coming weeks. A HUGE thanks to our awesome Canteen Volunteer team for making themselves available so early in the term and for surfing all the challenges we faced, with smiles on their faces. in our first week of online orders.

#### **REMIND THE KIDS!**

I had quite a few children visit the canteen as they weren't sure if their lunch order had been put in. It may be worth reminding your children that the orders come straight to the canteen now. They are used to having to place their lunch order/bag into the class basket in the morning. I think some of the children may have been confused as some of their class mates still place their re-useable bags in the canteen basket. Not everyone will be placing a bag in the canteen basket and those without re-useable bags don't have to, they will receive a paper bag.

For those without a re-useable bag, YOU DON'T NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR PAPER BAG ANYMORE, this will be provided for you J

Please also let your children know, if they are missing any items or have any problems with their order they can come and see us at the Canteen. Packing mistakes can happen as we pack some times up to 300 different lunch orders J

Placing canteen orders online via Compass is quick and easy to do! On the 'Community' Menu tab in Compass you will see the 'Canteen' option. Please find a link to a Step by Step Guide and Webinar if you need further assistance <a href="Step by Step Guide to Compass Canteen Ordering Online">Step by Step Guide to Compass Canteen Ordering Online</a> or

Parent Canteen Ordering Webinar

#### ORDER CUT OFF AND CANCELLATIONS

Please note that you must have all orders placed and/or any order cancellations made by 9.15am on the day. After this time, the menu will become unavailable for placing new orders, editing existing or cancelling orders for that day. If an order/or item has been cancelled, refunds will appear in your Compass balance within 24hrs.

#### **CANTEEN COMPASS NOFITICATIONS – IMPORTANT**

It is important if you've placed lunch orders that you keep an eye out for any Canteen Notifications via compass. In the event that the Canteen was understaffed or forced to close due to COVID, all parents would be notified as early as possible.

#### PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN A "BACK UP FOOD ORDER FOR EACH CHILD" ASAP

If you haven't already, please remember to fill in a 'back up lunch order' form for each of your children. This lunch order information will be kept on file and only used on a day where there may not be enough Canteen Volunteers available to provide the normal canteen menu. Volunteer availability and fill in availability has changed during COVID as people are unwell and/or isolating. We just needed a plan to ensure we can feed all the children if the canteen found itself understaffed and unable to operate as normal.

#### New Volunteers – this year we need extra Emergency Fill In's to help cover our team

We are looking for new parents, grandparents or carers to volunteer in the canteen and join our 2022 roster. A day in the canteen is busy but a lot of fun. All volunteers must be triple vaccinated have a current Working With Childrens Check, and have signed the Child Safe Code of Conduct. All need to be provided to the office. If you



**SCHOOLS** 

#### School Council Elections - Information for Parents

#### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide 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?

For most primary school councils, 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 employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school 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 members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have Nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, with two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating 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 and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. 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.

#### HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

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

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- · encouraging another person to stand for election.

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election.

You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during 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.

### FORM 1: NOTICE OF FIRST SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly Schedule 3: New Schools - Notice of Election and call for nominations - first school council election)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Montrose Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

01/03/2022 (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

15/03/2022 (insert day, month and year)

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member - one-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2023	0
Parent member - two-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2024	6
School employee member – one-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2023	0
School employee member – two-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 2024	1
Student member – one-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 20	0
Student member — two-year term of office	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 20 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of pool in 20	0

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Kylie Fisher

Principal



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#### CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

#### Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or nongovernment Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- · on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder. OR
- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.
- \* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

#### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

#### **Eligibility Date**

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

#### PAYMENT AMOUNTS

#### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

#### HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

#### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

- Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2020 closes on 26 June, 2020.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



### **General Information**

#### **Student Accident Insurance**

Department of Education and Training (DET): Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools - Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, 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. Private property brought to school by students, staff or Montrose Primary School recognises the traditional owners of the land on which we work and play. Visitors are not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. 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.

#### **Mobile Phone Policy**

The Mobile Phone policy has been implemented in all schools across Victoria this year, with sound evidence supporting its positive impact on student wellbeing. All students who bring a mobile phone or smart watch to school MUST have these stored in our phone lockers during the school day. The locks cost \$5 and can be purchased at the office. This is a state wide school policy and needs to be adhered to, there are a few exceptions to the policy but these need to be discussed with me. Please make arrangements for your child for a locker this week, no student is to have mobile phones in their bags. Our Mobile Phone policy is on our school website at:

https://www.montroseps.vic.edu.au







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To find out more contact recruitment@theircare.com.au

\*Some terms and conditions apply www.theircare.com.au/careers

## **Community Events**

### **WANNA BE A VIKING?**



# Is your child interested in playing basketball? Come join Montrose Vikings!

We are a family friendly club, currently recruiting players for the upcoming Winter season, April – September. **Boys play Saturday** 

Girls aged 10 & under play Tuesday

Girls aged 11 & above play Wednesday

Boys & girls, ages 5 & up. Any level of experience or none at all! Everyone welcome!

montrosevikings.org.au

Want more information? Email info@montrosevikings.org.au

## **Community Events**











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**In-School Music Tuition** 





#### **Keyboard - Drums - Guitar**

Our instrumental music programs provide children with an engaging experience based on individualised tuition plans. Our program includes learning to read music and recognise musical patterns as well as the opportunity to play in bands or ensembles.



Children will learn music that is relevant to them, at a developmentally appropriate level in a supportive and fun environment that balances challenge and success.

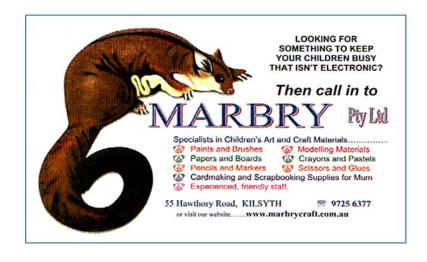
(Prep to grade 2)

**Stepping Stones** This program gives children in the early primary school years the opportunity to:



- Experiment with different instruments.
- Develop the fine and gross motor skills needed to play an instrument.
- Learn fundamental music theory and notation.
- Provides a smooth and supported transition to a dedicated instrumental program when ready.

#### For further enquiries or to enrol call 0418 596 008



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