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Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

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## Principal's Report

Welcome back!

It's been wonderful to welcome students and parents back to another year at Monbulk Primary School.

The children have settled in very well and are getting back into the routines of school. We welcome quite a few new families to our school, and it's great to see those new students welcomed by so many children. I've enjoyed hearing about everyone's adventures over the holidays, and the exciting things they've seen and done.

This year we have some very great things to look forward to, including the School Production at the end of term 3. I'm so looking forward to seeing our students sing and dance their hearts out on the big stage.

There's lots of opportunities to get involved at MPS, including listening to children read, helping in the Kitchen Garden classes, selling icy poles on Fridays, helping out on the Book Fair or Mother's & Father's Days stalls, and volunteering on camps and excursions. Contact the office if you'd like to get involved.

### **Staffing news**

Congratulations to Ms Melino who was married over the holidays and is now Mrs Murray.

We welcome Mrs Cathie as our new Visual and Performing Arts teacher.



## **Key Diary Dates 2023**

3pm Friday Assemblies All Welcome  
Recess 10:40-11.10am Lunch 12.50-1.50pm

### **1st Term 2023 27 Jan— 6 Apr**

27 Jan Curriculum Day  
30 Jan Curriculum Day  
31 Jan Gr1-6 Students 1st Day 2023

6 Feb Preps 1st Day 9am to 1pm  
22 Feb School Photos

10 Mar Scholastic Book Fair & Grand-parent's Day

13 Mar Labour Day Holiday  
28 Mar House Athletics Carnival

6 Apr Early Finish 2.30pm

### **2023 2nd Term 26 April—23 June**

### **Items to action on Compass and notices sent home**

Order your photos online with Schoolpix—flyer sent home this week  
School Key Dates for your fridge!!! Coming home tomorrow.

We acknowledge and pay respect of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, their Ngurungaeta-Murrundindi, and their Elders, as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our School stands.



## Other News

### Privacy reminder for 2023

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on Compass School Documentation.

<https://monbulkps-vic.compass.education/Communicate/SchoolDocumentation.aspx>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic\* Arabic\* Dari\* Gujarati\* Mandarin\* Somali\* Sudanese\* Turkish \*Urdu\* Vietnamese.

### Car Park Congestion

Returning from the holidays we can be a little rusty about the pick up arrangements at MPS, so it is timely to remind families about the arrangements, particularly school pick. These arrangements are in place to help children be collected from school quickly and safely, and to minimise disruption to the town.

There is not enough parking available to accommodate our school population, and queuing for school pick-up can cause gridlock throughout the town. This often happens on rainy days.

**To help school pick-up run smoothly for MPS and the town please consider:**

- parking at the skate park or Pavilion and walking up
- arranging a meeting place other than the Hub carpark
- plan to pick up children a little later; the yard is supervised until 3.45pm

**When using the Hub car park:**

- If standing in the Kiss & Drop zone **do not park or leave your car**. You must remain with your car to leave as soon as possible and allow other parents to collect their children
- **Turn left out of the car park to keep traffic flowing**. Police are monitoring this and will be enforcing due to the disruption to the town

School pick up is a very busy time for all schools and communities to manage everywhere. With the above arrangements in place hopefully school pick-up will run smoothly for everyone.



**Facial Tissues**—Special request—Send a box of tissues to your child's classroom to help keep those sneezes under wraps!!!!



**Rapid Antigen Tests**—RATS.—Available free of charge from the school office or give us a call and we can send extras home with your child.



Monbulk Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Wednesday, 22 February 2023**

**ORDER ONLINE AT [WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU](http://WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU)**

**Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close 5 working days after your last photography session**

**A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.**

**Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Wednesday, 22 February 2023.**

Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.

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# Other News

## FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination**)

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

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on: 3rd March 2023

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on: 3rd March 2023

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	From March 2023 To March 2024	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, there will be no need for an election.

Estelle Alder, Principal Monbulk Primary School



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 **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 co-opted 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 Terms 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 Terms one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual **date** 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.



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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.



### 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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is 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

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



# Fundraising News

## Parent Support Group

Please contact the office if you would like to join a great group of Parents raising funds for our children’s educational needs. Your involvement in fundraising activities is always welcome.

## Icy Pole Friday—Starting 10th February 2023

Every Friday during term 1 & 4 Icy poles will be on sale for 50c each. Students may come to the Kitchen Window during lunch time to purchase a cool treat. Parent volunteers are welcome to assist with the sale of the icy poles, please check in at the office when you arrive for your duty. (Zoooper Doopers available this week)  
A big thank you to Monbulk Woolworths for their generous donation each term.



## Sushi and Sausage Roll Thursdays

**Sushi Orders—Ethan Kitchen is closed until 16 February 2023 therefore the next sushi delivery will be on 23rd February**

**Orders for Sausage Rolls are now open on QKR for delivery on 9 February 2023**

**Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School** Ethan Kitchen will supply Sushi Vegetarian, Crispy Chicken or Tuna and Avocado Sushi Rolls \$5.50 includes 2 Rolls per serve and soy sauce.

Edison Bakery will supply a sausage roll and a tomato sauce for \$4

Orders can only be placed on the QKR APP and **must be in by 4pm Tuesday** prior to delivery.

Orders will be delivered to the students classroom just before lunch time.



# Community News



Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing? Monbulk Primary’s instrumental teachers engage with the music you love, new musical styles, the foundations of music reading, and theory.



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| Drums   | Singing |
| Piano   | Guitar  |
| Ukulele | Bass    |

To book your free trial lesson, contact Jordan at Groove Foundations.

Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - groovefoundations@gmail.com



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**Monbulk Netball Club**

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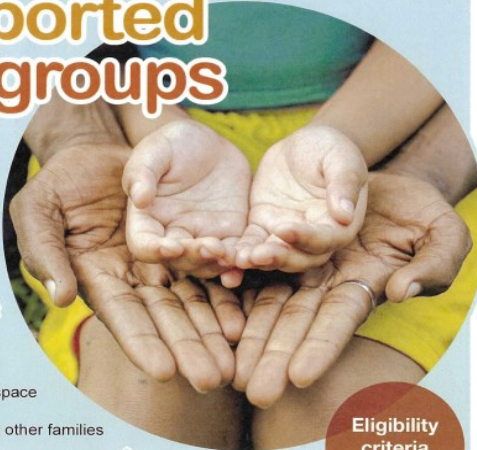
13 Moores Road, Monbulk, 3793

Gmail [monbulknetballclub3793@gmail.com](mailto:monbulknetballclub3793@gmail.com)

# Community News

## Yarra Ranges Supported Playgroups

Free short term program for parents/carers of children aged 0-6 years



- Welcoming & safe space
- Opportunity to meet other families
- Connect with your local community & services
- Weekly sessions led by qualified facilitators
- Includes *Smalltalk* strategies to support your child's learning and development
- In-home support is also available

Eligibility criteria applies

**Babies Supported Playgroup**  
 Monbulk Living and Learning Centre  
 21 Main Road, Monbulk  
 Wednesdays (school term) 1:30pm – 3pm

**Babies**  
 Birth to 12 months

For more information and to register please contact the Early Years Team  
**P: 1300 368 333**  
**E: [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)**



### 2022 Yarra Ranges School Crossing - Parent/Carer Evaluation

School crossings operate across the Yarra Ranges to help our community navigate their neighbourhoods safely. This short survey is designed to assist our Community Safety Team in making sure we are providing you with the information and support you need and help identify improvement opportunities for services we offer. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and should take no more than 8 minutes to complete.

Please note that all your responses are confidential and that at no stage will your personal details or individual comments be used for any purpose other than reporting on this research or informing related community support projects. For more information, see [Yarra Ranges Council's Privacy Policy](#).

Your School name will only be used for internal Council reporting to assist in the delivery of the service and identification of opportunities for improvement.

We welcome your response by Friday the 10th of February 2023.

If you have any questions on this survey, please feel free to send Amy Lee an email [schoolxing@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolxing@yarraranges.vic.gov.au) or call 9294 6496



Click this link to participate:  
[https://yarrarangescouncil.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_835J2RV1est42kC](https://yarrarangescouncil.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_835J2RV1est42kC)

## The Resilient Energy Precinct Project

Yarra Ranges Council is seeking input from residents and small business owners in **Monbulk** as part of a local study into microgrids in partnership with Monash University.

A microgrid:

- coordinates local energy resources – including renewable energy sources – to provide secure and reliable electricity locally
- can disconnect from the traditional grid and operate autonomously
- can improve community resilience by providing backup at times of emergencies
- can be used to reduce costs or provide services back to the main grid
- can help communities reach net-zero emissions.

If you live in Monbulk, we'd love to hear from you. Use the QR code to complete a survey.



Survey results will directly feed into the microgrid feasibility study and inform future community engagement.



Yarra Ranges Council  
 1300 368 333  
[yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

HAVE YOUR SAY

## MONBULK TOWNSHIP URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

This is your opportunity to help shape the future vision, design and development in Monbulk township and we are asking for your feedback on the Monbulk Urban Design Framework (UDF).

### Community Engagement Dates

#### Drop-in Sessions

Monbulk Living & Learning Centre,  
 21 Main Road, MONBULK VIC 3793

Thursday 9th Feb 2023	10:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday 15th Feb 2023	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Monday 20th Feb 2023	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday 2nd Mar 2023	1:00pm - 5:00pm

#### Online Feedback on Shaping Yarra Ranges Webpage:

<https://shaping.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/monbulk-urban-design-framework>

16 December 2022 - 12 March 2023



Find out more and stay involved!  
 Scan to engage

Name: Urban Design and Landscape Architecture (UDLA) Team  
 Email: [DesignandPlace@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:DesignandPlace@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)  
 Phone: 1300 368 333

Write: UDLA Team, RE: Monbulk UDF P.O. Box 105, Lilydale, VIC 3140

