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Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

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## Principal's Report

### Welcome back!

It's so wonderful to welcome back children and families to Monbulk Primary School! Children are full of stories about holiday adventures, play dates, sleep overs, camping and special trips.

The children have settled in beautifully to their classes and classroom routine. The pristine workbooks are beginning to be filled with maths problems, stories, reflections and information. It's such a wonderfully exciting time of year!

Our Grade 6 students are looking very mature with their Gr 6 Jackets and Polos, and our Preps are looking very cute. Gr 6 and Prep Buddies have already started playing together at break times, and our Preps are learning all about being at school. Next week our preps will be at school for the whole day.

Thank you to those who have completed the Creating Connections survey sent through Compass. This helps your child's classroom teacher and Specialist teachers know more about your child. The survey is still open for those who are yet to complete it.

## Key Diary Dates 2024

3pm Friday Assemblies All Welcome

Recess 10:40-11:10am Lunch 12:50-1:50pm

### 2024 1st Term 29 Jan—28 Mar

16 Feb National Young Leaders Day

19 Feb District Swimming by invitation

21 Feb School Photos

7 Mar Book Fair

8 Mar Book Fair & Grandparents Day

8 Mar Division Swimming by qualification

11 Mar Labour Day Holiday

13 Mar-22 Mar NAPLAN Grs 3 & 5

22 Mar Regional Swimming by qualification

**27 Mar Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish**

28 Mar Curriculum Day—no students

### Camps

19-21 Jun Gr5/6 Sovereign Hill

4-6 Dec Gr3/4 Camp Forest Edge

### The Shade Sails have arrived!!

At long last our Shade Sails have finally been installed! Thanks to the generous help through the School Fair, we were able to purchase a huge area of shade for the children. Our School Fair is on again in Nov this year.



### Our Values – R triple C is the way to be!

In our first weeks at MPS classes have been learning about our values, and how these values look at MPS. This is called the Behaviour Matrix, and children and teachers are working through the Matrix to help everyone understand how we can show our values at all times.



Items to action on Compass and notices sent home

Schoolpix photo order forms coming home today

## Welcome to our new staff

Please make welcome our new staff:

Caity Gray – teaching 1/2 C Mon-Wed

Tash Kularathne – teaching 1/2 C Thu-Fri

Ray Rus – teaching PE Mon-Wed

Steph Gilfedder – Learning Assistant

Annalese Penh – Learning Assistant

## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

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

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy

<http://monbulkps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/MPS-Photographing-Filming-and-Recording-Students-Policy-2021.pdf>

, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#).

Estelle Alder  
Principal



## 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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 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>



## Volunteers Needed for the Kitchen Garden Program!



Can you provide some help to our students in the kitchen or the garden? Are you keen to pass on your culinary knowledge to the next generation of chefs? Perhaps you possess the green thumb and want to share in the magic of growing plants with students? Kitchen Garden sessions are starting in week 2 and are a great opportunity to get involved with our school, get a feed and have some fun!

Classes occur on Mondays and Tuesdays. You will be working with a small group of students in the kitchen or the garden. The task will be explained to you beforehand and assistance is available to you at any time during the activity. You don't need to be an expert, just have a healthy sense of curiosity and a desire to help out.

To assist us you will need a current working with children check. This takes about 15 minutes to apply for and can be done online here: <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

For more information on classes and times, please contact the school on (03) 9756 6481 and ask for Adam Byron-Thomsen or email: [adam.byron-thomsen@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:adam.byron-thomsen@education.vic.gov.au)



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.



Monbulk Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Wednesday, 21 February 2024**

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**Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close five 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, 21 February 2024.**



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# 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.

## Foody Friday Term 1

\$1 Icy poles will be on sale during term 4

Served at the SAKG window at the start of lunchtime by our wonderful parent volunteers



## Sushi, Sausage Roll and Party Pie Thursdays

**NB: Order by 4pm Monday to help with catering.**

**Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School**

Sausage roll and a tomato sauce for \$4.50

Party Pie and a tomato sauce for \$2.00

Spinach Roll and a tomato sauce for \$5.00

Sushi Vegetarian, Crispy Chicken or Tuna and Avocado Sushi Rolls \$5.50 includes 2 Rolls per serve and soy sauce.

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

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



## BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!



## Attention Worker Bees - Share your talents!

MPS is looking for Book Fair Volunteers

Do you have some time you could volunteer to work at our book fair during the following periods?

**Dates:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Times:** Before School (8.40 – 9.30)

Lunch (12.30 – 2.00)

After School (3.00 – 4.30 Thursday only)

Help with setup and closing is also needed – contact for times

Any amount of time donated is greatly appreciated, PLUS it's fun too!

**Contact:** Carly Seddon - 0417 007 646 or via MPS Socials

You can also leave your details and times you are free to help with Cathy at the office

Thanks for your support!

## “ATTENTION ALL BOOKWORMS”

## THE MPS BOOK FAIR GARDEN IS BLOOMING!

Explore the coolest array of new books just waiting for you to dig into

The Book Fair will be held on:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the Music Room**

**Before School (8.40 – 9.30) Lunch (12.30 – 2) After School (3 – 4.30 Thurs only)**

There will be a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level PLUS lots of posters and must have stationery items

All profits raised will go towards reading resources within our school

EFT and cash payments welcome

**All students will get a chance to win a \$10 voucher to use at the Book Fair by entering the colouring competition during Art Class**

**Dress up in 'A Day in the Garden Theme' on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and take part in the morning parade!**

Come and join the fun and help your book collection grow



LET'S GROW READERS!

SCHOLASTIC  
Book Fairs



# Community News

## Sierra Voices Primary Choir: Location: Monbulk Primary School

Monbulk Primary School students are invited to enrol in an after school singing program every Tuesday. The session starts at 3:50pm till 4:50pm for a 1 hr Choir session based at Monbulk Primary School. The choir program is taught by professional vocalist, conductor, classroom music and vocal teacher, Lilly Tunley (Sierra Voices).

This program gives students the opportunity to learn how to sing in a choir, develop vocal skills and build confidence in performance each week.

\$15 per session (Term Subscription) - All students from Grades 1-6 are invited to attend.

If you're interested please contact: [sierravoices.info@gmail.com](mailto:sierravoices.info@gmail.com) or call 0432 691 908

Organise a trial session attendance and start now!

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PRIMARY CHOIR  
MONBULK**

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

DEVELOP VOCAL TECHNIQUE

LEARN HOW TO SING IN AN ENSEMBLE

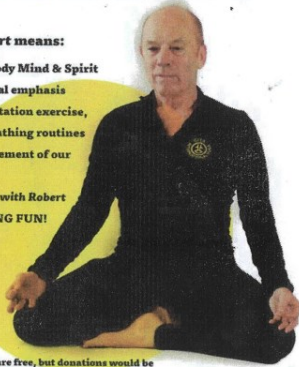
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TUESDAY'S  
3:50-4:50PM  
\$15 P/W

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# YOGA with ROBERT

### Yoga with Robert means:

- ★ Yoga for the Body Mind & Spirit with a practical emphasis
- ★ Yoga as a Meditation exercise, including breathing routines and the engagement of our 'higher self'
- ★ Above all Yoga with Robert means **HAVING FUN!**



- ★ Classes are free, but donations would be accepted to cover my expenses
- ★ All ages, but people will need the ability to get down and up from floor - ONCE ONLY
- ★ BRING A MAT

Council Hub, 21 Main Road, Monbulk - 9.30am, Wednesdays  
FIRST CLASS: 9.30 am Wednesday 7 February  
[robertoff227@gmail.com](mailto:robertoff227@gmail.com)

**Monbulk Creative Days**

WEDNESDAYS  
BEGINNING FEB 28 FOR TERM 1

BYO:

- Creative project and materials
- Something healthy to share for lunch
- \$3 donation for tea/coffee
- Friends and fun - all welcome

10.30am for prayer/worship  
11.30am for lunch/creativity and chat till 3pm  
84b Old Emerald Rd. Monbulk  
For further details phone Sonya Ward on M. 04006626380

## Family Wellbeing Program.



### Family wellbeing program.

We are excited to share the program with parents and carers at Monbulk Primary School!

We are able to assist with:

- Practical parenting support
- Linkages to support services
- NDIS assistance
- Individual and group-based support
- Parent and carer peer support groups
- Education sessions

Appointments available at home or in the community.

Learn more

[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)

Contact us -  
Via the staff at the school  
OR:  
Callum: 0468 567 145  
[callum.mcneil@vt.uniting.org](mailto:callum.mcneil@vt.uniting.org)

**Uniting**

**MONBULK RANGERS SOCCER CLUB**

Ready to play in Season 2024?

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS**

Make new friends, learn a new sport and join a community!

Scan the QR Code to join us for Season 2024.

Search Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club

[f](https://www.facebook.com/monbulk.rangers) [i](https://www.instagram.com/monbulk.rangers)

**Anglicare Victoria**

**Children's Mental Health & Anxiety**

Presented by Jasbir Singh Suropada

- Why is our children's mental health & well-being important?
- How does anxiety impact on our children and families?
- Where do I go to get further assistance?

Date: Tuesday, 13 February, 2024  
Time: 1 - 2.30pm  
Where: Online via Zoom

ENQUIRIES: [CFCCardinalia@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:CFCCardinalia@anglicarevic.org.au) or call 0457 825 076

Register at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?JWN\\_SdsC9DhvsF8aNaY7n8G6ply](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?JWN_SdsC9DhvsF8aNaY7n8G6ply)

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