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www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

## 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**

22 Mar Regional Swimming by qualification

22 Mar Barry Plant Colouring Comp Due

26 Mar Dance Curriculum Incursion—Free

26 Mar Parent Teacher Interviews

27 Mar Easter Raffle Drawn

27 Mar House Cross Country & Sausage Sizzle

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

28 Mar Curriculum Day—no students

28 Mar Oshclub not running

29 Mar Good Friday Public Holiday

### **2024 2nd Term 15 April-28 June**

23 Apr Dandy Ranges ANZAC Memorial

24 Apr ANZAC Assembly

6-10 May MPS Open Week

9 May Mother's Day Stall

### **Camps**

19-21 Jun Gr5/6 Sovereign Hill

4-6 Dec Gr3/4 Camp Forest Edge

Full of Fun Fair 17th November 2024

# Monny Mag

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21 March 2024

## Principal's Report

### **Harmony Day**

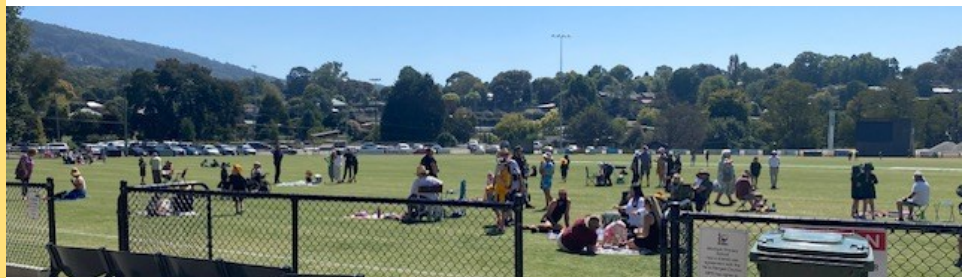
Today we celebrated Harmony Day! Harmony Day celebrates and recognises our diversity, and celebrates inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our vision at Monbulk PS is to develop confident learners of outstanding character, who are valued members of our community. We include all children and families from all backgrounds, and welcome and value their contribution to our school community.



### **Book Fair & Grandparent's Day**

On Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March we held our Grandparent's and Special Friends Day, along with the Book Fair. It was wonderful to welcome so many families and special people to our school, and for us to spend time together as a school community. The weather was fantastic, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all those who helped make the day such a success, including Carly Seddon and her team in running the Book Fair. All monies raised have gone towards more books and readers going into our classrooms, libraries, and children's hands. Thank you!



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



## OSH Club Holiday Program

Monbulk now has our own Holiday Program!

OSH Club is running a holiday program for every day of the school holidays, except public holidays. Log onto the Monbulk OSH Club website for further booking, cost and concession information and see flyer on page 5 of the Monny Mag.

Please note Oshclub will not be running on 28th March the curriculum day.

## Key events for the last week of term

Our last week of school is jam packed!

On Tuesday 26th we have Dean from Dance Curriculum who will teach students an age-specific routine, culminating in a performance at the end of the day.

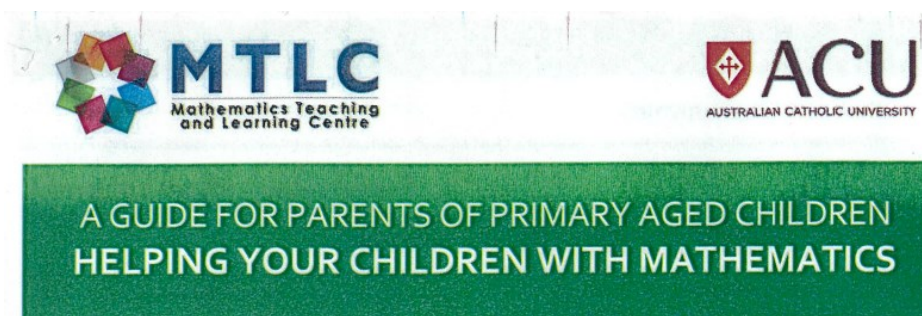
That afternoon we then host Parent Teacher Interviews – bookings through Compass.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> we're holding our House Cross Country between recess and lunch, capped off by a sausage sizzle and early finish.

End of Term Assembly will be at 2pm, and school finishes at 2.30pm.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> is a Curriculum Day.

Estelle Alder  
Principal



*The suggestions below have been prepared by staff at the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Centre at the Australian Catholic University as a guide for parents.*

### SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES

There are a number of general principles which you might keep in mind when you are helping your children.

- **Building on** success is important. Create the impression that learning mathematics well is desirable. Reward effort and see errors as part of the learning process.
- People learn, not so much by being told things, as by **working things out for themselves** and linking new ideas to ideas that they already have. You can help by asking your children questions, letting them work out answers for themselves, and then discussing their answers and strategies with them.
- Children need **time to think** and **time to answer**. When asking your children questions or talking to them about mathematics, give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger children time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.
- Encourage children to **talk**. Talking about mathematics is an effective way of learning, especially when a mathematical situation arises naturally.
- **Use mathematical words** when you describe things. For example, instead of saying "the big red bucket" you might say, "the 10 Litre bucket". Instead of saying "the large packet of rice", you might say, "the 2kg packet of rice". In this way, children get to hear the quantities being stated as an everyday way of describing things.
- **There is no hurry**. Children develop their mathematics skills gradually and there is no urgency about developing any particular skill. It is necessary to work progressively on helping them to learn mathematics. Start now, but there is no particular need to accelerate your child's development.

- **Buy children's books** with mathematical themes.

Some examples are:

- Allen, P. (1988). *A Lion in the Night*. Melbourne: Puffin Books.
- Allen, P. (1994). *Mr Archimedes' Bath*. London: Puffin Books.
- Anno, M. (1985). *Anno's Counting Book*. London: Macmillan.
- Carle, E. (1982). *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. London: Puffin Books.
- Clement, R. (1999). *Counting on Frank*. Pymble, NSW: Angus & Robertson.
- Dale, P. (2010). *Ten Out of Bed*. London: Walker Books.
- Donaldson, J. (2007). *The Snail and the Whale*. London: Macmillan.
- Fox, M. (2008). *Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes*. Sydney: Scholastic.
- French, J. (2009). *Baby Wombat's Week*. Pymble, NSW: Harper Collins.
- Hutchins, P. (1987). *Clocks and More Clocks*. Middlesex: Puffin Books.
- Hutchins, P. (1988). *The Doorbell Rang*. London: Puffin Books.
- Wells, R. E. (2005). *Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There is?* London: Franklin Watts.

Read these with your children and ask them questions about the stories.

- **Help your child's teacher**. Your child's teacher is vitally interested in your child's mathematical development. Talk to the teacher about how your child is going in mathematics and find out whether there are any ways that can help your child. Supporting teachers if they recommend any homework or home-based activities is highly desirable. Speaking positively about the school and teachers builds a positive feeling in the child about school and learning.

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.



## 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 1. 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 9am Tuesday to help with catering.**

**Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School**

Sausage roll and a tomato sauce for \$4.50

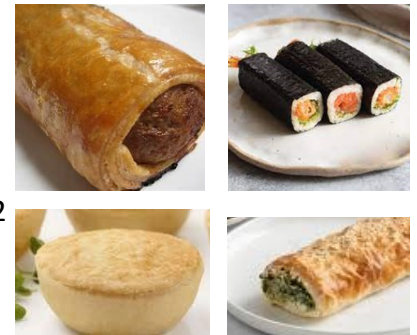
Party Pie and a tomato sauce for \$2.00

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 9am Tuesday** prior to delivery.

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



### Hats for Sale

For a limited time we have Monbulk Primary School Hats for sale at the office—\$12.30ea in sizes Small 55cm, Medium 57cm & Large 59cm.

Hats are also available to order online at [https://](https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/monbulk)

[www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/monbulk](https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/collections/monbulk)

Free delivery to school on Thursdays



### Reading Cinema School Reward Program

Hand a coupon a to Reading Cinema when purchasing your movie ticket and you will earn 1 point for our school.

For every 20 coupons handed in to Reading Cinemas Monbulk Primary School will receive one complimentary movie pass. All movie passes that are awarded to MPS will be given away as prizes at the MPS Full of Fun Fair in November 2024.

The more you go to the movies the more free tickets we receive.

Click on the link below for your coupons.

<http://monbulkps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Reading>



## MPS Easter Raffle 2024

Easter Basket Donations accepted now

- Drop your Easter/chocolate donation to the school office. Easter eggs, decorations, activities, baskets etc welcomed
- Tickets \$1ea. (More available at the office)
- Write your students name and class on the ticket and return it with your payment to school by 22nd March.
- Winners drawn and prizes sent home on the Last Day of Term 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Still accepting donations



# Other News

**HOLIDAY HQ**

**Monbulk**  
 1 Main Road, Monbulk, 3793  
 Monday 1 April to Friday 12 April 2024

**Ph: 0438 568 149**

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

Date	Activity	Image	Pricing
<b>MON 1 APR</b>	<b>Service Closed</b>		
<b>MON 8 APR</b>	<b>EXPERIMENTAL EXPLOSION</b> Calling all future scientists! Prepare for an exciting journey into the world of experimentation with activities which may include Monster Blow Painting, the Balloon Rocket Experiment, and the explosive Mentos Blast. It's a day filled with thrilling discoveries that you won't want to miss!		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>TUE 2 APR</b>	<b>EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE</b> Join us as we embark on an Egg-celent Adventure! Get involved with activities which may include the Golden Egg Hunt, decorating eggs with vibrant colors, and crafting your own hunting baskets to collect them in. It's an adventure filled with eggs-traordinary fun!		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>TUE 9 APR</b>	<b>GAME ON!</b> Get your game face on for an action-packed day filled with thrilling games and friendly competition! Get involved in games which may include dodgeball battles between Educators and Children, classic kickball matches, and an exciting round of balloon basketball. Let the games begin!		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>WED 3 APR</b>	<b>EARTH DAY</b> Join us for a day of environmental awareness and hands-on fun that honors our planet! Eco-friendly activities may include crafting Grass Heads, DIY Earth Day crayons, creating an Earth collage, or even embarking on a scavenger hunt.		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>WED 10 APR</b>	<b>JUMPING FOR JOY EXCURSION: INFLATABLE WORLD RINGWOOD</b> Jump, bounce, and slide at Inflatables World Ringwood! Enjoy endless fun on a variety of inflatable attractions for the whole family.		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>EXPERIENCE FEE</b> \$45.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$119.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$11.90
<b>THU 4 APR</b>	<b>NATIONAL PICNIC</b> Gather round for a delightful National Picnic Day! Activities may include the joy of a Teddy Bear picnic, face painting, engaging in some friendly competition with a sack race, or harnessing your creativity to make your very own kite.		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>THU 11 APR</b>	<b>PIRATES</b> Ahoy, mateys! Set sail on an adventure with a range of activities which may include testing your bravery as you Walk the Plank, enjoying delicious Pirate Ship Jelly Cups, embarking on a thrilling Pirate Treasure Hunt, and charting your course by creating your own Treasure Map. All hands on deck!		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$74.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$7.40
<b>FRI 5 APR</b>	<b>MASTERCHEF INCUSSION: THE CHOCOLATE BOSS</b> Unleash your inner chocolatier and satisfy your sweet tooth with The Chocolate Boss activity, where you'll learn to create delicious treats from scratch.		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>EXPERIENCE FEE</b> \$22.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$96.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$9.60
<b>FRI 12 APR</b>	<b>SPY KIDS INCUSSION: OSHCSCAPE</b> Enter the world of OSHCScape, where adventure awaits in every corner. Engage in fun activities, games, and challenges in this imaginative outdoor play area.		<b>BASE FEE</b> \$74.00 <b>EXPERIENCE FEE</b> \$22.00 <b>DAILY TOTAL</b> \$96.00 <b>FROM AS LOW AS*</b> \$9.60

\*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlements. Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

**KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE**



Scan for further information and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!



The MPS Fun Fair is on again in 2024!

## BECOME A SPONSOR!

Calling all Monbulk Businesses!

Do you have a business that would like to Sponsor our Fun Fair?



We offer 4 levels of Sponsorship:

**MAJOR - \$1500**

**Gold - \$1000**

**Silver - \$500**

**Bronze - \$250**

Contact the office on 9756 6481 or email [monbulk.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:monbulk.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or call our Sponsorship Coordinator, Jo Heap 0402 429 141

# 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 9080 Organise a trial session attendance and start now!

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# PRIMARY CHOIR MONBULK



**GRADES 1 - 6**  
**TUESDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL**  
**\$15 P/W**  
**1HR SESSION**  
**MONBULK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINIC

8TH - 12TH APRIL 10AM TO 3PM

Join us to sharpen your football skills, make new friends, and have a blast on the field this April school holidays!

Ages 6 - 14. Lunch provided.  
1 Day \$60 or 5 Days \$250 per Person  
Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club  
115 - 121 Old Emerald Road, Monbulk



**BE QUICK! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**  
<https://events.humanitix.com/mrsc-asc>





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





Play Rugby League

Bring your family to join our family

All welcome! No experience required!

Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our club.

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!**

<b>BOYS</b> U6 & U7 mixed tag U8 - U12 mixed tackle U13 - U18 boys tackle	<b>GIRLS</b> U6 & U7 mixed tag U8 - U12 mixed tackle or New girls only teams aged U8 - U18	<b>ADULTS</b> Seniors 17+ men & women Masters 35 +
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[secretary@easternraptors.com.au](mailto:secretary@easternraptors.com.au)



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**APRIL 3-4**  
**9AM-3PM**

**2 DAYS: \$180**  
**1 DAY: \$95**

INCLUDES LUNCH, T-SHIRT, DRINK BOTTLE & HAT  
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# Community News

## FLETCHERS AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Nicole Bates

The winner will be voted by the public from the top 10 entries in each age group at the Kalorama Chestnut Festival, Kalorama Reserve on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Please bring your photos to our Olinda or Tecoma Offices by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Gold Coin Donation Entry - Proceeds are donated to Mt Dandenong Preschool

First Prize: \$250 for each age group

Age groups: Up to 12 yo & 12 yo to 16 yo

Photo size to be 8x10"



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Monbulk Junior Football Club

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# Monbulk College Open Week

School Tours for 2024



Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March

Book on our website

[www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au](http://www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au)

Call us during school hours

(03) 9751 9000

## Tuning in to Kids

**IMPROVING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS**

Tuning in to Kids

For parents of children aged 4-10

An 8 week parenting program run in weekly 2-hr sessions

Tuning in to Toddlers

For parents of children aged 1-3

- Improve communication with your child
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- Preventing behaviour issues
- Teaching conflict resolution to your child

choose between online or face to face programs

Tuning in to Teens

For parents of tweens and teens aged 10-17

For info contact Anna Meijerink: [nurturingparenthood1@gmail.com](mailto:nurturingparenthood1@gmail.com)

## 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  
[unitingictas.org.au](http://unitingictas.org.au)

Contact us -  
Via the staff at the school

OR:  
Callum: 0468 567 145  
[callum.mcreil@vt.uniting.org](mailto:callum.mcreil@vt.uniting.org)

**Uniting**

**Community News**

MONBULK PRODUCE MARKET PRESENTS...

# HARVEST MARKET

**INAUGURAL HARVEST BAKING & GROWING COMPETITION!**

**Saturday 13 April**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Next to St Georges Church  
Main Street, Monbulk

**CATEGORIES**  
- BEST SCONES  
- BEST JAM  
- BEST FRUIT OR VEG BASED CAKE  
- HEAVIEST VEGETABLE  
- LONGEST VEGETABLE  
- PRETTIEST POSIE (kids/adults)  
- BEST CUPCAKE DECORATION (kids/adults)

**WIN PRIZES & BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

Bring your entry to the Market/Bendigo Bank tent between 9am - 11am. Judging will take place from 11am with winners announced at 12:30pm

FOR MORE INFO - FOLLOW US ON FB AND INSTA!

**MONBULK Junior Football Club**

# JOIN IN THE fun

**REGISTER NOW AUSKICK 2024**  
play.afl/play/auskick

**2024 SEASON DETAILS**  
FRI 19th APRIL - FRI 19th JULY 2024  
Monbulk Recreation Reserve  
Ages 5-12 years  
Cost \$91

**MONBULK JUNIOR FC**

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