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Principal's Report

National Young Leaders Day

On Fri 16th Feb I had the privilege to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the Exhibition & Convention Centre with our Student Leaders. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Audra and Sonja, for driving us in and making the day possible.

We joined with thousands of other student leaders and heard wonderful presentations from Bryce (Ninja Warrior), Jane Bunn (Ch 7 Meteorologist), Melissa Barberi (Matilda's Goalie)

We were able to meet Bryce and have our photo with him. We wanted to see Jane Bunn but the line was too long, but we managed a cheeky wave instead!

Our students had some great questions ready to ask the presenters, and we were even able to ask one! Our Student Leaders will be presenting their learning in coming assemblies.

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

1 Mar SRC Disco—Taylor Swift themed

7 Mar Book Fair

8 Mar Book Fair & Grandparents Day

8 Mar Early Assembly 2pm

8 Mar Division Swimming by qualification

11 Mar Labour Day Holiday

12 Mar School Council 7pm

13 Mar-22 Mar NAPLAN Grs 3 & 5

22 Mar Regional Swimming by qualification

27 Mar House Cross Country

27 Mar Last Day Term 2.30pm Finish

28 Mar Curriculum Day—no students

2024 2nd Term 15 April-28 June

Camps

19-21 Jun Gr5/6 Sovereign Hill

4-6 Dec Gr3/4 Camp Forest Edge

Full of Fun Fair 17th November 2024



Bushfire Safety and Sweat Day Timetable

Monbulk PS is part of the Department's Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR), which proactively manages and mitigates the risk of bushfire attack.

This also means that when our Local Government Area (LGA) is classified as Catastrophic, we will close. Often the bushfire rating for the District, which is a much larger area, is published.

This understandably causes some confusion. DET is updated twice a day about the bushfire risk to BARR schools, and we are promptly notified of any risk, and communicate this to our school community. Other schools have a different plan which is informed by their Bushfire Attack Level.

Families are encouraged to enact their own Bushfire Survival Plan. Any school closure or relocation will be communicated to families as soon as possible to assist with planning.

Items to action on Compass and notices sent home



On very hot days we are using a 'Sweat Day Timetable'. This includes closing the Oval and opening the Senior Building for quite play, requiring students to play in the shade, and basketballers to take their drink bottles to the courts.

District Swimming

Congratulations to our students for representing the school in the District Swimming on Mon 19th Feb.

The students competed with great sportsmanship, and several made it through to Division. Well done!

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



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

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: 4th March 2024

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on: 4th March 2024

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 2024 To March 2026	6

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

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 broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member 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 providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. 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 experience. 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, 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 and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and 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 skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 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 in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

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.



SRC DISCO—Taylor Swift Themed

Friday 1st March—Music Room

Gold Coin Donation welcomed

Junior school dancing at recess

Senior school dancing at lunch

All proceeds will be donated to Kids with Cancer Foundation



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

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-Cinema-Coupons.pdf>



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 7th and Friday 8th 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!



BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!



“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 7th and Friday 8th 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 8th 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 or call 0432 691 908

Organise a trial session attendance and start now!

**SIERRA VOICES
 PRIMARY CHOIR
 MONBULK**

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

DEVELOP VOCAL TECHNIQUE

LEARN HOW TO SING IN AN ENSEMBLE

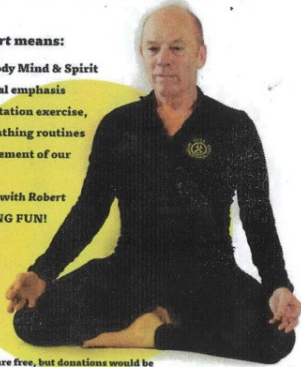
ENROL ANYTIME!
 MONBULK PS
 TUESDAY'S
 3:50-4:50PM
 \$15 P/W

Instagram icon | Facebook icon | SIERRAVOICES.INFO@GMAIL.COM
 0432 691 908

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

EASTERN RAPTORS RUGBY LEAGUE

Play *Rugby* League

Bring your family to join our family

All welcome! No experience required!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

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.

BOYS	GIRLS	ADULTS
U6 & U7 mixed tag U8 - U12 mixed tackle U13 - U18 boys tackle	U6 & U7 mixed tag U8 - U12 mixed tackle or New girls only teams ages U8 - U18	Seniors 17+ men & women Masters 35+

secretary@easternraptors.com.au

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

Contact us via the staff at the school OR:
 Callum: 0468 567 145
callum.mcneil@vt.uniting.org



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 | Facebook icon | Instagram icon

MONBULK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

U10, U12, U14 & U16 GIRLS WANTED!

SHE CAN PLAY

Come along meet the coaches

with Sausage & Drinks

FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY REGO 4pm-5pm

Registration enquiries, call or text Christie Sproat 0400 911 098
 Event at Baynes Park Oval

Help needed in your community. Paid positions available now.

CHILDREN CROSSING

Want to give back to the community, and supplement your income? Become a School Crossing Supervisor.

Multiple positions available, get in touch today
 Call: 03 9325 3200
 Email: schoolcrossing@hoban.com.au

HOBAN Recruitment

Community News



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2023/2024 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

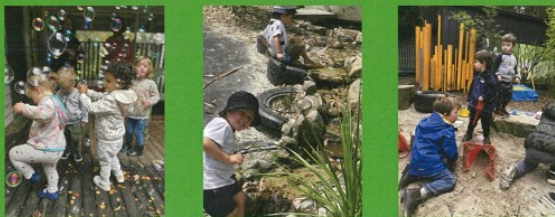


Hills Community Child Care

Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 - 2.15
1 - 5 Yr Olds

CCS Registered & All rebates Available

Enquires are always welcome. Please get in touch with any questions or to make an appointment to have a look around and have a chat with our Co-ordinator.



www.hillschildcare.org.au

Location: 45 Charlemont Lane, Olinda VIC 3766

Email: info@hillschildcare.org.au

Phone: 9728 3233 (Sue - Enrolments), 9751 0001 (HCCC)

Daniela De Martino
MP for Monbulk



February 16, 2024

Re: Supporting the Dandenong Ranges after the extreme weather event

Dear Resident,

I hope this letter finds you well during these challenging times.

I am writing to let you know about the efforts being made by the Allan Labor Government to support Victorians affected by the catastrophic weather event that occurred on February 13th, 2024.

We know that the impact of this event has been significant for many residents across the hills and foothills, with homes and vital transmission infrastructure damaged, and widespread power outages.

Premier Jacinta Allan has announced additional support for thousands of Victorians who are still without power.

- The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are implementing a **Prolonged Power Outage Payment** program. Eligible households without power for seven days following the storm **can receive \$1,920 per week for up to three weeks**. This will be administered by energy distribution businesses.
- **Small businesses can access \$2,927 per week for up to three weeks.**
- **The waste levy will be completely waived for storm-impacted residents** across Yarra Ranges, Cardinia and Knox Local Government Areas **until April 30, 2024.**

Efforts are still underway to ensure all customers have access to power, with generators being prepared for distribution. Priority will be given to the most vulnerable individuals facing prolonged power outages. If you know of anyone in this situation, **please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9754 5401 or daniela.demartino@parliament.vic.gov.au**

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1635 Burwood Highway, Belgrave 3160
P 03 97545401 E daniela.demartino@parliament.vic.gov.au
f Daniela De Martino MP @ Daniela De Martino MP

CARING
CONNECTING
COMMUNITY

In addition to financial assistance and power restoration efforts, you may also be eligible for assistance under the **Guaranteed Service Level payments program**, providing electricity bill credits based on your individual circumstances.

For more information on eligibility for support programs, please visit esc.vic.gov.au/electricity-and-gas/information-consumers/guaranteed-service-level-payments-energy-outages.

For further support in relation to emergency relief and the best location to dispose of your green waste, please contact your local council.

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council 1300 368 333
- Cardinia Council 1300 787 624
- Knox Council 03 9298 8000

You can also contact the Emergency Recovery Victoria Hotline on 1800 560 760.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further assistance or information.

Yours sincerely,

Daniela De Martino
State Member for Monbulk