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Principal's Report

Honouring our ANZACs

Recently we honoured our ANZACs through a number of events in and around the school. Our Student Leaders attended the Dandenong Ranges ANZAC Commemoration, and laid a wreath at the Kokoda memorial on behalf of Monbulk PS. On Wednesday we welcomed Mr Surridge and Mr Beard from the Monbulk RSL to lead our commemoration during our assembly. During this time we also learned about a Monbulk ANZAC, James Alfred McAllister. On ANZAC Day students and student leaders participated in the Monbulk ANZAC March, carrying James McAllister's picture and our wreath, on behalf of Monbulk PS. Classroom teachers also taught lessons on our ANZACs and why we remember.

It is a very special time for our school community to learn about those who have served and sacrificed, and give us the life we enjoy today. I was very proud of all of our students as they showed respect and compassion.

Key Diary Dates 2024

3pm Friday Assemblies All Welcome

Recess 10:40-11.10am Lunch 12.50-1.50pm

2024 2nd Term 15 April-28 June

3 May Hoods up for Autism

9 May Mother's Day Stall

10 May National Walk to School Day

14 May Gr5/6 College exc to see dress rehearsal of production and School Council 7pm

15 May Whole School House Athletics Carnival

16 May Gr3/4 Polly woodside Excursion

20-24 May MPS Open Week 9.30am tours daily

20 May STEM Excursion Gr5/6 High Ability Program

22 May Simultaneous Story incursion whole school

24 May District Cross Country

7 Jun Curriculum Day—no students

10 Jun King's Birthday—Public Holiday

11 Jun School Council 7pm

28 Jun **Early Finish 2.30pm last day term 2**

2024 3rd Term 15 July to 20 September

Camps

19-21 Jun Gr5/6 Sovereign Hill

4-6 Dec Gr3/4 Camp Forest Edge

Full of Fun Fair 17th November 2024



Items to action on Compass and notices sent home

Grade 6—Year 7 Application form return to primary school office by 10th May

Athletics Carnival—Contact the office if you can assist running events on the day, all parents welcome to attend

Walk to School Tattoo— can be worn on 10th May

Honouring James Alfred McAllister

We are going to learn about someone from Monbulk who went to World War 1. His name is James Alfred McAllister. You might recognise his last name from McAllister Road. The McAllister's are a very important family in Monbulk. His name is written on the Honour Boards near the library, but he's not just a name; he has a story. James was one of eight children born to Lily and James McAllister. James was named after his father and they called him Jim. He was 5 feet and 6 inches tall and had brown eyes and brown hair. James was one of five brothers; Jim, Charles, George, Harold and Robert. All five brothers enlisted in World War 1; that means they volunteered to fight.

James enlisted on 12th January 1917 in the rank of Private in the 39th Battalion, 7th Reinforcement. He was 36 years old. He was assigned to the ship HMAT Ballarat, which set sail for the war on 19th February 1917.

James' time in the war was brief but eventful.

On ANZAC Day 1917, a couple of months after they set sail, his ship was torpedoed in the English Channel. Fortunately all on board were picked up by a Destroyer. Later that year, in September, he marched into Rouelles in France.

One month later, in October, he was wounded in action in Belgium. Whilst he was fighting he had a gunshot wound to his left eye, also injuring his cheek. He became blind in his eye, and a piece of the bullet stayed behind his eye.

He returned to Australia on January 10th 1918, and was discharged from the Army in April.

He died in Monbulk in 1937 at 57 years old from the injury to his eye.

James came from our Monbulk community. He represents for us the ANZAC spirit, the sacrifices of all those who have fought for us, and the grief and loss of war. We honour the memory and legacy of James Alfred McAllister today, and of all who have served.



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.



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

SOME SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

The following are some activities that you can do with your children. Some are general and some relate to specific aspects of the mathematics curriculum.

LENGTH

We often compare objects and distances by length and height. Children can first do this without using units, then using informal units (like paces). Then they learn about metres, centimetres and kilometres. Also:

- When you are measuring with sewing or building materials, ask the children to estimate where a particular mark would be
- Put up a height measurer marked in centimetres on which the children can record their height at progressive intervals, such as once every two months. The children take an interest in the way that they grow, and it also provides a language for describing how their height is changing.
- Discuss lengths, heights, distances, angles which arise in sporting events (e.g., the Olympics)

WEIGHING

Children learn first to compare things by hand, and by using balances. Later they learn about kilograms, and grams. You can:

- Talk to children about different ways of weighing things
- Talk about containers in terms of how much they weigh
- Compare the size and weight of items in the supermarket
- Using language of heavier or lighter when comparing the weight of items
- Ask them to find something that might weigh the same as a packet of rice, for example
- Weigh ingredients when you are cooking (learning to cook is helpful in many ways).

HOODIE AND OODIE UP DAY

FRIDAY 3RD MAY AT MPS!!

On the 3rd of May MPS will be celebrating Hoodie Up Day!

Bring a gold coin donation and wear your favourite Hoodie or Oodie to school on the 3rd of May. SRC will be coming around to classes to collect your [donations](#)

Hoodie Up Day is dedicated to showing understanding, [acceptance](#) and support for the Autistic community.

WHY HOODIES/OODIES YOU MIGHT ASK?

Some Autistic people experience sensory sensitivities and can become overloaded by their environment. Wearing their hoodie up means they can block out bright lights and busy environments which can help them feel calmer and less overwhelmed.

All money raised will go to Amaze, a leading Autism organisation who help and support Autistic people and their families.

We can't wait to see everyone with their Hoodies/Oodies Up on Friday 3rd May celebrating the diversity Autism brings to our world.



Wear your tattoo on the 10th of May

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

JOIN US
FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

WALK.COM.AU



OPEN WEEK

Monbulk Primary School
20-24 May 2024
Tours 9.30am Daily

2025
Enrolments
Now Open



This year our school is using an online system for new enrolments to Victorian government schools called VicStudents.

VicStudents is available for students who are enrolling in a Victorian Government School for the first time. This includes Foundation (Prep) enrolments for 2025.

VicStudents has been assessed by the Department of Education to a high degree of security in line with the [Victorian Protective Data Security Standards](#) and is compliant with ISO 27001, the leading international standard for information security.

To commence online enrolment:

Visit <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/> to create an account and complete the online application form. Please ensure that all documents required are attached to the application.

Click on the link below for a Quick Reference Guide to using the online system or enquire at the office.
[QRG_Digital_Enrolment_Parent_Carer_Guide.pdf](#)

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 2

\$1 Mini Hot Dogs (cocktail frankfurts in bread) will be on sale during term 2. 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 on the QKR app

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

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>



Mother's Day Stall Thursday 9th May 2024

There will be an array of items for sale at the Mother's Day Stall ranging in price from \$1 to \$6. Each class will visit the stall with their teacher and our wonderful parent volunteers will help the students purchase two or three of items for their Mum, Auntie or special person. Please send a bag to school with your child/ren so they can pop their purchased items in to carry home.

The items available are a small acknowledgment to let your special person know how much you appreciate all she does for you



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 or call our Sponsorship Coordinator, Jo Heap 0402 429 141

Groove
FOUNDATIONS

Music School



Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing?

Monbulk Primary's talented team of teachers offer private lessons for:

Drums 🥁 **Piano** 🎹 **Guitar** 🎸 **Singing** 🎤 **Ukulele** 🎸 **Bass** 🎸

To book your free trial lesson, contact Jordan at Groove Foundations.
Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - groovefoundations@gmail.com

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!

SIERRAVOICES.INFO@GMAIL.COM

PRIMARY CHOIR MONBULK



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

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Monbulk Junior Football Club

SHE CAN PLAY



UNDER 10 GIRLS WANTED!

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Monbulk Netball Club

NET SET GO 2024

REGISTER NOW
 STARTS 1ST MAY-11 SEP



COME AND HAVE A GO!
 2 WEEK OBLIGATION
 FREE TRIAL

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 4-4.45pm
 @ MONBULK NETBALL COURTS

Community News



Raising Resilient Kids

A free program for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years

Do you want to:

- Help your child cope in what feels like a rapidly changing and often chaotic world?
- Improve their confidence?
- Help your child manage their strong emotions?
- Help them to better understand and manage their anxious feelings?
- Work with them to develop strategies to manage anger?
- Communicate better with your child?

When: 14th May - 18th June 2024

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Where: Online, via Zoom

Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Questions: Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

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BETTER TOMORROWS



Challenging Behaviours in Children

Presented by Jasbir Singh Suropada

- What are challenging behaviours?
- Is my child challenging me or feeling overwhelmed?
- Who do I call for support and assistance?

Date: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Where: online via Zoom

ENQUIRIES:
CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au
or call 0457 825 076

Register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5Y_tK1DXR0GUEXzf3HEPBQ



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or scan QR code

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Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

When: Tuesday (6 evening sessions)
14th May - 18th June 2024

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Online - Via Zoom

Who: Dads

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: [Click here to book](#)

Questions:
Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

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MONBULK
Junior Football Club

REGISTER NOW
AUSKICK 2024

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2024 SEASON DETAILS

FRI 19th APRIL - FRI 19th JULY 2024

Monbulk Recreation Reserve

4:30 - 5:30pm

Ages 5-12 years

Cost \$91



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For further details please contact
Monbulk's Auskick Coordinator

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Community News

Network Outage Review

Communities and businesses are invited to discuss your experiences of the 13 February power outages with the Network Outage Review Panel

On the 4 and 5 May 2024 the Panel will be in your area to listen to your experiences of the storm event. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday 4 May

Monbulk Community Link

21 Main Rd, Monbulk,
From 9:30 am to 12 pm

Hills Hub

400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald
From 1 pm to 4 pm

Sunday 5 May

Cockatoo Community Complex

77 Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo
From 9:30 am to 12 pm

Gembrook Community Centre

4 Gembrook Rd, Gembrook
From 1 pm to 4 pm

Please email networkoutagereview@deeca.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.



SHREK
THE MUSICAL JR.

Thursday 16th May, 6pm
Friday 17th May, 6pm
Saturday 18th May, 6pm

Get tickets on our website:
www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au

1st Belgrave
South Scouts

winter market

10am - 2pm
Sunday 26th May
Belgrave Scout Hall
28 Station St
Belgrave

Kids' activities
secondhand goods
Handmade goods

sausage sizzle
cake stalls