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Key Diary Dates 2025

3pm Friday Assembly All Welcome

1st Term 2025 28th Jan to 4th Apr

21 Mar Regional Swimming

21 Mar Curriculum Day No Students

23 Mar Sunday Repower Festival 11-4pm at school and YRC

25 Mar Gr5&6 Puberty Talk

26 March Student Leader Excursion

28 Earth Hour activities at school

31 Mar HA Writing Gr3-6

2 Apr Open Classrooms

4 Apr Cross Country 11am, BBQ 12.20pm, Assembly 2pm

4 Apr Easter Raffle drawn

4 Apr 2.30pm Early Finish

2nd Term 22 Apr to 4th Jul

23 Apr Dandy Ranges ANZAC for School Captains

24 Apr ANZAC Assembly at school

25 Apr ANZAC Holiday & March

28 Apr to 2 May Open Week

29 2026 Prep Info Night

7 May House Athletics Carnival

8 May Mother's Day Stall



20 March 2025

We have a jam-packed end to term 1, full of special events and memories for our students.

Repower Festival Sun 23rd 10am

The Repower festival is in and around the school. The Festival highlights sustainable electrical energy, with our students presenting the Monbulk 2.0 project completed by the Gr 5/6 students. All families are welcome to come along and enjoy food trucks, live music, electric carts, bikes and cars, and meet vendors with special deals.

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle is back!

Please bring Easter donations to the Office or classroom. Students will be sent home with Raffle tickets shortly, and the prizes will be drawn at the last Assembly for the term, Fri 4th April 2pm.

Curriculum Day Fri 21st March

This Fri 21st March is Curriculum Day. Teachers and staff will be completing planning and training throughout the day.

OSH Club is available - book through OSH Club.

Cross Country, BBQ & Early Finish Fri 4th April

The last day of term 1 is Fri 4th April, and there are several events to finish the term with a bang! 11 am (after recess) - Cross Country

12.20pm - BBQ lunch (Sausages \$3, Icy Pole \$1)

2pm Early Assembly and Easter Raffle

2.30pm Early Finish

OSH Club are running a Holiday program throughout the school holidays. Book online through OSH Club.

Parent Payments

Our Parent payments allow Monbulk PS to offer additional programs and resources for our students. These include the STEM subject resources, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, access to laptops and iPads, books, subscriptions, stationary and additional wellbeing programs.

Thank you to those who have already contributed - without your support we are not able to provide these great experiences and programs beyond the classroom.

Payments can be made throughout the year. Many families choose to pay annually around \$270, or make termly instalments of around \$70.

All contributions are gratefully accepted through Compass or at the Front Office.

School Saver Bonus

SSB can be used for limited items, including uniforms and excursions. Once the 'deadline' passes, your Bonus sits with the school in your account, and is available for use with camps and excursions.

Estelle Alder Principal

Items to action on Compass and special announcements

*Barry Plant Easter Colouring in competition, winners will be contacted directly from Barry Plant Real Estate in Emerald on 31st March 2025

* School photos from Schoolpix sent home on Wednesday and Thursday this week, If you would like to purchase additional photos please contact Schoolpix on 1300 766 055

Earth Hour 2025

Saturday 22nd of March is Earth Hour. Households are encouraged to go without electricity for one hour on this day, from 8:30-9:30pm. As a school, we will be powering off for one hour on Friday 28th March.



Earth Hour is about more than just switching off

for sixty minutes. Millions of people around the world in over 190 countries and territories take part in Earth Hour as a pledge to help fight for our planet and demand stronger climate action.

93% of Australians who take part in Earth Hour believe that it's a great symbol that inspires more action on climate change and helps protect the planet - not just for one hour but all year and always. And it's not just people switching off either.

While Earth Hour may have started in Australia back in 2007, it's now become the largest global grass-roots movement for the environment.

The world's biggest landmarks, like the Empire State Building, London Bridge and Australia's own Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, switch off each year as a symbolic display of their commitment to the planet.

Across the globe, Earth Hour has inspired tree-planting events, beach cleanups, community gatherings, mass candlelight vigils and more. It highlights the environmental issues our Earth is facing and gives us the motivation to find solutions. For some, it is the start of a very important conversation on what they can do to protect the planet.

Will you join millions across the globe in turning off the lights at 8:30pm local time on Saturday 25 March 2022? Together, let's take #TimeOutForNature this Earth Hour and appreciate the incredible benefits nature provides us.

Division Swimming 2025

Emmett and Jack both did a fantastic job representing the school - Emmett finished strongly in the middle of the field in his backstroke, as did Jack in his freestyle. Jack also achieved first place in his butterfly in a nail-biting finish! Jack will now proudly represent Monbulk Primary School in the Region-

al Swimming Championship. We wish you all the best for your

race on Friday Jack.







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



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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 1. Served at the SAKG window at the start of lunchtime by our wonderful parent volunteers. Thank you to Monbulk Woolworths for your generous donation.



Sushi, Sausage Roll and Party Pie Thursdays

NB: Order by 9am Tuesday on the QKR app Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School

Price Increase as of 10th March 2025 reflected below.

Sauce Satchels will now be sold separately

\$4.80 Sausage roll

\$2.50 Party Pie

\$5.30 Spinach Roll

\$0.40 Tomato Sauce Satchel

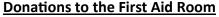
Sushi Vegetarian, Crispy Chicken or Tuna and Avocado Sushi Rolls \$5.50

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.

**If a student is absent on the day of the lunch order, please contact the office on 9756 6481 to let us know if you would like us to hold the order for collection. If we do not hear from you, we will distribute the lunch to other students and/or staff.



From time to time our little ones may have a little toileting accident at school. We'd love some donations of new undies and 2nd hand leggings to stock up our spare supply of dry clothes for the students to change into. Clothing sizes 4 to 12 are most welcome. Feel free to drop any into the office at your convenience.

Might be an idea to keep a supply of clean clothes in your child's school bag in case of emergency!!

2nd Hand Uniform

Our secondhand uniform rack is overloaded!! If you're looking at stocking up your wardrobes come check out the rack in the first aid room. All items gold coin donation.

MPS Easter Raffle 2025

Accepting Easter Basket Donations at the office now

- Drop your Easter/chocolate donation to the school office.
 Easter eggs, decorations, activities, baskets etc welcomed
- Tickets Slea. (More available at the office)
- Write your students name and class on the raffle tickets and return them & your payment to school by 3rd April.
- Winners drawn and prizes sent home on the Last Day of Term 4^a April 2025







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Dear families,

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to receive a **custom-fit mouthguard** through the **SMILE SQUAD program**. This initiative aims to protect children from dental injuries while they participate in high-risk sports.





Important Details:

Mouthguard Scanning Day

Date: Wednesday, March 26th

Location: 1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, Vic 3156

During this event, your child will be **scanned** for their custom-fit mouthguard. The mouthguards will be ready for **pick-up two weeks later**.

Eligibility Requirements:

Dental Examination: Before receiving a mouthguard, your child must have had a dental examination within the last 6 months. Please ensure your child has had this examination prior to the scanning day.

High-Risk Sports Participation: This program is available for students involved in high-risk sports such as basketball, football, BMX bike riding, cricket, gymnastics, and more.

How to Book:

Step 1: Ensure your child has had a recent Smile Squad dental examination.

Step 2: Contact our reception team to book your child's appointment for the Mouthguard Scanning Day.

Phone: 9757 6200

Email: Smile.Squad@each.com.au

Why Custom-Fit Mouthguards?

Custom-fit mouthguards provide superior protection against dental injuries, ensuring your child can participate in their favourite sports safely. They are more comfortable and effective than store-bought mouthguards, offering a better fit and protection.

Important Notes:

The custom-fit mouthguards will be available for **pick-up two weeks after the scanning day**. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact our reception team.

We are committed to protecting your child's dental health while they enjoy sports. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity!

Dear families, with Autumn here and Winter on the way, MPS are looking ahead to prepare our fruit and veg garden for Winter crops.

We are seeking donations of seeds, seedlings or cuttings from your garden if you have any to spare to help bulk up our garden beds for companion planting!

Herb and flower cuttings are also welcome.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. See Meg Fox or email Meg.Fox@education.vic.gov.au

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Volunteers for Kitchen Garden!



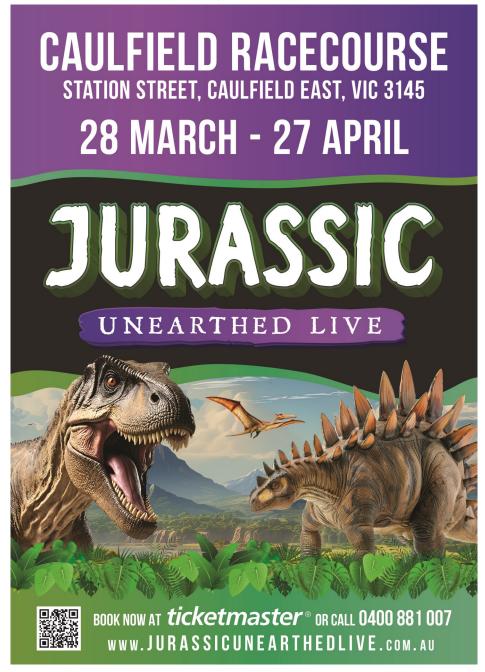
Are you or a family member keen to get hands on in the Kitchen and/or Garden this year? Please get in touch with **Meg Fox** to kindly volunteer as a one off, fortnightly or weekly. There are no set commitments and you are welcome any time. just let Mrs Fox know in advance!

Volunteers must have a **Working** with **Children's Check**, let us know if you need help to apply for one easily!

Please see timetable below. Scan QR code or email

Meg.Fox@education.vic.gov.au to sign up.

Thank you so much and cannot wait to meet with families in the Kitchen ${\bf Garden!}$



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Community News



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

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

Drums ⊌ Piano III Guitar ♦ Singing ▶ Ukulele 🎜 Bass

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



Join us! Weekly choir program for Grades 1-6 students. Learn how to sing in a fun environment, perform and create lasting

Term 1 - 2025 Tuesday 3:50pm cation: Monbulk PS 1hr Program



Directed by Lilly Tunley e:sierravoices.info@gmail.com













PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER



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FOOD TRUCKS

BIKE AND BLEND SMOOTHIES

LUMINALI" SLREEL PERFORMERS

BUFFALO