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## Key Diary Dates 2025

3pm Friday Assembly All Welcome

### 2nd Term 22 Apr to 4th Jul

27 Jun Crazy Hair Day

30 Jun Distr Netball, Football & Soccer  
Revised Date

2 Jul Parent Teacher Interviews early  
finish or alternative program 1pm

4 Jul Early finish 2.30pm

### 3rd Term 21 Jul to 19 Sep

25 Jul National Tree Planting Day

29 Jul Div Netball

30 Jul Div Football

1 Aug Div Soccer

11 Aug School Council 7pm

11—15 Aug Smile Squad Dentist Van

15 Aug Book Week Parade

18-22 Aug Prep-Gr4 Swim Program

2 Sep Tues Father's Day Stall

### School Production - Moana

3&4 Sep at Burringja Theatre Upwey

### Camps

17-19 Sep Gr5&6 Mill Valley Ranch

3-5 Dec Gr3&4 Phillip Island

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# Monny Mag

Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

26 June 2025

## And that's (nearly) a wrap!

I can't believe we're already half way through the year! I'm so proud of everything our students and teachers have achieved in such a short time. I've been very fortunate to be able to read some of the poems and writing pieces students have been completing over recent weeks. I'm very much looking forward to our Poetry Anthology Walk. It's so wonderful to see our student's creativity, originality and ideas expressed so well.

Shortly our Semester Reports will be released, via Compass. This year we are including a tally of student absences to help families keep track of attendance.

We aim for all students to be regular attenders.

The Department of Education classes children who are absent 20 days or more across a year as chronically absent. A student who is chronically absent misses at least a month of school a year, and around 7 months of learning by the time the finish Grade 6.

Absence has a significant impact on student learning, achievement and wellbeing.

To support this we are launching our Attendance Improvement initiative called **Every Day Counts – Missing School is Missing Out!**

More information will be sent to families next term. In the meantime, keep an eye out for your child's absences on their Semester Report. So far, 55% of students have an attendance rate of 90% or above, and are not at risk of chronic absence.

Wishing you a wonderful and refreshing break with you family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.



## Items to action on Compass and special announcements

- \* Book your parent teacher interview on Compass Conferences
- \* Scan QR code to consent and book a spot for your child to see Smile Squad
- \* Crazy Hair Day Tomorrow -

### Welcome Ms Samantha Hanks!

We are very pleased to welcome Ms Samantha Hanks to our Monbulk PS school community.

Ms Hanks will be taking over the Prep class from Mrs Murray as she leaves to have her baby.

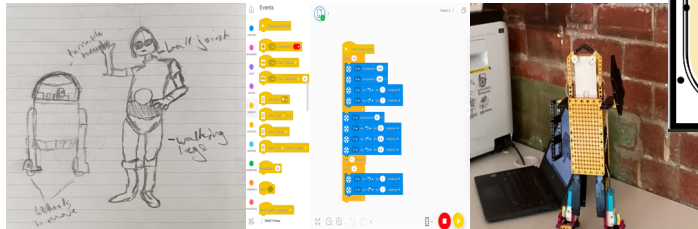
Mrs Murray and Mrs Hanks will be teaching together for the start of term 3, until Mrs Murray goes on leave. Please make her welcome!

**Estelle Alder**  
Principal



### RoboCup Junior Entry – LEGO Spike Prime Challenge!

A small group of students from 5/6A, Jack M, Nathan O and Angus C proudly submitted an entry into the 2025 RoboCup Junior Australia competition in the LEGO Spike Prime Rescue challenge. This year's theme, "A World of Discovery," inspired the students to design, build and code a robot that could discover different worlds using popular Star Wars characters. The team showed incredible creativity, problem-solving and teamwork throughout their project. We are very proud of their efforts and congratulate them on representing our school with enthusiasm and innovation! The competition winners will be announced in July.



## MEET YOUR TEACHER!

### MISS HANKS

### ABOUT ME!

My name is Miss Hanks, and I will be your Prep teacher for Semester 2 2025. I am so excited to be joining MPS!

We are going to have so much fun together at school. I cannot wait to get to know you and learn about your favourite things.

My passion is student wellbeing, working alongside me is my Therapy Dog, Cooper. Cooper will join us throughout the term. I can't wait for you to meet him. If you would like to know more about him, you can follow his journey.

Cooper\_thetherapydog

### MY FAVOURITES

I absolutely love animals and teaching Prep! This is my 8<sup>th</sup> year teaching and 6 of those have been in Prep.

I love Thai food, chocolate and ice-cream. My favourite colour is black and rainbow.

### CONTACTS

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### CSEF Camps Sports & Excursions Fund—2025 Applications close 4th July 2025

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A \$154 allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below. If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

### Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2026

The Department of Education has a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2026 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2026, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 25 July 2025**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2026, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

**For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at**

[vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep](https://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).

**Quick Link to online enrolment platform** <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>

Handy Guideline for online enrolment attached here or can be collected from the school office

[TEM Digital Enrolment Foundation Parent Carer letter.pdf](#)

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

Our Prep Students had a visit from the Monbulk CFA last week. Not only did they learn about fire safety they were let loose on the water cannons competing to blast the tiny trucks with water to the finish line first. Two of our firefighters from the Monbulk CFA and parents of our school, Alex and Josh will be competing in the 12th Annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb. To find out more about the event please scan the QR code below or donate to [firefighterclimb.org.au](https://firefighterclimb.org.au).



SCAN TO DONATE

**12TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB 2025**

6th September 2025

Climbing 28 floors in 25kg of gear

# CFA MONBULK

**NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO STEP UP!**

Help us reach a goal of **\$1,000,000** to fight against cancer, depression, and suicide.

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## Fundraising News

### **Come and Join the 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 Last day for Term 2 is 27/6/24 (Tomorrow)**

\$1 Cocktail Frankfurts in bread will be on sale every Friday start of lunchtime. Served at the window of the SAKG (student kitchen) by our wonderful parent volunteers. Thank you again to Monbulk Woolworths for your generous donation of food.



### **Sushi, Sausage Roll and Party Pie Thursdays**

**NB: Order by 9am Tuesday on the QKR app**

**Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School**

\$4.80 Sausage roll

\$2.50 Party Pie

\$5.30 Spinach Roll

\$0.40 Tomato Sauce Satchel

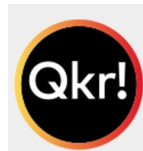
Sushi Vegetarian, Crispy Chicken or Tuna and Avocado Sushi Rolls \$5.50

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 or [Monbulk.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Monbulk.ps@education.vic.gov.au) 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.**



### **Donations for the First Aid Room**

Just a heads up Parents— our stocks are very low on spare undies and pants for sizes 4-10

We'd love some donations to stock up our supply of dry clothes for the students to change into.

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 just in case of emergency!! Lots of kids playing in puddles during winter and getting wet.



### **Wet Weather Days**

Outside play continues on drizzly days—Good idea to send your child to school with a raincoat during Wintery wet days. Gumboots are great footwear when jumping in puddles, feel free to pack a spare pair of dry shoes (and socks) for your child to wear in the classroom.



### **Crazy Hair Day—Fri 27th June**

Children are invited to style their hair CRAZY for a good cause!

On Crazy Hair Day children bring a great 'do and a gold coin.

Children can also choose to have some coloured hair spray during lunchtime, for another gold coin donation.

**Note - we will only spray the hair of children with family consent, noted through this Event.**

**This Event consent is only for those wishing to have their hair sprayed at school, so that we don't colour hair without family knowledge and consent.** If you would like to come to school with Crazy Hair (or normal hair), and no spray at school, no consent is required.

The students will vote at the Assembly whether to donate the money raised to the RSPCA or the World's Greatest Shave.

Foodie Friday will also be running, \$1 for a cocktail frankfurt in bread.

This will be a wonderful and fun day, but there is no pressure for children to participate.



### Smile Squad is coming to Monbulk Primary School



Dear families,

The Smile Squad team from EACH are coming to our school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

#### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the QR code:

Please complete and submit the consent form, this will be sent directly to EACH.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

#### **Smile Squad dental packs**

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

#### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

EACH Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.





## The Recuperation Hub

New 'Therapy Centre' across the road from your school.

- ★ Bowen Therapy
- ★ Neuro Training
- ★ Astrology
- ★ Kinesiology
- ★ Tai Chi
- ★ Breathing
- ★ Meditation

If you need **"FAST"** pain relief rates are **"50% off"** **Opening Special.**

**Register for -**

After drop off or before pick up –

Tai Chi	}	9.15 am <b>OR</b> 2.30 pm	KEN
Breathing			
Meditation	}	7.30 am <b>OR</b> 6.30 pm	JULES

**Call Jules 0420 611 451 OR Ken 0417 122 576**

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# Community News

## Circle of Security Parenting

The Circle of Security® Parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

This 8-week program will help you to:

- Understand your child's emotions.
- Support your child's ability to manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.
- Strengthen the attachment with your child.

The details:

Where: Online  
When: Thursdays, 31st of July – 18th of September 2025  
Time: 11 am – 12:30 pm  
Suitable for: Parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years  
Cost: Free  
Eligibility: Open to parents and carers living in the inner and outer east of Melbourne

Contact us  
[familywellbeingreferrals@vt.uniting.org](mailto:familywellbeingreferrals@vt.uniting.org)  
Learn more  
[unitingvic tas.org.au/event/circle-of-security-parenting/](https://unitingvic tas.org.au/event/circle-of-security-parenting/)



Scan the QR code above to register your interest

## Tuning in to Teens

Tuning in to Teens is a 6-session parenting program designed to equip you to help your teenager to understand and manage their emotions.

This program can help you learn to:

- Communicate more effectively with your teen.
- Understand your teen better.
- Increase awareness and regulation of your own emotions.
- Help your teen learn to manage difficult emotions.
- Help to prevent behavioural issues in your teen.

The details:

Where: Online  
When: Wednesdays, 6th of August – 10th of September 2025  
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm  
Cost: Free  
Suitable for: Parents or carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years.  
Eligibility: Open to parents and carers living in the inner and outer east of Melbourne

Contact us  
[familywellbeingreferrals@vt.uniting.org](mailto:familywellbeingreferrals@vt.uniting.org)  
Learn more  
[unitingvic tas.org.au/event/tuning-in-to-teens/](https://unitingvic tas.org.au/event/tuning-in-to-teens/)



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## Tuning in to Kids

Tuning in to Kids is a 6-session parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behavioural problems?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

The details:

Where: Online  
When: Tuesdays, 5th of August – 9th of September 2025  
Time: 10 am – 12 pm  
Cost: Free  
Suitable for: Parents with children aged 3 to 10 years.  
Eligibility: Open to parents and carers living in the inner and outer east of Melbourne

Contact us  
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Learn more  
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### Support 1st Monbulk Scout Group!

Help us raise funds by entering the **Scout Monster Raffle!** Every ticket sold goes directly towards helping our Scouts grow, learn, and adventure.

Scan the QR code to get your tickets today and show your support!

**Drawn in November – don't miss out!**



## New members welcome

Monbulk Pony Club is a friendly club with members ranging from age 4-25. You don't need a fancy horse or fancy gear to be part of our club.



We work on dressage, show jumping, musical ride, mounted games, cross country, trail riding and working equitation. We learn about horse ownership.

We have Ready to Ride, Riders Without Horses and Adult Rider memberships.



Monbulk Pony Club  
We meet at Monbulk Pony Club grounds first Sunday of the month.

Wards Road Reserve  
Monbulk Victoria 3793

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[www.monbulkponyclub.org.au](http://www.monbulkponyclub.org.au)

Come and try a rally!



Scan me

## Missing Macca's Bucket Hat

If found please bring to the school office  
So that we can reunite it with it's owner

As pictured this hat went missing on Wed 4th June Reconciliation Day

