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Key Diary Dates 2025

3pm Friday Assembly All Welcome

3rd Term 21 Jul to 19 Sep

1 Aug Div Soccer

1 Aug 100 Days of Prep

8 Aug School Nurse visiting Preps

11 Aug School Council 7pm

11—15 Aug Smile Squad Dentist Van

11 Aug Reg Football

13 Aug Reg Netball

14 Aug HA Science exc select gr 56

15 Aug Book Week Parade

18-22 Aug Prep-Gr4 Swim Program

18 Aug Reg Soccer

20 Aug District Athletics

1 Sep Dress Rehearsal Moana school

2 Sep Tues Father's Day Stall

3 Sep Rehearsal at Burrinja all day

School Production - Moana

3&4 Sep at Burrinja Theatre Upwey

Camps

17-19 Sep Gr5&6 Mill Valley Ranch

3-5 Dec Gr3&4 Phillip Island

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Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

31 July 2025

Every Day Counts – Missing school is missing out!

This term we are launching an attendance initiative at MPS called **'Every Day Counts'**.

Our attendance motto is **'Every Day Counts - Missing School is Missing Out!'**.

Regular school attendance is crucial for students to reach their full potential. Every day of learning counts.

Missing school, even occasionally, can lead to learning gaps and make it harder for children to stay connected socially and emotionally.

Therefore, we're working to improve our attendance as a whole school.



What does 'Every Day Counts' involve?

- Celebrating outstanding or improved attendance at Assemblies with an Attendance Award
- Late Passes replaced with Welcome Passes
- Recording Attendance Rates on Semester Reports
- Publicity, including posters and fridge magnets
- Support for families and students at risk of chronic absence, including letters home to alert families regarding attendance
- Streamlined support and referral to services for students either at risk of or experiencing chronic absence, school reluctance or school refusal
- Attendance as a regular agenda items for Student Support Group meetings and Parent Teacher Interviews.

Department Guidelines regarding target attendance rates are below:

Regular attenders: miss less than 10 days (2 weeks) a year

Risk of chronic absence: miss between 10-19 days (2-4 weeks) a year

Chronically absent: miss 20+ days (1 month) a year.

Students who are chronically absent miss around a year of school by Year 10.

You can check your child's attendance through the Compass portal.

We understand that attendance can be a tricky and challenging issue for students and families, and we're here to work together with you to support your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or our Wellbeing Team at the school.

These are our new Late Passes – Called a Welcome Pass!



Items to action on Compass and special announcements

See page 4 to scan QR codes

* Scan QR code to consent and book a spot for your child to see Smile Squad

* Prep parents scan QR code to consent to School Nurse assessment visit 8th August

Farewell OSH Club, Welcome Their Care

Monbulk PS is changing our out of school hours care providers.

Schools are required to undertake regular revision and consideration of contracts to ensure the best service for the school.

As such, our School Council have appointed TheirCare as our new out of school hours provider.

OSH Club will run until the end of term 3.

During the school holidays our building will be repainted, and each company will set up/pack up.

Families can access an OSH Club Holiday program at The Patch PS, or a TheirCare Holiday program at Emerald PS.

TheirCare will begin on the first day of term 4. All of the same services provided by OSH Club will be provided by TheirCare.

There is an Information Evening online on **Tues 12th August at 7.30pm**. Please see attached info to attend.

Further information regarding enrolment etc will be sent through in coming weeks.

Estelle Alder

Principal

Monbulk Primary School

9756 6481

MONBULK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Respect – Courage – Compassion – Co-operation



Parent Information Session



You are invited
to learn about TheirCare!



Exceptional Outside of School Hours Care
is coming to...
**Monbulk
Primary School**

The session runtime will be brief - please allow up to 30mins



WHERE

Held Via Zoom
Link: [click here](#)
Meeting ID: 860 8008 9371
Passcode: KMOB8c

WHEN

Date: Tuesday 12th August
2025
Time: 7:30 PM

Join here!



MORE INFO
theircare.com.au
or call
1300 072 410

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

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 for Term 3

\$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

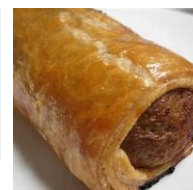
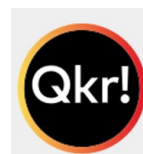
Sushi Vegetarian, Crispy Chicken or Tuna and Avocado Sushi Rolls \$5.50

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 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.



Community News



Smile Squad is coming to Monbulk Primary School

Dear families,

The Smile Squad team from EACH are coming to our school from Monday 11th 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.

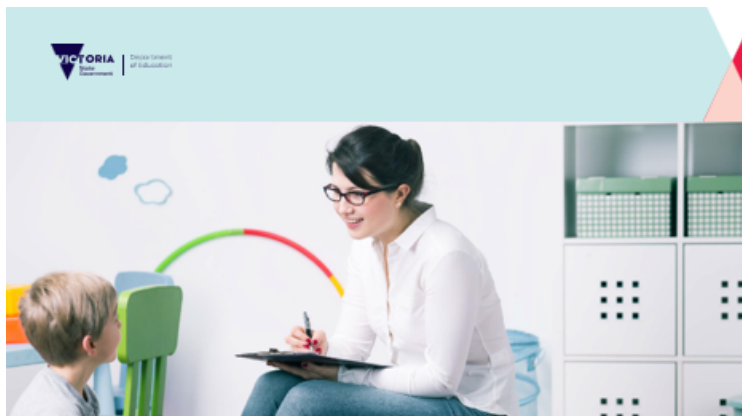
Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

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.



Reminder Letter - Free Health, Wellbeing and Development Checks

Dear Foundation Parents/Carers,

Recently you were provided information and a postcard about the Primary School Nursing Program, along with a link to an online version of the School Entrant Health Questionnaire. You can access and complete this questionnaire on a mobile phone, computer or tablet.

If you have not yet completed the questionnaire and would like to do so, please use the QR code or link below to access the questionnaire:



<https://students.education.vic.gov.au/seha/s>

If you have started an online questionnaire but have not yet submitted it, please log in, complete the questionnaire, and submit it.

Participation in the program is not mandatory, and parent/carer consent is required for the Primary School Nurse to see your child.

If you do not wish to participate, you are encouraged to select 'No I do not consent' in the online questionnaire so that your response is recorded.

If you prefer, an identical paper version of the questionnaire is available from your child's school. Please only complete one questionnaire per child.

If you have any questions or concerns about this service, you can contact the visiting Primary School Nurse

Nurse: Sarah Torsello
T: 0412 161 468
E: sarah.torsello@education.vic.gov.au

If you have already completed the School Entrant Health Questionnaire, thank you.

Department of Education





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After drop off or before pick up –

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Breathing	}	
Meditation	}	7.30 am OR 6.30 pm JULES

Call Jules 0420 611 451 OR Ken 0417 122 576

Gift Certificates Available

Helping you "Be Your Best" fast

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.

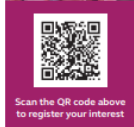
This 8-week program will help you to:

- 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
Learn more
unitingvictas.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.

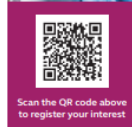
This program can help you learn to:

- 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
Learn more
unitingvictas.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.

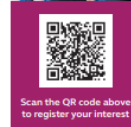
Would you like to learn how to:

- 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
familywellbeingreferrals@vt.uniting.org
Learn more
unitingvictas.org.au/event/tuning-in-to-kids-august/



Scan the QR code above to register your interest

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Joey Scouts Are Coming to Monbulk!

Do you have a child aged 5 to 7 who's ready for fun, adventure, and hands-on learning? 1st Monbulk Scout Group is launching a brand-new **Joey Scout Mob**, and we'd love to welcome new families to come along and give it a go!

When: Mondays, 5:00–6:00pm

Where: Monbulk Scout Hall, 508 Monbulk Road

Start Date: Monday 28th July (Week 2 of Term 3)

Joey Scouts is a weekly program full of exciting activities like bush walks, crafts, science experiments, games, and cooking. It's all about helping kids grow in confidence, make new friends, and have fun in a safe, welcoming environment.

Try it free for up to 3 weeks!

Scan the QR code to register your interest:



For more information, feel free to contact the Group Leader at:

gl.1stmonbulk@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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