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## Key Diary Dates 2025

3pm Friday Assembly All Welcome

### 4th Term 6 Oct to 19 Dec

7,14,21,28 Nov 2026 Prep Transition

1 Dec Curriculum Day—No Students

1 Dec Ray Yates Memorial

2pm Tatra Receptions 1401 Mt Dandenong  
Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong

2 Dec Volunteers Afternoon Tea 3pm

3-5 Dec Gr3&4 Phillip Island Camp

8 Dec School Council

8 Dec Gr6 Graduation Rehearsal at  
Monbulk Christian Fellowship 9am

9 Dec Step up Day Classes 2026 9.30am to  
12.30pm

9 Dec 2026 Captains Speeches

9 Dec Grade 6 Graduation

Ceremony 5.45pm MCFellowship

Dinner 7.30pm Marybrooke Manor

12 Dec Colour Run

19 Dec Early finish 1.30pm Last Day

# Monny Mag

Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

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## Vale Mr Ray Yates

Mr Yates was the Principal and teacher at Monbulk Primary for 38 years. He made an extraordinary impact on the students and staff he worked with, the education community, and on the Monbulk township as a whole. His passion for people and our community made an extraordinary difference to many, in every walk of life.

Our school would not be what it is without his care, commitment, hard work, and dedication to community.

People always mention that Mr Yates always remembered their names, even many, many years after he taught them. Ray Yates had a strong passion for the arts and believed that every child should be taught music. Our Arts building, named after Ray Yates, is a testament to this and has provided many children with great opportunities in learning in the Arts. Generations of locals remember their time with Mr Yates with great fondness and respect, and his loss is being deeply felt by many.

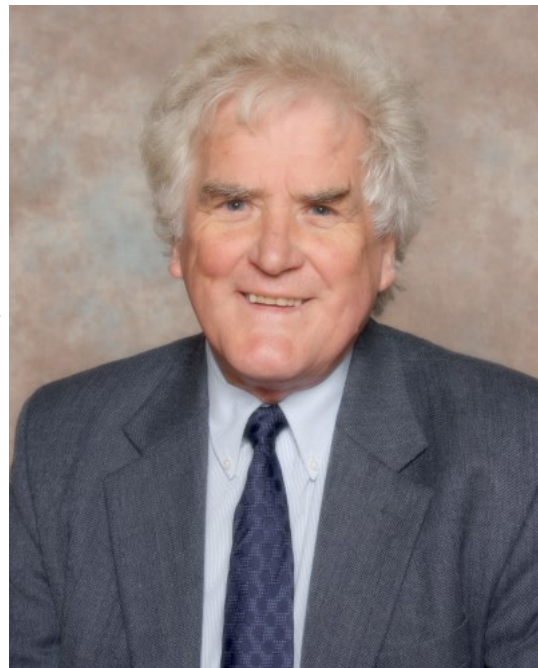
The current students of MPS have created some wonderful drawings these will be displayed at Ray's memorial at Tatra Receptions. The Bell Tower at MPS will be rung 38 times at 1pm on Monday 1st December one ring for each year that Ray served at MPS.

A memorial will be held in Ray's honour on Monday 1st December, 2pm at Tatra Receptions, 1401 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong.

To watch a livestream of the Memorial Service, please visit [selwynallenfunerals.com.au](http://selwynallenfunerals.com.au)

**Estelle Alder**

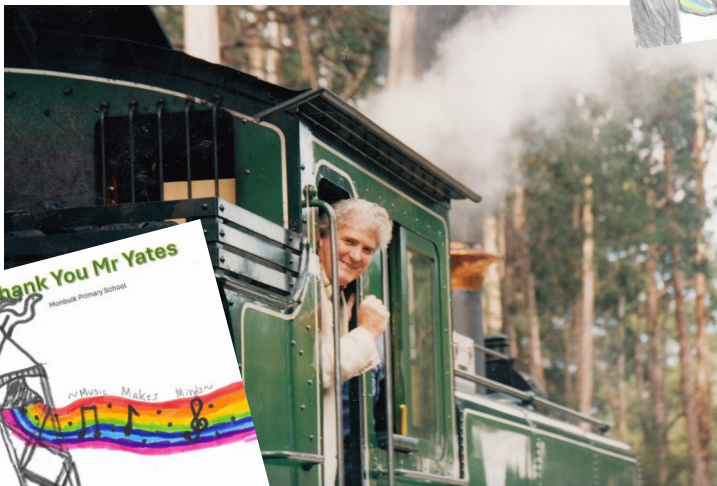
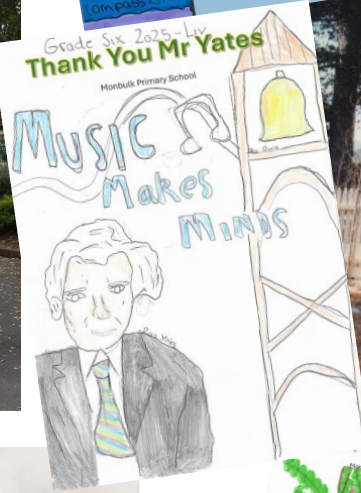
Principal  
Monbulk Primary School



## Items to action on Compass and special announcements

- ◇ 2nd December—Volunteer Afternoon Tea 3pm in the staffroom





We acknowledge and pay respect of the Wurundjeri Ngunungaeta-Murrundindi, and their Elders, as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our School stands.

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### **Step Up Day Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec & 2026 teachers**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec we have Step Up Day where students will meet their 2026 teacher and class in their 2026 classroom. Students will complete a range of activities until lunch time.

2026 Gr 6 students will meet their 2026 Prep Buddies.

After lunch we will listen to the 2026 Captain's Speeches.

Please see below for the grades and teachers for 2026.

<b>Prep</b>	Mr Prout, Mrs Judges & Mrs Fox (2 classes)
<b>1/2</b>	Mrs Suckling, Mrs Holloway & Mrs Sawyer (2 classes)
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	Mrs Prout, Ms Tan Sing, Ms McDonough (3 classes)
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Ms Lahza, Mrs Lamport (2 classes)
<b>The Arts</b>	Mr Porter
<b>Auslan</b>	Mr Porter
<b>STEM</b>	Mrs Vranjes
<b>PE</b>	Mr Freeling
<b>Kitchen Garden</b>	Mrs Fox

It will be wonderful to welcome back Mrs Sawyer from Maternity leave in 2026.



### **Volunteer Thank you Afternoon Tea** **2nd December 2025 3pm Staffroom**

Please join us in the Staffroom at 3pm, for an afternoon tea to celebrate and acknowledge all the volunteer help you've given to support Monbulk Primary School in 2025. Volunteers have helped in the classroom whether listening to the students read, Kitchen or Garden Class. Volunteered at the Book-fair, Bookclub, Mother's and Father's Day Stall, Colour Run, Sports Days, Moana Production, Excursions and Camp helpers. Collected our Sushi and Sausage orders from Edison's Bakery and Ethans Kitchen, helped keep our yards clean and tidy and putting our recycling bins at the kerb. Foody Friday and BBQ Masters, last but not least the our School Council members. We appreciate the generosity of your time, running our fundraising events and helping in and around our classrooms. Thank you sincerely from all the staff and students of Monbulk Primary School.



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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 for Term 4

\$1 Icy poles 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.



### Tasty Tucker Thursdays

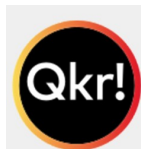
**NB: Order by 9am Tuesday on the QKR app**

**Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School** tasty treats from Edison's Bakery and Ethans Kitchen are available to purchase via the QKR App. Lunch orders will be collected and delivered to the students classroom by 12.50pm each Thursday.

We urge you to support this fundraiser. Orders placed directly with the Bakery do not count towards this fundraising activity.

**\*\*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. Click the link below to access the QKR App**

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**MONBULK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**KITCHEN / GARDEN**

**COLOUR RUN**



**FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**

**HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR A GREENHOUSE, NEW FOOD PROCESSORS, PASTA ROLLERS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE KITCHEN / GARDEN PROGRAM!**

**TO SIGN UP SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [MONBULKCOLOURFUNRUN.GORASEIT.COM.AU](http://MONBULKCOLOURFUNRUN.GORASEIT.COM.AU)**





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177-187 Atlantic Drive, Keysborough VIC 3173

#### Christmas/Back to School Delivery Schedule

Please note there will be no uniform delivery in the last week of Term 4. This is a busy week for both schools and couriers and if the delivery is not made prior to school finishing then there is a risk that orders are lost at the courier depot over the holidays.

- Final Uniform Delivery 2025 – Week 10 2025 - 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025
  - First Uniform Delivery 2026 – Week 1 2026 - 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026
  - Please note the 'Delivery to School' option will be suspended after the final 2025 delivery and will reopen on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January ready for 'Back to School' orders.
  - Orders for delivery to home will continue to be processed and sent via Australia Post. (Except during our Christmas Closure period from 23<sup>rd</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January)
  - All stores will close at 5.00 pm on Monday 22nd December and reopen at 9.00 am Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please check the website for each store's hours.
  - All stores will be open on Australia Day Public Holiday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- For information and assistance please email [OnlineOrders@spartass.com.au](mailto:OnlineOrders@spartass.com.au)



## Community News

**K< KARTING MADNESS**  
**AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST INDOOR GO KART VENUE**  
**RACING LEAGUES | BIRTHDAY FUNCTIONS**

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**BAYSWATER**  
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 9A/841 Mountain Hwy,  
 Bayswater 3153

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**BRAYBROOK**  
 (03) 9317 8222  
 234 Ballarat Rd,  
 Braybrook 3019

[www.kartingmadness.com.au](http://www.kartingmadness.com.au)

Monbulk Primary School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols

**FREE EVENT**

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 Monbulk & District  
 Community Opportunities Workinggroup

INVITE YOU TO  
**MERRY MONBULK**  
*Christmas*  
**STREET PARTY**  
**FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**  
**5PM-8PM**

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

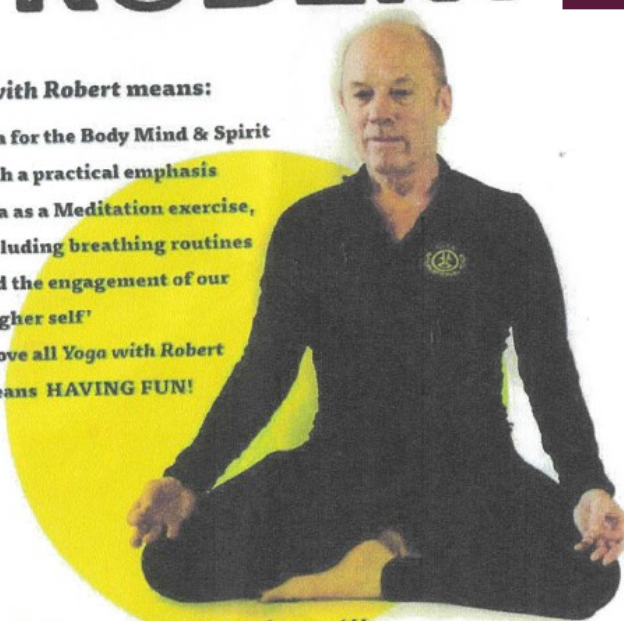
SCAN FOR DETAILS

**Bendigo Bank** Community Bank  
 Monbulk & District

## 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  
 0437 796 390 [robertoff227@gmail.com.au](mailto:robertoff227@gmail.com.au)

**BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**SEEKING PLAYERS**

**SEASON 2026**

**ALL AGE GROUPS**

**GIRLS** - U10, U12, U14, U16, U18  
**BOYS** - U16 Yarra & U16 Ranges  
**MIXED** - U8, U9, U10, U11, U12,  
 U14 Yarra & U14 Ranges **\*NEW\* 2 Divisions!**

\*\* New players receive **FREE** training top, shorts & socks \*\*

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN** →

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Have any questions? Contact us at  
[bjfc\\_registrations@yahoo.com](mailto:bjfc_registrations@yahoo.com)



## Community News



**Open Door Creative Kids Club**

Ages: 8 -14 years

\$5 per week

**Sign Up Now!**  
Limited places

Join us for fun-filled afternoons of art & craft workshops, designed especially for young creators!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM  
Starting February 4 2026

For more information collect flyer from the Open Door Op Shop!

## MEDIA RELEASE



24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY CELEBRATES 125 YEARS  
WITH INAUGURAL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Puffing Billy, Australia's most beloved heritage train and one of the world's best-preserved steam railways, is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a special Community Open Day dedicated to the local community.

To mark this milestone, the railway will offer complimentary train services to residents living within a 10-kilometre radius of any Puffing Billy Railway station. Throughout the day, various local community groups will host a range of engaging activities for all attendees to enjoy.

Originally launched on December 18, 1900, Puffing Billy is a treasured remnant of a more leisurely era. Built to carry goods and passengers through Victoria's mountain district, the historic railway was a vital lifeline for the region.

The line, which ran between Upper Ferntree Gully and Gembrook, faced numerous challenges. By the early 1930s, it had become a financial burden for Victorian Railways, and following a major landslide in 1953, the decision was made to close the line in 1954.

However, a series of farewell trips in 1955 sparked public interest and community efforts that eventually led to the line's revival. Tourist services resumed in 1962 between Belgrave and Menzies Creek, with extensions to Emerald in 1965, Lakeside in 1975, and finally Gembrook in 1998. Since its reopening, more than 11 million passengers have experienced the magic of Puffing Billy.

The Inaugural Community Open Day celebrating Puffing Billy Railway's 125th anniversary will honour the rich history of the railway and its enduring impact on the local community.

Quote from Stefanie Straub, CEO

"Celebrating 125 years of Puffing Billy Railway is more than marking a milestone; it's about honouring the deep and lasting connection we share with our local community. Puffing Billy has always been more than a train; it's a living part of our region's story. As we look to the future, our vision is to create a connected heritage corridor where vibrant villages and iconic rail history inspire wonder, discovery, and authentic local experiences - celebrating community, culture, and nature. This Inaugural Community Open Day is our way of saying thank you to the people who continue to support and inspire us, and of reaffirming our commitment to a railway that belongs to everyone."

For more information, please visit <https://puffingbillyrailway.org.au/events/community-day2025/>

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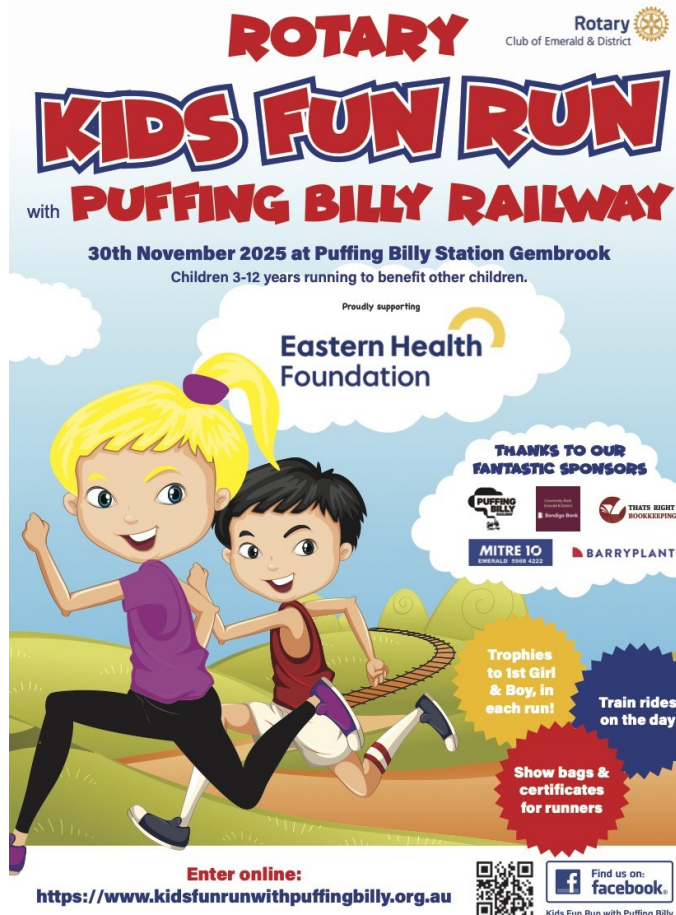


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**PLAY ON.**



**ROTARY** Club of Emerald & District

**KIDS FUN RUN**  
with **PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY**

**30th November 2025 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook**  
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.

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**Eastern Health Foundation**

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Train rides on the day  
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