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## Key Diary Dates 2025

3pm Friday Assembly All Welcome

### 4th Term 6 Oct to 19 Dec

19 Dec Assembly 12.45pm

19 Dec Early finish 1.30pm Last Day

## Key Diary Dates 2026

2.40pm every alternate Friday Assembly All Welcome

### 1st Term 27 Jan to 2nd Apr

27 Jan Curriculum Day—No Students

28 Jan Curriculum Day—No Students

29 Jan Gr 1 to Gr 6 Students Return

5 Feb Preps Begin 8.50am to 1pm

5 Feb Smile Squad 6 month Fluoride Application for existing clients

5 to 12 Feb Preps early finish 1pm

13 Feb Preps 1st Full Day at School

4 Mar Whole School Photos

5 to 6 Mar Book Fair

6 Mar Grandparents Day

9 Mar Labour Day Holiday

20 Mar Curriculum Day—No Students

2 Apr Last Day Term 1 finish 3.10pm

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# Monny Mag

Monbulk Primary School's Newsletter

18 December 2025

### Farewell and thank you

This year has been filled with learning, laughter, and opportunities to challenge ourselves in new ways. Our classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, our playgrounds filled with new friendships, and our school events overflowing with energy and pride.

Thank you to every student for your work this year. You have shown **Respect** in the way you listen, learn, and treat one another with kindness. You have demonstrated **Courage** when trying something new, whether standing on stage, tackling tricky maths problems, or stepping onto a bus for camp for the very first time. Your **Compassion** has been clear in the moments when you've looked after a friend, offered help, or included someone who needed it. And your **Co-operation** has been essential—especially during team activities, group projects, and of course, our outstanding school production of *Moana*, where every voice, every role, and every effort came together brilliantly.

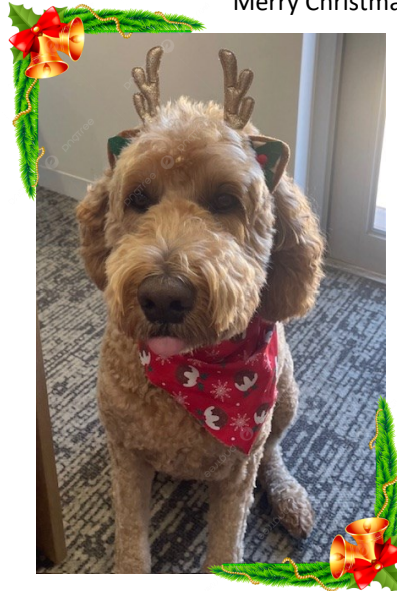
Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for guiding our students with passion, patience, and professionalism. You have shaped not only strong learners, but young people of character, empathy, and resilience.

Thank you to our families for being our partners in education, and for your support, encouragement, and trust help make everything we do possible.

To our Grade 6 students, congratulations! You have finished primary school. No doubt you have a mixture of feelings; excitement at being in high school but also feeling sad and nervous for the big changes ahead. It has been a joy to watch you learn and grow, and we know you are ready for this next step in your education.

As we head into the summer holidays, I hope each of you finds time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with the people you love. We look forward to returning next year, ready for new learning, new adventures, and showing that *R Triple C is the way to be!*

Merry Christmas from Ms Alder and Billy



### Items to action on Compass and special announcements

#### Reminder of New Bell Times for 2026

8.50am Start Recess 11:10am to 11:40am Lunch 1:30 to 2:10pm  
3.10pm Finish

## Farewells

This year we farewell two staff, Ms Hanks and Kim Dunstan.

Thank you to Ms Hanks and Cooper for taking over so wonderfully from Mrs Murray. It has been fabulous to have you as part of our school community, and we wish you all the best as you return to your home school.

Thank you and farewell to Kim Dunstan, who has worked with us in the role of Education Support on her journey to become a qualified teacher. It has been a joy to work with Kim, learn from her, and see how she has added to our school and students. We wish her all the best as she begins her teaching career; we know her students and school are lucky to have her



## Thank you to our School Councillors

We have several School Council members who will be 'retiring' their role from School Council.

I would like to thank them for their support for me and the school, and the countless hours they have given to making our school such a brilliant place to learn and work.

Thank you for your service

Louise Spence

Louise Thorpe

Jo Heap



**Estelle Alder**

Principal  
Monbulk Primary School

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.





## Message from Cathie Yates



Dear children of Monbulk Primary School,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful drawings you did to celebrate the memory of Mr Yates.

He loved this school and he loved all the children who passed through its gates - hundreds and hundreds of them over the years - some of them probably your parents or grandparents.

Your drawings were so colourful that they brightened up the room when people walked in. Mr Yates would have been so happy to know you were thinking of him.

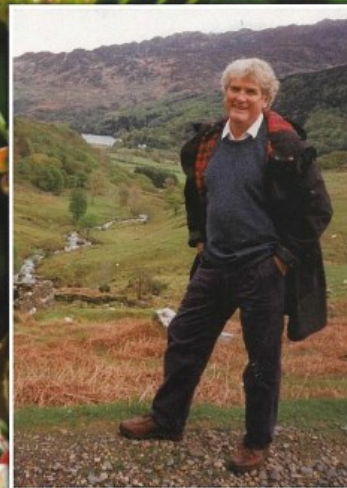
Thank you to all your teachers for giving you the time to do them. They made the day even more special.

With love from Cathie Yates.



*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE OF  
**RAYMOND LESLIE YATES**

28TH APRIL 1939 - 18TH NOVEMBER 2025



Cathie, Richard, Sam and their families would like to thank everyone most sincerely for your attendance here today.

Your expressions of sympathy and support have been a great comfort to them at this time.

Following the service, you are warmly invited to remain and join the family for light refreshments here at Tatra Receptions.



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**Other News**

Congratulations Sadie Gibbs for being awarded Player of the Term for the Melbourne City Football Club 2025



Ocean's marvelous creation of Bee Haven



Grade 6 Graduation 2025





## 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 Fridays need volunteers if to continue in 2026

Our wonderful parent volunteer who has run foody Fridays for years now has a child moving on to year 7 and without new helpers Foody Friday's are at risk of not going ahead in 2026. If you can spare a little time to keep this tradition going please let the office know and we'll put you in touch with other willing parents.

### Tasty Tucker Thursdays—Continue in 2026

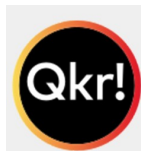
**NB: Order by 9am Tuesday on the QKR app**

**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 1.30pm 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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We know that you want the best for your kids.

Let's do this. 



As families prepare for their children's next big step — whether transitioning from kindergarten to primary school or from primary to secondary — this can be both an exciting and financially challenging time.

I'd like to introduce **Saver Plus**, a **free financial education** and savings program funded by Department of Social Services, that supports families during these important **School transitions**.

Families who join the program receive:

**Up to \$500 in matched savings** to help cover **educational costs such as Laptops, uniforms, books, school camps, technology, and more.**

**Practical money management skills** through fun and engaging online workshops.

**Ongoing support** from Saver Plus saving coach throughout their savings journey.

Saver Plus has helped thousands of Australian families feel more confident and prepared for school expenses.



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#### 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)

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# 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)

## School Holiday Activities

### All Abilities Basketball



All Abilities Basketball is an inclusive, low-pressure session designed for children who are neurodivergent or who have an intellectual or cognitive disability and would love to give basketball a go.

A calm, supportive environment, providing plenty of encouragement and opportunities for children to participate at their own pace.

Morning tea is provided for children and supervising adults.

**Ages:** 8 - 14 (or close to this)  
**Date:** Thursday 22 January 2026  
**Time:** 10am - 11am  
**Location:** Kilsyth Sports Centre

**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)



## 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!

## Join in the fun this December at your local TheirCare!

# SUMMER FEES

TheirCare The place to be these holidays!

### MONBULK PS THEIRCARE

MON 22 DEC	TUES 23 DEC	WED 24 DEC
<b>Groove in the Grass</b> Get ready to groove, giggle, and get creative with Groove in the Grass! It's all about feel-good vibes as we decorate delicious cookies, whip up scented play dough, and take centre stage in a lip sync battle and shake to the rhythm with handmade musical shakers and finish the day with bright and colourful radiant peace art! From as low as \$7.73* Full Fee \$77.26**	<b>Tie Dye Switch Up</b> Add a burst of colour and style as we get to create Tie Dye Tote Bags & Hats! Afterwards, craft your own festival headbands, dance it out in a lively group dance-off, search for treasures in a musical treasure hunt, make music with recycled instruments, and giggle through an energetic freeze dance challenge. From as low as \$8.50* Full Fee \$85.00**	<b>Summer Daze</b> It's all about sunshine and big smiles today! Create your own festival crowns, design awesome friendship bracelets, and craft cool salt dough ornaments. Then keep the fun rolling with go fish and captains orders, the ultimate combo of creativity, laughter, and summer vibes! From as low as \$7.73* Full Fee \$77.26**

\*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. \*\*Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. Please note all prices are current at the time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

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Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

More exciting activities happening throughout January! Visit our website to find out more!

## Holiday Program Important Information!

### What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

### Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

#### Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

### Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

### Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

\*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea and snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

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