

# MONNYYMAG

## ISSUE 4



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## Key Diary Dates 2026

**12.30pm 6/3/26** Special Assembly All Welcome

### 1st Term 27 Jan to 2 Apr

19 Mar Harmony Day

20 Mar Curriculum Day - No Students

26 Mar Prep Family Reading Intro

27 Mar Friendology Launch

27 Mar Earth Hour

31 Mar Regional Swimming- Qualifying students

2 Apr Easter Raffle drawn

2 Apr Special Assembly 12.40pm

2 Apr Cross Country 2pm

2 Apr Last Day Term 1 finish 3.10pm

3 Apr Easter Good Friday Holiday

### 2nd Term 20 Apr to 26 Jun

22 Apr Student Leaders ANZAC Excurs

24 Apr ANZAC Assembly

27 Apr to 1 May Open Week Daily tours

28 Apr 2027 Prep Info Night

6 May House Athletics

### Camps

31 Aug to 2 Sep Gr5&6 Sovereign Hill

2 to 4 Dec Gr3&4 Forest Edge Camp

### MPS Full of Fun Fair

**Sunday 22 November 2026**

## Dream and Lead

On Tuesday our student leaders attended the 'Dream and Lead' youth leadership conference at the Exhibition center.

We had a fantastic day together learning about leading ourselves, standing up for what's right, and about being better, not perfect.

We also learned some fun 'high five' moves which we'll be demonstrating at assemblies.

Well done to our student leaders!



## Items to Action on Compass and Special Announcements

- Donate to the Easter Raffle and buy your tickets
- Advise if you intend to send your children to school on 24<sup>th</sup> March Industrial Action google form (link on page 2 or Compass newsfeed)

## Possible Industrial Action Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has flagged Tues March 24 for potential industrial action as teachers, education support staff and principals negotiate with the Government for our new agreement.

As the lowest paid staff in Australia, we must advocate for our working conditions and to ensure our schools are resourced to meet the needs of our children and communities. This also helps us attract and retain our wonderful staff.

If industrial action goes ahead, most teachers and education support staff will be participating and there will be significant disruption to the school. A normal school day will not run.

If and when the industrial action is confirmed more information will be sent to families as soon as possible to assist with planning.

Preparation for Stop Work on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March - Indicate attendance for the day

Dear families,

There is a planned strike for school staff on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March as part of protected industrial action.

Many staff will be taking industrial action and will not be at school on this day.

Normal classes will not run, and children will not have their regular teacher or support staff.

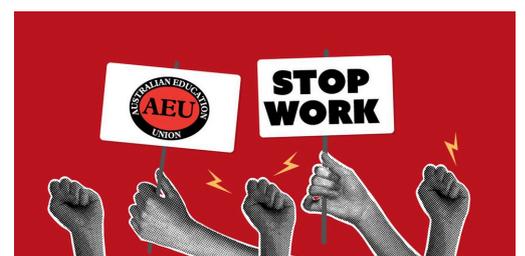
TheirCare will be running a before and after school program as normal.

To help with planning, please indicate if you intend to send your child on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March [through this link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevQyiXHgxVxpDxjTU4-1LvG5iOfu8_Q_wzZLE52Rb1P0EkNw/viewform). [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevQyiXHgxVxpDxjTU4-1LvG5iOfu8\\_Q\\_wzZLE52Rb1P0EkNw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevQyiXHgxVxpDxjTU4-1LvG5iOfu8_Q_wzZLE52Rb1P0EkNw/viewform)

Families will be notified by 2pm on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March regarding the arrangements for the day, including year levels not running, and class formations.

We understand that this will cause disruption to families. However, it is important that we take action to protect and improve the working conditions of our wonderful staff, and be able to continue to attract and retain fantastic staff for our children.

*Estelle Alder*  
*Principal*



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**Orders with FREE delivery**  
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after your last photography session. A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

**Misplaced your order flyer?**

Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](https://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or [help@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:help@schoolpix.com.au).

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.

## **Tasty Tucker Thursdays**

Order by 9am Tuesday on the QKR app

Every Thursday at Monbulk Primary School tasty treats are delivered from Edison's Bakery and Ethans Kitchen. Purchase your lunch order via the QKR app by 9am on Tuesdays. 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 and download it on your phone

[Home](#) | [Qkr! by MasterCard](#)



## **Foody Fridays - Back on for 2026**

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who have made this happen!!

Term 1 \$1 Icy poles sold at Kitchen window 1<sup>st</sup> half of lunchtime



## **Easter Raffle 2026** 🐣 🌸

We are now accepting Easter Basket donations at the school office! We

welcome all Easter-themed contributions, including:

Easter eggs and chocolates, Gift baskets and fillers

All donations can be dropped off at the school office.

🎫 \$1 Raffle Tickets went home last week

Additional tickets are available for purchase from the office

Please write your student's name and class on each ticket and return them, along with payment, to the school by 1 April 2026.

🏆 Prize Draw - Winners will be drawn on the last day of term, 2 April 2026, and prizes will be sent home with students. Thank you for your support – we appreciate our wonderful school community! 🌸

## Other News



**Monbulk**



**Primary School**

Phone 9756 6481

# OPEN WEEK

27th April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 Tours 9.30am Daily

28th April 2026 6pm Prep Parent Information Night

**2027  
Enrolments  
Now Open**



### Traffic Management

We share the carpark between the school and the Living and Learning Centre. Please take note of the parking signs and be mindful of other patrons using the car park. Parking is NOT Permitted in the Kiss and Drop between 8-9am and 3-4pm, you may help your children into and out of your car however do not leave your car unattended. All traffic should turn left when exiting the car park.

The **flow of traffic through the car park should never be blocked**, if there is no space to pull into the kiss and drop area please vacate the car park and rejoin the cue. Other options are to park around the oval, skate park or Woolworths and collect your child(ren) from school.

# 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 March 25th 2026

For more information collect flyer from the Open Door Op Shop

## COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers** in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

## REPOWER FESTIVAL

- ✓ Save money
- ✓ Clean energy
- ✓ Family fun day

Sunday 22 March | 10am to 4pm

Civic Centre  
15 Anderson Street Lilydale

[repowerfestival.au](http://repowerfestival.au)

## MONBULK COLLEGE

# OPEN WEEK

School Tours for 2026

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Book via our website or QR code

[www.monbulkco.vic.edu.au](http://www.monbulkco.vic.edu.au) 9751 9000

## LITTLE LAKERS

4-6 YEARS

## LAKERS READY

6-8 YEARS

JOIN NOW

**MONDAYS 4-5PM**  
EMERALD PRIMARY SCHOOL STADIUM

REGISTRATION DETAILS  
[EMERALDLAKERS.COM.AU](http://EMERALDLAKERS.COM.AU)

Young people and their families are encouraged to attend this year's Repower Festival to learn how renewable energy and sustainable initiatives will help Yarra Ranges become more resilient in the future. The day will include expert speakers, stallholders, food, entertainment, and a Schools Climate Exhibition featuring artwork from local school students addressing the theme 'What does a climate resilient Yarra Ranges look like to you in 2035?'. The festival is on Sunday 22 March, 10am to 4pm at the Civic Centre, Lilydale. Find out more at [repowerfestival.au](http://repowerfestival.au)

## Lynne Kennedy

Clinical Family Therapist / Play Therapist

- children's anxiety
- grief & loss
- emotional regulation

Tend Mental Health  
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[www.tendmentalhealth.com.au](http://www.tendmentalhealth.com.au)

## MONBULK COMMUNITY DISCOVERY DAY

Explore Local Groups, Clubs & Organisations

Join us for a vibrant community event where you can meet local groups, learn what they do, and discover new ways to get involved.

**SATURDAY APRIL 18**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Monbulk Living and Learning Centre

Whether you're looking to:

- Meet likeminded people
- Volunteer
- Join a club or activity
- Learn about services and support in your area

There's something for everyone!

What to Expect

- A variety of community stalls
- Friendly conversations with group members
- Information, resources, and sign-up opportunities
- A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere

This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

PROUDLY ORGANISED BY **madcow** Monbulk & District Community Opportunities Working Group

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY **Bendigo Bank** Community Bank Monbulk & District

**BE A PART OF IT!**  
[www.madcowmonbulk.com.au](http://www.madcowmonbulk.com.au)

## COME & TRY BASEBALL

### YARRA RANGES FALCONS

19 & 21 MARCH

4-16 YEARS OLD

THUR 19 MARCH 5 PM - 6 PM FREE (4-16 Years Old)

SAT 21 MARCH 9:30 AM - 11 AM FREE (4-16 Years Old)

Sausage Sizzle Provided Register Here

Knock Baseball Club Gilbert Park, Knobsfield  
Call Bel on 0430 733 731 Juniors@knobbc.com.au

PROUDLY SPONSOR

## OPEN DAY

### MONBULK TENNIS CLUB

(Back of Woolworths)

For all enquiries: 0489 995 654

22 MARCH 2026 12-3PM

FREE tennis lesson

25% off memberships

FREE sausage sizzle & drinks

Speed Serve Competition

Discounts, games & giveaways

OPEN DAY RAFFLE PRIZES

1. \$1000 cash prize  
2. \$500 cash prize  
3. \$250 cash prize  
4. \$100 cash prize

[bellrealestate.com.au](http://bellrealestate.com.au)

P 9751 2375  
11 Glenda-Monbulk Rd, Olinda

## Groove Foundations Music School

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT MONBULK PS

Drums • Piano • Guitar • Singing • Ukulele • Bass

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[groovefoundations.com](http://groovefoundations.com)

**PLAY ON.**

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY SKILLS CLINIC

TUES 14 & WED 15 APRIL

1 Day - \$80 per Person  
2 Days - \$150 per Person  
Morning Tea & Lunch provided

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!  
Or visit [monbulkranges.org.au/events](http://monbulkranges.org.au/events)

**BE QUICK! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**

## AUTUMN ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CAMP

Less "I'm bored" ... More Adventure These Holidays!

Activities Include:

- Giant Swing, Flying Fox & High Ropes
- Nature Walks
- Kayaking & Snorkeling
- Crafts
- Disco
- Concert
- Plus much much more!

What kids gain:

- Resilience
- Confidence
- Connection
- Nature Appreciation
- Skill Development

AGES: 8-12  
13-17 APRIL

Starting from **\$150**  
1, 3 or 5 day options

PART & FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Any Questions?  
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(03) 5984 2680

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