



Monty South PS Newsletter

HALLOWEEN FUN









Our Parents and Friends Group hosted a Halloween Disco on October 26th. This was the biggest turn out ever at their disco event with over 400 people attending. So many parents and students dressed up and our DJ, Monty South Dad Luke, had the dance floor rocking.

Inside this edition you can find out more about our Parents and Friends group, get involved and learn how your child can fundraise and participate in the upcoming Go Green Colour Fun Run on December 1st.







See our image gallery in this newsletter edition for a snapshot of our recent posts.

We post regular updates to our Facebook and Instagram pages. You can keep up to date with our activities, achievements and celebrations.

EVENTS CALENDAR

9 Nov-Yr 1 extended stay (3.30-7.30pm)

10 Nov-Prep breakfast at school 13 Nov—School Swimming begins

(2 week program P-Yr2)

15 Nov-Yrs 3&4 Open Water swimming

16 Nov— Yrs 5&6 Open Water swimming

20 Nov-Yrs 5&6 excursion to Monty Secondary College for Adaams Family production 23 Nov* - Special Assembly -Vicki Ward MP attending for presentation of Premier's Reading Challenge Champion Reader

1 Dec—Colour Fun Run (starts after lunch at approx. 12.30pm)

6 Dec—Christmas Carols -6.30pm

8 Dec-Yr 6 Funfields day 12 Dec - Whole School Step Up 9-11.30am & Yr 7 transition day

13 Dec-Yr 6 Graduation 15 Dec-Kaboom Sports day

20 Dec-Last day of school year. Dismissal at 1.30pm.

ASSEMBLIES IN TERM 4

Every 2nd week at 2.45pm Wed 25 Oct, Wed 8 Nov, *Thur 23 Nov - see above Wed 6 Dec, and our final day assembly on 20 Dec at 9.15 to 10.15am. This will include our Yr6 farewell performance.



Montmorency South Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work, learn and play. We pay respect to Wurundjeri elders past, present and future and extend our respect to

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families of MSPS.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



On 25th October our boys tennis team competed in the Nillumbik Primary division playoffs against Apollo Parkways Primary, Monty South played with passion and skill, but it was Apollo Parkways who walked away with the win.

Congratulations to the team and their coach, Nerinda, for a great effort and for making it this far!



Our girls' volleyball team participated in the region finals on 2nd Nov. They played incredibly well in a 3 game round-robin tournament, winning their first 2 games but lost to the winners of the day, Thomastown West PS. Well done to the team on a fantastic season!

A celebration of our students' activities and celebrations from our school Facebook and Instagram pages. Please keep updated by following these pages. The links can be found on the front page.



Our mixed Softball team competed in the Nillumbik Primary Division Softball Playoffs. They competed against Research PS and Laurimar PS in 2 close matches but it was Research who were victorious on the day. The Monty South team fought hard until the very last ball, displaying excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Coach Chelsea and all of us are so proud of the team for their effort and hard work making it through to Division!



Our Year 1s have been working hard on their persuasive writing, and making connections to their inquiry project 'Being Change Makers'. They identified issues around the school and then created persuasive posters to display for us all to learn from. Some students presented their work to Mrs Jeffers, who was proud of their efforts.

Great work Year 1s!

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Clare Bear, Helen D and Theresa had the pleasure of taking 12 students from years 4 to 6 to the 2023 YABBA awards ceremony. This is the only book awards voted for by children. They had the best time together and had photos with Andy Griffiths, Peter Helliar, Heath McKenzie, Gabrielle Wang and many more. Check out the 2023 Shortlist of books https://www.yabba.org.au/2023-shortlist. This is an excellent place to learn about great reads for your children., especially with Christmas coming up.







On October 20th, our Preps and Year 1 and 2 students participated in their Mini Olympics/House Games! They dressed in their house colours and played many fun and interactive games, which were lead by some Year 6 volunteers, as well as our Year 6 House Captains & Sports Captains.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



Dear Monty South Community,

I hope you've had a wonderful long weekend, if you used Monday as an extension to your break. Thank you to all the families who informed us early that their children would not be at school. We were able to rearrange classes and allow some staff to use up some of the TIL which has accumulated over the year with out of school hours activities. Although we were a lot lighter in student attendance, we continued our teaching and learning program across the school. This is one of the greatest advantages that we have in our organisational design in allocating teachers to planning together as cohorts.

I hope that you have been able to peruse the policies below that I mentioned in the last newsletter. If you have any feedback please send them to me on my new principal email, which will be inserted into all the policies. This is going to our Education sub-committee meeting next week to then take it to School Council for endorsement at our next meeting on the 21 November. My principal email is: principal@montysouth.vic.edu.au

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy- DRAFT
- Child Safety Code of Conduct- DRAFT
- Complaints Policy (DRAFT)
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy DRAFT
- Volunteers Policy DRAFT
- Photography, Filming & Recording Students Policy DRAFT

Over the next three weeks, we have some key activities that will be happening across the school. As you can see in our cover page we have swimming across the school for P-2 and our Open Water Learning for years 3 to 6. Please keep abreast of the dates so that you are not having to rush to school with bathers. Please also remember that payments for all activities are due prior to your children participating, unless you have worked out something different with our business manager, Paula.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who sent classroom placements request for 2024. This has placed us in a good space to begin the process once the 'You are a STAR' friend considerations are returned if you make changes with your child. Please have them back to child's classroom teacher by no later than Friday 17 November in the morning, only if changes have been made.

Have a great few week.

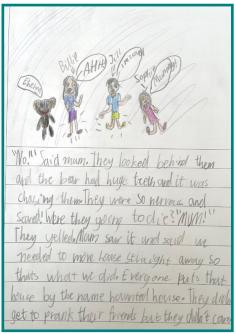


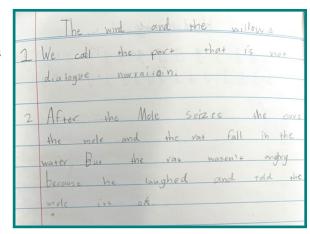
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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

YEAR 3

The first five weeks of term 4 have flown by! The year 3 students have enthusiastically participated in a variety of tasks and have continued to demonstrate their evolving knowledge.



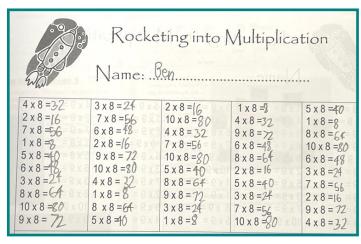


In Reading, Year 3 students have been reading the *Wind in the Willows* and improving their ability to answer comprehension questions about the text in full sentences, by using a part of the question stem as the basis for a response.

Students have been writing narratives with the aim of including things like adjectives and complex sentences. The students were very creative and included some dramatic problems with some imaginative solutions.

Our inquiry unit on Geography has been a big hit amongst the year 3 students. They have enjoyed learning about states and capitals of Australia as well as continents and countries around the world. All this is being collated in their own atlases. We also had the privilege of Tara coming into our classes and teaching us about famous Indigenous landmarks in Victoria.





In Maths we have been focusing on Time and Angles as well as developing our fluency in Multiplication.

Students have been practicing their recall of facts and developing their ability to answer questions using the most appropriate strategy.

TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

YEAR 4

In the classroom:

It has been a busy start to Term 4 for the Year 4 students! In Numeracy, students have conducted their own Chance experiments and have efficiently collected and collated data. Students demonstrated their understanding about probability and learned to represent this as a fraction and/or percentage. This was evident in their recent CAT. Students have enjoyed exploring a range of poetry, including Haiku, Ballads and Cinquains and have published their amazing masterpieces with pride. Last week, we commenced a unit of work on Persuasive writing. Students were exposed to a variety of persuasive devices such as emotive language, rule of 3 and rhetorical questions and explored the various ways that they can be used within texts.

Ballad

High up in a building, On a slim ledge, Sits a small nest, Very close to the edge,

Mother sitting on her eggs, All of them exact, None of the eggs with a single crack, Not knowing they are being tracked,

Father swooping down so low, Swiftly hunting for some prey, They never have a clue, Never giving the game away,

The Year 4 classes have also opened their doors to accommodate students from Prep D every Wednesday, whilst the Bridges Program took place. It was so exciting to watch the students work co-operatively with a younger peer and rise to the challenge of being a good role model. This was an experience enjoyed by all and is evident in these wonderful photos and quotes from some of our Year 4 students. Thanks for hanging out with us Prep D!



"They were energetic!"





"They were cute. My prep was great at handwriting".



"They're fast learners".

"It's fun to work with them and teach them new things".

What you can do at home:

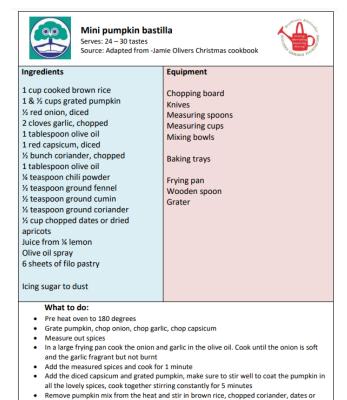
- ⇒ Continue to read with your child at home and support them to make sense of challenging vocabulary.
- ⇒ Continue with excellent homework habits by supporting your child to complete their set Mathletics tasks and Home Reading Logbook.
- ⇒ Share in the celebration of your child's learning on Seesaw.

IN OUR SAKG KITCHEN & GARDEN

In weeks 4 and 5 the students discovered the 'land of contrasts' Morocco. Sweet and savoury tastes combined with the use of dried fruits and vegetables. Our menu included semolina dusted khobz breads, seven vegetable stew with couscous, mini pumpkin bastille (see below), a raw carrot salad, a spicy cooked eggplant salad and an fragrant 'fruit salad' dressed with orange blossom water.



In weeks 6 and 7 we are investigating 'Indigenous change makers' in the kitchen. Chefs
Mark Olive & Norni Bero and cookbook author Damien Coulthard are our menu
inspiration. We are making warrigal greens and cheese savoury muffins, tortilla de patatas with pepperberry spiced
salsa, pea and warrigal greens soup, quinoa and cauliflower salad with lemon myrtle dressing and little pancakes
with banana and wattleseed syrup. We will focus on the indigenous names of the 'bush tucker' we will use.



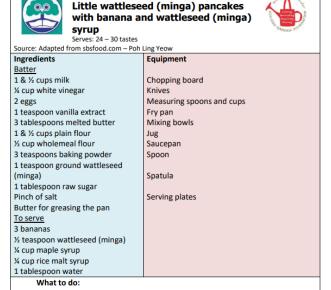
apricots, lemon juice and season well with salt and pepper

Place the 6 pieces of filo pastry on your bench, spray lightly with olive oil spray

Fold over pastry to cover the filling, creating a flat roundish shape (hamburger bun shaped)

Place pastries on trays, spray with olive oil spray and bake for 15 - 20 minutes or until

Fold in 1/2 - short side to short side, divide filling between each filo sheet



- Combine the milk and vinegar in a jug. Allow this to sit for 2 minutes
- Add the eggs, vanilla and melted butter, stir well
- In a mixing bowl combine the flours, baking powder, wattleseed, sugar & salt
- Make a well in the centre and add the combined, milk, eggs & vanilla stir with a whisk to combine
- Cook spoonful's of the mixture in a lightly buttered pan, over a medium heat
- Cook on the first side for 1-2 minutes and the second for 40-60 seconds
- Continue with the rest of the batter keep the pancakes warm in a low oven
 Make the syrup by toasting the wattleseed in a pan for 1 2 minutes, add the
- maple syrup, rice malt syrup and water, bring to a simmer. Remove from heat and gently stir in the sliced banana, coat the banana in the syrup to prevent it from going brown
- Serve a small stack of pancakes topped with the bananas and syrup

If you are able to help out in our kitchen—perhaps you can help out your child's class—you can let our Kitchen Specialist, Cathryn Hulme know by emailing her at: cathryn.hulme@education.vic.gov.au.

If you would prefer to help out in our garden, our Garden Specialist, Farmer Mike is happy for you to contact him on michael.tindale@education.vic.gov.au.



golden and crunchy

Serve warm, dusted lightly with icing sugar





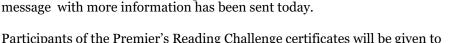


LIBRARY NEWS

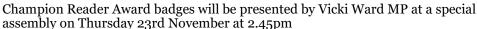
As we prepare for the end of year returns, there will be no school library books taken home as of this week. All overdue books must be returned to the library by **Monday 13th November** at the latest. Please look out for any school books at home. Thanks for your cooperation.



Brochures for our last Scholastic Book Club issue 8 will go home today. The closing date is 16th November. Orders are usually delivered within 2 weeks. A Compass message with more information has been seen as



students when they arrive. Unfortunately there has been a delay in the delivery.









Our Lost Property collection is growing!

If your child has lost a uniform item, a drink bottle or snack box, please check the lost property baskets. They are currently located in the office fover.

To assist with the successful rehoming of lost items, please put your child's name on all items.

All lost property items not collected by the end of the term will be given to the second hand uniform stall, disposed of, or donated to charity.





MSPS Parents and Friends Committee is holding a second-hand uniform sale.

Friday Nov 24^{th,} 8.30am – 9.15am

The sale will be held in the undercroft.

Branded MSPS Uniform donations wanted

Donations of clean MSPS uniform can be handed into the office up to the 23rd of November.

We <u>no longer accept</u> the old style plain green polo shirts or plain navy dothing. Please <u>DO NOT</u> donate any generic navy uniform; no plain tees, shorts, skorts, track pants or leggings. These can be cheaply purchased new from chain stores and unfortunately we receive too many to handle and store.





These accepted items are accepted.







Cash sales only.









Expired Medical Plans and medications

If your child has a Medical Plan that is due for renewal please renew and provide it to us asap.

If your child has expired medication at school, can you please provide new medication asap.

If you do not know if either your child's plan or medication has expired, please contact us or email <u>Victoria.hall2@education.vic.gov.au</u>.

MONTY SOUTH COMMUNITY UPDATE

Christmas at Greensborough Plaza

In the lead up to Christmas, Greensborough Plaza will be displaying Christmas trees decorated by local primary schools. We are one of just nine local schools participating in the Community Christmas Tree initiative.

Customers who spend \$20 at any retailer can claim a token from the Customer Service Desk on level 2. Tokens will be used to vote for their school's Christmas tree, located on Level 2, near Toyworld.



The school with the most tokens at the end of the campaign will receive a \$2000 gift card.

From this link you can share the information with your family and friends — https://www.greensboroughplaza.com.au/whats-on/community-christmas-trees/





New Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

Did you know that Victorians use more than 3 billion drink containers every year? Sadly, many are not recycled, ending up in landfill and as litter in local communities across our state.

The new Container Deposit Scheme is a great opportunity to get kids involved in recycling and for them to earn a little pocket money at the same time. There is a 10cent refund on all eligible containers.

The aim is to divert 80% of all material away from landfill by 2030.

Find out more here https://cdsvic.org.au/

Find your closest location https://cdsvic.org.au/locations





Christmas Carols-Wednesday 6th December

Make sure you keep the date free to come along to our family Christmas Carols. Our students have been learning songs for their year level performance which is always very exicting for them. Make sure to come dressed in your Christmas outfits (if you want to) and bring a picnic.

This year we are thrilled to have Camp Australia, our OSHC provider send their icecream van along for the night.



PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Halloween family Disco

What a night on Thursday Oct 26th!! We had queues longer then the Referendum day ones and the gym was packed fuller then it ever has been.

Filling the gym were multiple clones of Wednesday Adams, lots of Mini-Me Witches, vampires, zombies, scary clowns, monsters, Disney characters and so much more. Even our mums and dads were dressed up to join in!!

We could not have run this disco without all the amazing parent helpers. We are truly grateful to you all!! All stalls were manned, we had help with act up and pack up and we cooked parely 60

with set up and pack up and we cooked nearly 600 hotdogs!

Thank you to our amazing DJ Luke of LT Entertainment and Party Host Lisa, for again providing amazing tunes and making sure the students had lots of fun!

Thank you to Skaterz Roller Skate & Blade Rink Eltham for donating the gift voucher to our best dressed family winners (see Dad and daughter Beauty and the Beast photo above). Thank you HOYTS Greensborough for the 4DBox movie vouchers that were given as other best dressed costume prizes!

Thank you PixelxBooth for assisting us with the amazing Photo Booth for our disco! The students and families had so much fun and took home a lasting memory!

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And a special thank you to our Parents and Friends team for contributing many hours to make the disco happen!

Go Green Colour Explosion Fun Run

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on the 1st of December. Students can fundraise by asking family and friends to contribute. Our school will receive 60% of all funds raised. The remaining 40% covers incentives/event costs and a donation towards efforts to save trees and coral. Students have the option to choose if they are fundraising for either cause.

For every \$20 raised, either one tree is planted in the Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor or one coral is planted in the Great Barrier Reef!

We also have a fun and messy *Slime the Teacher* incentive to fundraise for! To get our students extra excited we have decided to reveal the two top names on the list (see picture)! Students who have raised min. \$20 by 15th November will have the opportunity to throw the slime on our teachers! Mrs Jeffers and Dale think they have made the right choice being at the top. They feel they are safe and are not at risk of being slimed. They think our students

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might not reach this goal. Well guess what? The first time we did this fundraiser our school raised \$18,000 and the second time we raised \$13,000! How much fun will it be to prove them wrong and see them get slimed on December 1st?

We still have 16 days to go til the Fun Run and need lots more donations to reach our goal to fundraise for exciting Junior playground equipment! We have received requests from the junior year levels that they would love more slides and cubby house platforms to play on and we would love to see that happen! Can you help us? We have 10 teachers on the 'slime the teacher list' eager to get slimed on December 1st.

Visit www.plantadifference.com.au to create your child's profile page. To achieve our goal, imagine the potential, with our big school, if every student raises \$20, saving one tree or one coral each!! We would love to see the students fundraising with us and creating their profiles before next Wednesday!

PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE



Mango Drive

Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser. Our community orders over 150 trays of mangoes! We will advise everyone of the delivery date as soon as we have one. Orders will be delivered to school.





P&F CONTACT INFO

Please follow the P&F Group activities on Facebook @MSPSParentsandFriends

You can also get in touch by emailing presidentpandfmsps@gmail.com or secretarymspspf@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter





A message from your Coordinator

Hello, and welcome to this week's newsletter. There are many exciting experiences and activities still to come during the term. This week will be our third incursion about Launch It, where children will learn about how objects move through the air.

During week 7, we will be having our sustainability week, where children will learn and be encouraged to save the world through sustainability and reusing and repurposing materials. The children will also work together to make a robot for the service using a range of different materials.

Week 8, on the 24th of October, will be our last incursion based on Move It. Children will learn about different ways of moving and about the concept of physics. These incursions are at no extra charge, so come along and join us for a fun, engaging and educational afternoon.

During the month of December, we will be having a range of Christmas themed activities and experiences, getting ready for the Christmas and other traditions that are celebrated.

Activities coming up

- Week 7: Sustainability Week
- Week 8: Incursion
 Move It
- Rocketeers Bookings are now Opened

What's on the menu

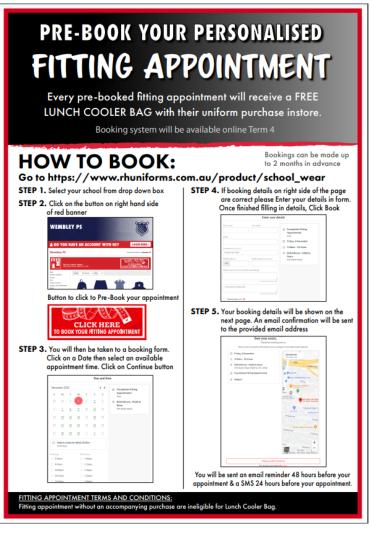
- Pita bread with spaghetti
- Popcorn
- Banana Bread





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School Uniforms are supplied by RHUniforms— https://www.rhuniforms.com.au/product/school wear/montmorency south ps







Banyule Nillumbik Tech School invites primary school students to attend our annual Mini Maker Faire!

Run by local secondary students for local primary students, our Mini Maker Faire is a gathering of curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do.

Part science fair, part festival, and just plain fun – the Mini Maker Faire is an event for tech enthusiasts, crafters, builders, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, scientists and artists. All of these "makers" come to the Mini Maker Faire to inspire primary school students, show them what they have made and open their eyes to something exciting and new.

Details

Date: Thursday 23rd November 2023

Time: 3 time slots available (9:30, 11:00, 1:30)

Student numbers: ~100 students for each time slot, first come first serve Location: Banyule Nillumbik Tech School, 61 Civic Drive, Greensborough

To register your school please complete the form: https://forms.office.com/r/n6yZ8umsGS

For more details email: scottbattye@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

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