

## **Montmorency South Primary School**

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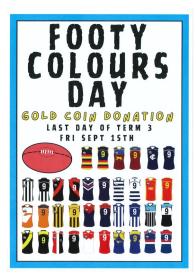


## Monty South PS Newsletter

#### FUNDRAISING FREE DRESS DAYS

Last Thursday, our staff and students had so much fun dressing up as pirates for the day. Planned by our Student Action Leaders (SALs), this activity raised over \$800 for the thekidscancerproject. Thank you to all our families for donating to this great cause and for embracing this fun event by helping to organise some amazing costumes. Thanks to our SALs for organising such a worthy event.

The final day of Term 3 is traditionally our Footy Colours Day so we ask families again this week to donate a gold coin if you can. This Friday we will raise funds for our school through the Parents and Friends Committee.



## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

This Friday, 15th **September** the dismissal time is 2.30pm.

## LUNCH **ORDERS**

No lunch orders are available this Friday.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check for lost property at the office.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### \*Fri 13th October -Student free curriculum day

2 Oct - Term 4 commences 5 Oct-World Teachers' Day 6 Oct-Yr 1 incursion 11 Oct - Prep 2024 children commence the first of four Bridges sessions 14 Oct-Referendum Voting Day BBQ & Bake stall 20 Oct - Prep-Yr 2 Mini Olympics 26 Oct - Halloween Disco

1-3 Nov—Yr 5 Camp to Phillip Is. 7 Nov-Melbourne Cup Day 13 Nov-School Swimming begins

(2 week program) 1 Dec-Colour Fun Run fundraiser

6 Dec—Christmas Carols evening

8 Dec-Yr 6 Funfields day 12 Dec - Whole School Step Up &

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.

#### PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Monty South Community,

What a term! We have had so many successes this term, in particular in the sporting arena. Congratulations to Lachie and all the staff who have participated in providing the wonderful opportunities that we have been able to partake in this term. Thank you also to all our parents who have helped in so many ways to make this term a success.



On the 21 August during our Pupil Free Day, the whole staff participated in a professional learning that was delivered by Berry Street. This is the beginning of our engagement with Berry Street for professional learning on the Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM). This will be an 18-month engagement where we will cover the four domains of: Body, Stamina, Engagement and Character, all anchored by Relationships. These five areas are pedagogical lenses that inform daily classroom learning. Although there is no single recipe for classroom success, we are striving collaboratively to unify the language, modelling, and relationships to meet the special and complex needs of all our students. Engagement with Berry Street is one of our actions from our Annual Implementation Plan - Student Wellbeing; which is part of developing a whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing targeting programs and resources at Tier 1 and 2 support.

The above information leads me to another action from our AIP which was the appointment of our Mental health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL), Tegan Caldwell. You may by now have had some interaction with Tegan. However, if you haven't, you may have seen some of the subtle changes that have occurred across the school, which have been initiated by Tegan. Under the mental health and wellbeing umbrella, Tegan's role is to: build staff capacity, advocate for and value student voices; research and implement evidence-based strategies; contribute to existing wellbeing teams; create clear referral pathways; collaborate and coordinate mental health support; promote a whole-school approach; and participate in communities of practice across our NEMA network. To be clear, Tegan's role is not clinical, she is there to provide the connections and pathways when student's need support.



#### **Operational**

#### Dogs on a Leash

Over this term, I have had a bit of communication from parents regarding dogs on school ground. It is fantastic that as a school community we are able to bring dogs onto school grounds, as they are a significant member of a family's structure and also great support for some of our students in getting to school. However, could I please ask that when you do bring your doggies onto school grounds that they are held by an adult and if possible keep them within a metre of your body. We have several students who are frightened of dogs and as you can imagine a large dog may appear very threatening to a little person. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

#### **Mobile Devices**

Over this term we have had several students who have used their mobile device to communicate with parents or others during school time. May I please remind you that it is an Education Department policy that:

"Personal mobile phones must not be used at Montmorency South during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception, the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches."

Our Policy is available on our website, again, thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope you have a wonderful break whether you are having a stay-cation or you are going away. A reminder that students are back on the 2 October; however, if you are extending your holidays beyond the two weeks, please let us know.

Have a great break,

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

## FOUNDATION MATHS - Learning about Australian Coins

#### In the classroom:

Last week the Preps began learning about Australian coins. Many of our generous families donated coins to allow us to have an authentic learning experience. Students matched, sorted, and compared the different coins. We looked closely at the different features on each coin and noted the different Australian animals. We exchanged coins for goods in a play situation and began to understand the value of each coin. We worked towards adding together coins of the same value by skip counting. E.g., counting by 10's for a group of 10c coins.

#### What you can do at home:

In a society where technology is replacing coins and notes, it is important to expose your children to our currency and the concepts of change and quantity. When you go to the shops with your child, allow them to pay for things using physical money rather than using a card or phone. Having a jar of loose coins at home can be a wonderful way to teach children about the different coins in Australia. It can be fun to make piles/towers of matching coins and count by fives, tens, and greater amounts to add up money. One of our Prep Teacher's remembers their dad with a jar that contained some round fifty-cent pieces! You will have to guess which teacher that is!











#### STUDENT NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



#### **Congratulations**

Henry E and Aydin K from Yr 6 made it to the Montmorency White U12 Boys Green Division Grand Final and won it against Hurstbridge.

Final scores were:

Montmorency 5-6=36

Hurstbridge 3-2=20



Ebony T has been selected for the SSV Softball team and she will be playing in South Australia in November in the State Championships. Good luck Ebony!



A large cohort of Yr 6 girls in the Montmorency under 12 girls' footy team achieved a great result getting into the Semi-Final recently.

Though they did not make it through to the

grand final, they played well through the season to get to the semi– final. Well done to you all. Recently, the Year 3 students participated in Bike Ed sessions run by the YMCA. Students learnt how to complete a bike check before riding using the acronym ABCDES, practised riding around challenging cones, and played some fun games such as musical bikes!



Well done to all the students for doing their personal best!

Billie and Monroe B recently competed in Hillcrest College Interschools Dressage competition last week representing Monty South Primary.

Both girls came home with the championship rugs, which means they won overall for the day in their division.

Billie competed in Preliminary Primary division, she rode two dressage tests, coming first and second and was awarded overall Champion for the day.

Monroe competed in Prepatory Primary divison, she rode two dressage test, coming first in both and was awarded overall Champion for the day.

They also rode through torrential rain, gale force winds and in a flooded arena. It was an exceptional effort from both girls and their ponies. They will compete again this Friday.

We wish you both well for the next competition and congratulate you on your efforts so far.





This term so many of our students have competed in the Divisional, District and Regional sporting competitions. They have all done so well in just getting to that level, regardless of the result. We regularly feature their sporting achievements on our school Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please keep updated by following these pages.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CODE CAMP COMMENCING TERM 4

After-School Code Camp allows kids to hone their coding skills and keep practising through weekly sessions over the term! Students will produce multiple games and apps using our exciting online platform Code Camp World! We have made Code Camp World as accessible as possible so students can truly focus on the fun aspects of coding and carry on their journey at home. Each week students will choose the features they want to build, and advance their problem-solving skills to build these features using code. They will take ownership over their projects and collaborate with their peers to make awesome apps!

In Term 4, we are lucky enough to have Code Camp After-School for Years 2-6. Beginning in Week 2, it is an eight week program. It will take place after school on Tuesdays from 3.45pm-5.00pm, in the media room. All students are required to bring their own iPad to the sessions and make their own way to the media room after the final bell. Devices for students in Year 2 and 3 can be locked away safely at the office during the school day.

To book, please go to www.codecamp.com.au/msps



#### ALL ABOUT BOOKS!

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge closed on the 8th September having run since early March. We had an impressive 487 of our students complete the challenge. Combined, they read a whopping 19,553 books!

Congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge. Certificates will be distributed in late term 4 as well as the awards for the Champion Readers.

## BOOK PARADE ON 24TH AUGUST

Our library captains Eli, Evie and Byron did an incredible job of hosting the book parade, which included our friends from Panorama Kinder.

Once the parade was over, students across the school participated in a scavenger hunt where they attempted to link each of the school staff with the Where's Wally they dressed up as (56 in total). Some notable Wally characters included Scuba Wally, Christmas Wally, Nurse Wally, Wellbeing Wally, and then the classic characters of Wanda, Wizard Whitebeard, Odlaw and Wolf also made an appearance.

We know a lot of time and effort goes on behind the scenes at home to get students costume ready and we thank you and appreciate all of your efforts!













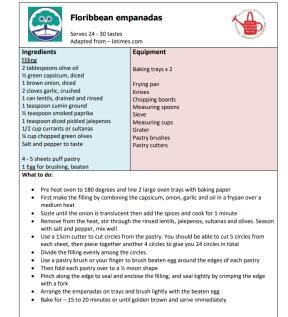
#### IN OUR SAKG KITCHEN & GARDEN

In weeks 8 and 9 we enjoyed an Indian feast with naan bread, a pumpkin & spinach curry, vegetable bhajis, kachumber salad, yogurt raita and a chai spiced rice pudding. We learnt that India is the most populated country on Earth. A huge variety of breads, curries, sambals & chutneys are enjoyed in India. Our mildly spiced curry was too spicey for some but not spicey enough for others!



In week 10 we are making food from Florida, which is a melting pot of cultures with a delicious cuisine.

The students have enjoyed Florida style scachatta, Floribbean empanadas, Floribbean rice and beans, strawberry salad and a lime cheesecake. The word Floribbean is a 'blended' or 'portmanteau' word - combining Florida and Caribbean. Students were surprised to learn that alligator is a popular food in Florida.

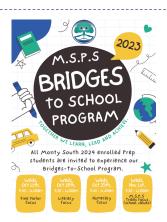




If you are able to help out in our kitchen—perhaps you can help out your child's class—you can let our Kitchen Specialist, Cathryn Hulme know by emailing her at: <a href="mailto:cathryn.hulme@education.vic.gov.au">cathryn.hulme@education.vic.gov.au</a>.

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

Volunteering at Monty South is always welcome. From classroom help with reading and maths, or camps or sporting events such as Cross Country or Athletics Day to our kitchen and garden, not to mention the amazing work of our Parents and Friends Group; our parents/carers play a vital part in helping to make Monty South a great school and help build a strong community.



## Prep 2024—Bridges to School Program

Enrolments have now closed for Prep 2024 and our Prep Team are working hard to prepare for their introduction to the school and the Bridges to School sessions.

The four sessions each have a specific focus.

Our final session for the incoming Prep students will be a

Step Up session on 12th December

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

#### Nick's gnocchi Pasta fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our **Nick's gnocchi Pasta** fundraiser! We hope the staff and families who ordered, enjoyed his delicious gnocchi and pasta and Nick asked us to pass on his gratitude to support his growing business! We raised another \$387.36 for the school.

#### Father's Day stall

On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August, there was a lot of excitement around the undercroft for our annual Father's Day stall. We



hope all our dads. Grandads, pops and other special people celebrated on Father's Day enjoyed their presents carefully selected by the students.

We would like to thank all the families for supporting our stall, but a very special thank you to the amazing Yr 6 helpers who helped us run the stall. Our prep students were also helped by their Yr 6 buddies! Another thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, some who came to help for the very first time. It is a great way to meet new people.

## Referendum Sausage Sizzle and Bake sale Saturday 14 th of Oct, 9am to 3pm

A Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall is taking place in front of the MSPS Gym on Referendum Day. We are asking families to assist with cooking the BBQ and/or donate some delicious treats, baked goods and produce you may have. It would be great to have cupcakes, slices muffins, cakes, pies, scones, meringues, tarts or biscuits – whatever takes your fancy! Perfect for morning or afternoon tea following visiting the Referendum stall at MSPS. All contributions would be so much appreciated. Download baking, packaging and delivery instructions here. https://newsletters.naavi.com/i/JmGGnx5/issue-10/page/1

#### Volunteers needed for the BBQ & Bake stall

It is essential that we have plenty of volunteers to help with selling and packing up (from 3:00pm). If you can help with part of the stalls, please place your name on the Stall Volunteer List on <a href="https://signup.com/go/JdFNVqA">https://signup.com/go/JdFNVqA</a> in an allocated time slot. You can select multiple 30 min time slots to suit you. We recommend 1hour to 1½ hour slots for each

#### MSPS MUMS' shopping and social night out at ID Boutique

#### Friday 20th of Oct 5pm-9pm

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 and will give you entry to the event, a glass of champagne and nibbles. There will be an opportunity to shop, try on and of course purchase clothing from ID Boutique in the Templestowe Village. ID Boutique will donate the entry price back to Monty South PS. (Thank you Sarita and Pauline! Mum and Gran to Oliver V from Prep) There will be a raffle on the night to win a store voucher/hamper.

Check out the store online at <a href="https://idboutique.com.au">https://idboutique.com.au</a>, perhaps grab some friends or organise a group of parents from your child's class and book your limited ticket asap. There is a maximum of 50 tickets available.





proudly presents the 2023 Family Halloween Disco Thursday 26th October 6pm-7:30pm Tickets \$15 includes entry, glow bracelet and drink Hot dogs will be availabet pre order) snacks and drinks All students need to be supervised by parents. Parents do not need to purchase tickets. Tickets required for students only

#### Family Halloween Disco Thursday 26th of October 6 pm-7.30 pm

It has been a few years, but our famous, family Halloween disco is back!!! Who else is back? Our favorite DJ Luke and Party Host Lisa.

Tickets \$10 include entry, a glow bracelet and a drink. Parents do not need to purchase tickets but are expected to accompany and supervise their children at the disco. Pre-order Hotdogs and pre-purchase tickets via <a href="https://compasstix.com/e/gdswgzic3m">https://compasstix.com/e/gdswgzic3m</a>. Please note the ticket price will be \$12 at the door.

A huge congratulations to Edie Geerling from 3 D for the Haunted House design and winning the poster competition! Well done to all the other students who dropped off drawings! We have some very talented artists at MSPS!

As with every movie night and disco, we rely heavily on our amazing school community to help us run these events. If you can spare some free time, have a look at the volunteer list and pop your name down. Many hands make light work! <a href="https://signup.com/go/JKQeFXo">https://signup.com/go/JKQeFXo</a>

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE

#### Colour Explosion Fun Run 1st of December

Thank you so much for supporting our school to be the best it can be, especially through fundraising. 2023 is turning into our biggest fundraising year yet! We are focusing putting our fundraising dollars towards new Junior grade/playground/play equipment.

We are giving our 2023 fundraising another push with a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on the 1st of December.

Shortly after term 4 starts, all students will be given a sponsorship booklet. In this booklet, everything is explained very simply for your child to be able to set up their own profile, create their avatar etc.

Detailed information on the fundraising and sponsorship plan will be provided after the school break.

#### **P&F MEETINGS 2023**

We welcome parents, carers and family members of Monty South students to our meetings every third Wednesday of the month.

Please email us to confirm your attendance or with any other questions you may have.

Wednesday 18th October Wednesday 15th November

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

You can also get in touch by emailing <a href="mailto:presidentpandfmsps@gmail.com">presidentpandfmsps@gmail.com</a>

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Guiding children's growth

# Newsletter





#### A message from your Coordinator

Hello, and welcome to this week's newsletter. It is almost the end of term 3 and we have a few experiences coming up. During week 10 on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, we have our last incursion which will be about Bopping Bingo Disco. Children will join in on dancing and singing while they play bingo.

The school holidays are coming up, and these school holidays we have lots of amazing activities that will be happening. Including a fun soccer day where professionals will come and teach us some amazing soccer skills, a day of playing boardgames where you can take home your own board game, and many other great activities. Our excursions these school holidays will be a dance party where children will celebrate our new song "Take Me to Base Camp" and sing along to other great songs, and we will also be going to the Melbourne Zoo.

Bookings are now opened for Rocketeers, for more information please head to campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers.

Please note that Camp Australia will be opened on the last day of term, starting at 2:30pm when school finishes.

Remember to update your bookings and your details through the Camp Australia app and to come in to sign in and out your child into care. Thank you and see you soon

#### Activities coming up

- Week 10: Thursday Bopping Bingo Disco
- Week 10 Last Day of School aftercare starts at 2:30pm
- Rocketeers Holiday care is now opened for bookings

#### What's on the menu

- Pita bread with spaghetti
- Banana bread
- Pancakes with bananas

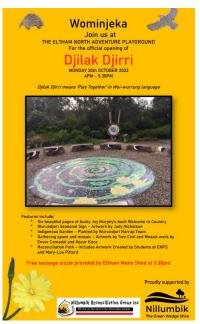




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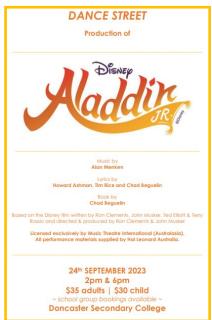














Aladdin Jnr group discounts to schools for 10 tickets or more.

Tickets can be purchased here:

https://events.humanitix.com/aladdin-junior-show

For your group booking discount, please use code: SKOOLS25