



MONTMORENCY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2024 PREP INFORMATION SESSION



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional custodians of these lands and waters, and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of the First Peoples.



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To work with my school community to create the best teaching and learning environments that provide high quality and challenging learning opportunities for every student.

Keyla Jeffers
Principal



WELCOME !



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OUR VISION

Montmorency South is an inclusive learning community where students are inspired to be respectful, creative, curious and independent learners.

OUR MISSION



- We develop a culture of gratitude, empathy and an active care of others and the environment.
- We aim to develop the essential skills of literacy and numeracy and promote mental health and wellbeing.
- We strive to build teacher capacity and have knowledge of best practices and use data at the core of our practice.
- We inspire students to become curious and engaged in authentic learning experiences and endeavour to ensure students have an active voice in their development.
- Students will emerge resilient and self-motivated with an ability to articulate goals and growth.

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STUDENT WELLBEING

Montmorency South is an inclusive learning community, committed to providing a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment for all students.

We understand that students reach their full potential when they are happy, healthy and safe. A positive school culture nurtures engagement and supports students in their learning.

Our dedicated staff team includes a Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, an Disability Inclusion Coordinator, a School Nurse and our tutors.

This year we are commencing the implementation of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) for student learning and wellbeing.



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TRIBES

Tribes Agreements

Personal Best

Mutual Respect

Appreciations, No Put Downs

Attentive Listening

The Right To Think

What are Tribes?

Our school values are based on a learning program known as Tribes. The Tribes mission is to ensure the healthy development of every child so that each has the knowledge, skills and resilience to be successful in our rapidly changing world.

Tribes is a cultural process that enhances the capacity of a whole school community to build an inclusive, emotionally safe, brain compatible learning environment, a process that engages all students as active lifelong learners.


Teaching Strategies

The Tribes process fosters student achievement because:

- Everyone feels included and appreciated,
- Everyone is respected for their differences,
- It recognises that every participant brings a valuable perspective,
- It encourages high positive expectations for participation and achievement.

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LITERACY & NUMERACY

Literacy

The English Curriculum includes

- Reading and Viewing
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening

The Prep schedule includes daily Literacy sessions.

- Explicit, sequential phonics instruction
- Phonological awareness
- Oral language development
- Multi-sensory approach
- Handwriting instruction
- 6 + 1 Traits of Writing
- Differentiation to meet individual student needs.



Numeracy

The Mathematics Curriculum includes

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability

The Prep schedule includes daily Maths sessions.

- Explicit instruction and inquiry learning
- Connecting concepts to everyday situations
- Hands on learning with a variety of manipulatives
- Building mathematical proficiencies in; Understanding, Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving.



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SPECIALISTS



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Students in Years 3 to 6 take part in this program. Each week they participate in a kitchen or a gardening session on a fortnightly rotation.

LOTE – French

One 50 minute French language session is taught per week from Prep through to Year 6 by our dedicated French teacher.

Physical Education & Sport

One 50 minute PE session is provided per week for all students. Students in Years 5 and 6 participate in inter-school and intra-school sport.

Visual Art

One 50 minute Art session is provided per week for all students. We have a purpose built Da Vinci Studio art room.

Performing Arts

One 50 minute session is provided per week for all students. Students are taught music, and performing arts skills. A school theatrical production is held every two years and a whole school Christmas Carols event is held every year. These events provide opportunities for students to put their skills into action.

Library

One 50 Library session is provide to all students a week. Prep students are able to borrow three books to take home from our well resourced library.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) / STEM

ICT is integrated into all curriculum areas and assists students to develop technological knowledge, skills and confidence.

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INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

The Indigenous Perspectives program at Montmorency South aims to ensure that our students are exposed to a range of important topics, across the curriculum from Prep to Year 6.

It is designed to ensure that students are engaging in critical thinking across this area and are exposed to a wide variety of resources and perspectives to support their learning.



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OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS

Wellbeing

- Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships (RRRR)
- Zones of Regulation
- Tribes


Inquiry Learning

- Humanities
- Science
- Digital Technology

Prep Investigations

- Play based learning environment which supports and extends the learning throughout the week
- Promotes social skills
- Interaction across the Prep cohort

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PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM


PMP

The Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is an educational intervention designed to enhance your child's perceptual and gross motor skills.


PMP focuses on activities which improve:

- coordination
- spatial awareness
- body control
- visual perception


PMP runs fortnightly for each class and parent involvement is encouraged.



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EXTENSION & SUPPORT



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Tutor Learning Initiative

Evidence demonstrates that effective learning intervention can be achieved through tutoring or small group learning support.

At Monty South, students who require additional learning support are provided with specialist tutoring within this program.

Extension Programs

Maths Olympiad
Tournament of Minds
GATEWAYS (Parent funded)

Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) - Yrs 5 & 6



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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

In school activities

We offer a range of activities during school hours including, but not limited to:

- Year level incursions, camps and excursions
- Author visits
- Book Week Celebration
- Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep-Yr2)
- Swimming (Prep-Yr 2 lessons & Yrs 3-6 Open Water Experience)
- Kaboom Sport Day
- Lunchtime Clubs
- Whole School Assembly
- Student leadership - Principal Advisory Leaders (PALs - Yr 6s) & Student Action Leaders (SALs - Yr 3-6)


User pays, extra curricular activities

These programs are offered at school on a user-pays basis.

- Musical Instrument tuition
 - Keyboard and guitar (during school hours)
- Kelly Sport (after school hours)
- Chess Club (after school)
- Wildcats Basketball (after school)




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ASSESSMENT & REPORTING



Seesaw Learning Journey

Seesaw is an online journal used to document and privately share work with family members. Parents can only access their own child's Seesaw posts. However, as learning is often done collaboratively, posts may include photos and video of students working with other students.

Academic Reports

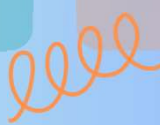
Academic Reports are provided twice per year.

- End of Semester One
- End of Semester Two


3-Way Conferences

3-Way Conferences are conducted between students, parents/carers, and teachers twice per year.

- February
- July



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PREP @ MONTY SOUTH



Dedicated Prep Learning Space

Our Prep area links all four classrooms with a collaborative learning space, wet area, undercover area, break out room and Prep-only toilets.



Play space

Our Prep classrooms have direct access to the playground, sandpit and undercover area. This also allows classroom activities to be extended outside when suitable.

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A DAY IN PREP



Developmental Play




Visual Timetable




Calendar and Days at school


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Phonemic Awareness




Parent Reading



Handwriting


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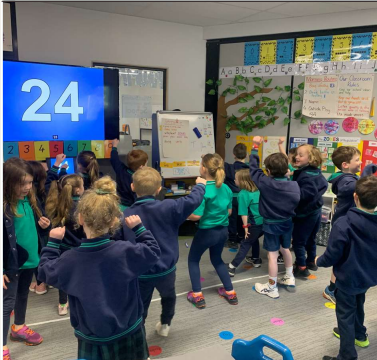
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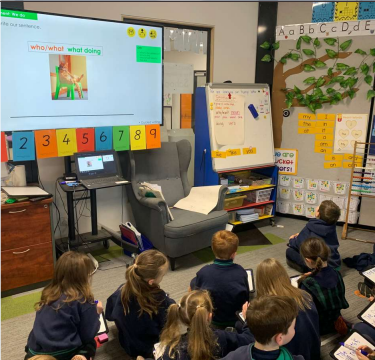




Munch and Crunch



Brain Break



Sentence Writing

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Smiling Minds




Garden with Buddies



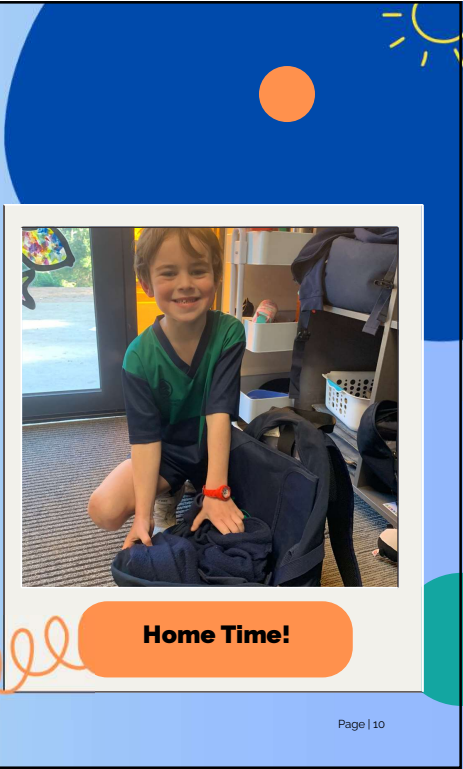
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Afternoon Snack



Phonics Craft



Home Time!

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YEAR 6 BUDDIES




A Year 6 Buddy provides guidance and acts as a role model for the younger students.

Benefiting both buddies, the program helps the Preps settle in and have a sense of belonging, and supports the development of Year 6 leadership skills and responsibility.


Each Prep student will meet their 2024 Buddy at the final transition session, Step Up.



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BRIDGES TO SCHOOL & TRANSITION



4 x Bridges to School sessions

Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am

Week 1: Fine Motor focus
Week 2: Literacy focus
Week 3: Numeracy focus
Week 4: Tribes focus

2023 Dates:
11 Oct, 18 Oct,
25 Oct & 1 Nov

Step Up

One session - 9.30am to 11am

Students will meet their 2024 teacher and classmates, as well as their Yr 6 Buddies. This session focuses on school readiness.

2023 Date:
12 December

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OUR ENROLMENT PLACEMENT POLICY



School Zone

Go to www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au and check your residential address. We require proof of your residential address when you submit your Application to Enrol. Students residing in our school zone are guaranteed a place at Monty South PS.



Siblings

If you already have a child enrolled at Montmorency South Primary School, your application is prioritised.



Other

Applications will be considered from outside our zone on a case by case basis based on availability in the intake year.


Timeline

Applications to Enrol Close:
July 28th, 2023



Acceptance letters sent:
by August 11th, 2023

Enrolment forms completed & returned:
by September 1st, 2023


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THANK YOU.




Please email or call the office if you have any questions

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