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Montmorency South PS Newsletter

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Together we Learn, Lead and Achieve

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

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 Montmorency South Primary School.

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Student news

We are so excited to welcome our new preps to Monty South. They have met their Year 6 buddies and been spending time with them over the last two weeks as well as enjoying the activities in our science-based Prep Investigations program.

Preps and their families enjoyed a BBQ at school on 2nd Feb. It was a great opportunity for families to meet others and have an opportunity to chat to teachers in an informal setting.



Teachers: Maddy Macleod,
Alicia Zammit, Kate
L'Huilier, David McFarlane,
Michelle Bardsley



We'd like to celebrate students' achievements outside of school. If you would like to share photos and information about your child's achievements, please email them to us at montmorency.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au



From the Principal

Dear Monty South Community,

The last two weeks have absolutely flown! Congratulations to the Principal's Advisory Leaders who put on a great assembly last week. Assembly looked slightly different as we presented student of the week certificates as per our 5 Tribes Agreements. Thank you to Trish for working with our students to make the assembly so successful.



One of the things I value in every school, is my school community. Unfortunately, there was very poor timing of some signage that went up in the first week of school which I was not aware of until it was pointed out to me. Unfortunately, in 2022 the school had to deal with several incidents where illegal and inappropriate behaviours were experienced by some. Following advice, it was decided that signage would be placed around the school to curb this behaviour. However, I am a firm believer that our school community are best placed in keeping our school safe and serve as eyes and ears at all other times outside of the school day. I encourage you to continue, using the school as a safe place after hours, use our school oval and courts and report any inappropriate behaviour to us or directly to the Police.

Over this week I met with School council and P&F. It was lovely to hear all the things they love about Monty South, as well as areas that they believe can be improved. There was an overwhelming response to improving our learning spaces and capital work requirements.

This is something that we can all work as a community to make sure that our students have excellent teaching and learning spaces.

During the School Council meeting we also discussed having to run an election process as there are five parent and two staff positions available this year. School Council is an integral body in the school decision making process and a great way for you to get involved in the school. I will be sending more information on the process for School Council elections tomorrow.

The P&F had their AGM last night, and it was very exciting to meet more parents and again hear from them what they love about our school. 'Community' is the number one aspect that all participants loved about Monty South. The P&F brings a sense of community to the school, but they can't do it alone, so if you would like to get involved and maintain the sense of community that we all enjoy, get involved. Congratulations to Bianca Dhollander who was elected president for 2023. It was great to see that the P&F filled all their executive position. I look forward to working with them over 2023.

An additional item on the agenda at the P&F was the 'Fete' to be held on the 19 March. Renee has done an amazing job in coordinating the Fete and I would like to thank her for her tremendous effort. This will be a great event which I hope will bring our community out to participate, so please tell your family and friends. There will be a few communications that will go out soon, so please keep an eye out for these to see how you can be involved. Even our chickens are excited!

This week we introduced a few changes at school that are in the best interest of safety for our students and school community. The first is the requirement that anything with wheels (bikes, scooters, skateboards etc) needs to be walked through the school when students enter or are leaving school grounds at the beginning and at the end of the day. Please support us in this change as we have a large student population (682) and the pathways are limited. The second is that students in grades 3 to 6 need to have their hair tied back during Kitchen classes.

When you see me out and about, please say hi! 😊

Keyla Jeffers



School Update

2023 Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website [here](#). We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

School Photos - Friday 3 March

A school photo ordering link has now been added to Compass and emailed to parents. You can order your child's photos as well as sibling photos via this link. Orders must be placed by midnight on 2 March. Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession. Contact MSP on 9466 7331 or admin.nem@msp.com.au.



If your child is sick or away on photo day, there will be an opportunity to take an individual photo on the school holidays. Contact MSP directly. Individual images taken at this make up session will not superimposed into the class photos.

3-way conferences - Reminder

Please be reminded that 3-way conferences will be held next week (Week 3) beginning Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd February. If you have not yet booked your child's timeslot,

please do so asap or contact the office.

Lunchtime Lego Club commencing on Tuesdays

Thanks to donations of Lego from parents, we finally have just enough to commence running this popular lunchtime club. We welcome more donations if you have any to give, as our collection is still limited. Many thanks to Jess Head who is coordinating this club.



Montmorency South Primary School & Panorama Heights Preschool

Fete

Sunday 19 March 10am-3pm

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

For more info please contact mssfete@gmail.com

The block contains a banner for a school fete. On the left, the word "Fete" is written in large, blue, bubbly letters with green leaves and yellow flowers. Below it, the date and time "Sunday 19 March 10am-3pm" are written in black. To the right of the text are two small cartoon illustrations of a crab and a fish. Further right, the text "CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES" is written in blue. Below that, the contact information "For more info please contact mssfete@gmail.com" is provided. On the far right, there are two logos: the top one is for Montmorency South Primary School with the motto "Together we Learn, Lead and Achieve", and the bottom one is for Panorama Heights Preschool featuring a colorful parrot.

P&F Activities

Parents' & Friends' Group information

POSTER COLOURING

COMPETITION 🤖👤

One way to make our School Fete a huge success is to let as many people as possible know about it!
KIDS – WE NEED YOUR HELP 🙏!

Print off the Fete poster + get creative colouring or painting! 🌈 and put it up somewhere where lots of people will see it 👁️. Swimming pool 🏊, childcare or kinder noticeboard 👧👦, a cafe ☕, mum or dad's car window 🚗 or a local shop. Copies of the poster are also available at the school office.

Find your spot in your neighbourhood such as a community noticeboard or in the window of a local shop, put your poster up, take a photo 📷 and get someone to help you post it online or email us 📧📱. Prizes 🏆 will be awarded for the most creative entries so please include your names and classes 😁!

Share to Instagram or Facebook using #MSPSfete or email entries to mspsfete@gmail.com. Entries close Wednesday 13th of March at 5pm with the prize being a wristband for rides or a \$30 fete voucher.

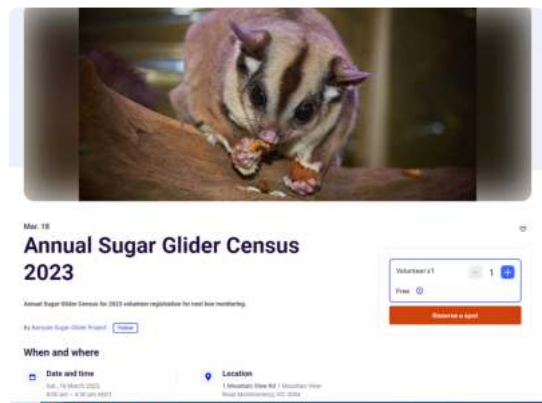


Please follow the P&F Group activities on Facebook [@MSPSParentsandFriends](https://www.facebook.com/MSPSParentsandFriends)
You can also get in touch by emailing presidentpandfmmps@gmail.com or secretarympps@gmail.com.



Community Information

The next **annual sugar glider census** is running on **Saturday the 18th of March** this year. As always we need all of our wonderful volunteers to help make our census a success and continue our work in caring for the sugar gliders. This year our meeting point will be at the new MontyHub. For anyone wishing to come and volunteer on the day please follow this link to register asap. (<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/535439894137>)



For those of you who haven't participated in a census before, there will be an evening camera training session you must attend, also available to anyone who feels they need a refresher. A date/dates will be set for that in the coming weeks and you will be notified. montysugargliders@gmail.com

Camp Australia

Welcome to a new year of school. Here at Camp Australia we are excited to see the new preps and children come back into care. There is a lot of activities and experiences that are happening this term. During this week, we are having our first of many incursions, we are having the Lizard Wizard come in on Thursday where the children will have a look and pat a range of different reptiles and small animals including snakes, lizards, frogs, sugar gliders, and more. And the next incursion coming up will be a silent disco.



Also happening this term is our National Handball Championships; this will happen from the 27th of March to the 31st of March.

We look forward to seeing everyone this term, and we have a lot of fun and exciting activities planned throughout the term.

Remember to update your bookings and your details through the Camp Australia app. Thank you and see you soon.

Diamond Valley Foodshare

A Not For Profit Organisation that operates out of a small venue in Henry St Greensborough is run by dedicated volunteers and has been in existence for over 30 years. It's mission is the Community Helping the Community.

We are having a Free Food Drive on the 18th February at Henry St Greensborough from 10 – 1pm. There will be food available for the public – Staples, ie Pasta, Rice, Cereals, Sauces etc etc. All food is donated from various other organizations.



MORE THAN FOOTBALL

AWARD WINNING FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

Weekly Local Skills Programs
Venues: Montmorency Sth P.S
& Holy Trinity P.S Eltham

COACHING FULLY QUALIFIED STAFF

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER 5-12 AGE GROUP

SCAN ME
2 WEEK TRIALS AVAILABLE

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FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY



CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD
INFORMATION EVENING

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting. Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on *Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child*. The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.

Join us on Thursday, 2 March 2023 at 7pm
 Marcellin College
 SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
 For more information visit marcellin.vic.edu

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Dates for the Diary

- Mon Feb 20th to Weds Feb 22 - 3-way conferences (student/teacher/parent) dates will be held on the following dates - Monday 20th February 3:45-5:30, Tuesday 21st February 3:45-4:45, Wednesday 22nd February 3:45-8:00. Parents/Carers will be able to make bookings via Compass closer to the time.
- Friday 3rd March School Photos
- Wednesday 8th March Prep Assembly & Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony
- Monday 13th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
- 15th to 17th March - Year 6 Camp to Sovereign Hill
- Sunday 19th March, 10am to 3pm - **School Fete** together with Panorama Heights Pre-school **(Second hand uniform sale - 10am to 12pm at the fete)*
- 20th to 27th March - NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
- Friday 31st March - Casual Dress day (bring gold coin or hamper donation)
- Wednesday 5th April - Final Assembly & Easter Raffle Draw
- Thursday 6 April - Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.30am + Final day of term 1, students finish at 2.30pm

All dates can be found in the online live calendar on our website. Click on the below link.