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SPOTLIGHT ON...

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



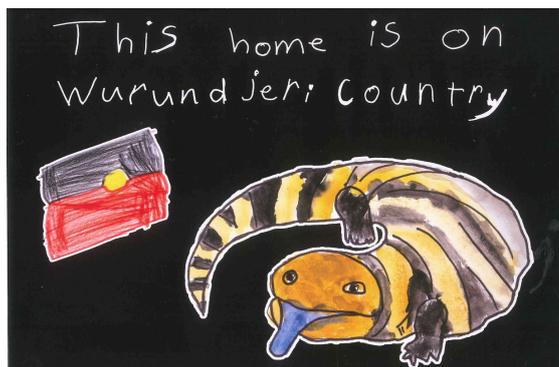
Last week, our 2026 Principal Advisory Leaders (PALs) attended the Dream and Lead Conference hosted by the Youth Leadership Academy of Australia. This inspiring day supported our student leaders to build confidence, strengthen their problem-solving skills and recognise the impact they can have as young leaders. We are so proud of our PALs and the way they represented our school



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This home is on Wurundjeri Country

JOKE

Why is the obtuse angle always upset?

Because it can never be right.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

27.03.26

Easter Hamper Donations Drop off.

31.03.26

3 Way Conference- 11am-6:30pm Face to face or WebEx (students encouraged to attend) Students finish at 10:40am.

01.04.26

School photo day.

02.04.26

Easter Bonnet Parade, 9-10:20am.

Hot Cross Bun afternoon tea.

Last day of Term 1, 2.30pm student dismissal.

03.04.26

Good Friday.

20.04.26

Term 2 begins.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

KEYLA JEFFERS

Dear Monty South Community,

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 1! We have had a busy term with many school events starting with Parent Information Evenings, incursions and excursions, the formation of a new School Council, Harmony week, multiple Easter events that will be happening next week but none greater than the exceptional Fete held last Sunday!



School Fete

A massive thank you to Ashlee our P&F president as well as Jess, Mel, Aili, Candice and all the parents who helped along on Sunday to make the school Fete so successful. Thank you also to our Art Captains, Imogen and Alice for their work on our welcome banner!

With beautiful weather, excellent organisation, multiple activities and stalls, as well as fun activities, contributed to the great community event that we all enjoyed. The school Fete has been a year in the making, so I would specially like to thank the Fete committee [for all the time given (multiple meetings), sweat (from everything that they had to move), sore feet (from being on the go before, during and on the day)] in making it all come together. It has been three years since we had the last school Fete, so thank you to all of you for supporting us on the day.

School Council

This year, there was no need to run an election process as we had the right number of nominations for the positions available. Congratulations to our new members; Dr Sarah Sparham, Claire Brennan and Elisabeth Dunn. Thank you to the whole school community for participating enthusiastically and putting their hands up.

School Council Membership 2026					
	Member Category	Member Name	Current Term Start Date	Current Term End Date	Office Held
1	Parent	Dr Sarah Sparham	17/03/2026	Mar-28	
2	Parent	Claire Brennan	17/03/2026	Mar-28	
3	Parent	Elisabeth Dunn	17/03/2026	Mar-28	
4	Parent	Steve Gartner	18/03/2025	Mar-27	President
5	Parent	Jessica Thwaites	18/03/2025	Mar-27	
6	Parent	Amy Mitchener	18/03/2025	Mar-27	V/President
7	Parent	Jared Kitney	18/03/2025	Mar-27	Treasurer
8	Parent	Heath Pearce	18/03/2025	Mar-27	
9	DET	Keyla Jeffers	28/03/2023	ongoing	Executive Officer
10	DET	Ashlee Sandars	26/03/2025	Temp	Secretary
11	DET	Stuart Beever	18/03/2025	Mar-27	



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3 Way Conferences (3WC)

As you are aware we will be having our **3WC on Tuesday 31 March 2026 (next week)** beginning at 11:00am. Bookings are available on Compass, so please make sure that you have booked ahead. You can participate either face-to-face or online.

All students finish school at 10:40am. TheirCare will be available on the day for bookings.

Please make sure that you take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss and celebrate your child. If you have made an online appointment, please make sure that you have your child's classroom teacher 'Personal Room' WebEx link. If you are away, please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for a mutual meeting time.

MSPS 2027 Foundation Information Session

We will be holding our Foundation 2027 Parent Information Session on Tuesday 5 May next term from 6:00-7:00pm. If you are aware of neighbours or family members who will be enrolling at MSPS for the 2027 year, please let them know. I know that this seems early; however, you need to have **submitted an application for enrolment by Friday 31st July**. Outcomes of enrolments will come out from Monday 3rd August.

Please note that we run a tour every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 am for an hour. If you are unable to join a tour on those days, please contact the school on:

montmorency.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Annual Implementation Plan 2026 (AIP)

Thank you to the School Improvement Team for working on our new AIP for this year. This document operationalises areas of action from our Strategic Plan 2025-2028. The AIP format has changed so please find the link to our one-page document now available on our school website:

<https://montysouth.vic.edu.au/our-school/policies-documents/>

The key improvement strategies are to:

- Develop and embed a school wide instructional model for Literacy and Numeracy,
- embed processes for providing feedback to and from students about their learning in literacy,
- embed a whole school approach to student voice and agency,
- Strengthen and embed consistent engagement and wellbeing practices across the school.

The AIP has already been presented to School Council.



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Farewells

This term we farewell, Carol Browne, Cathryn Hulme and Brigette McVeigh

Carol has taken the difficult step to retire this year. I would like to thank her for all her years at MSPS, and for working with our most vulnerable students. We wish her well in her retirement.

After 12 years Cathryn Hulme has made the very difficult decision to resign from her position due to family commitments. Cathryn has been at MSPS since 2014 working in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen program. The success of the program over the last 12 years has been due to Cathryn's commitment to doing what she loves and to bringing the garden, to kitchen to table experience to all our students.

Although Brigette has been with us for a short time, she has made a great contribution to our school by working with our most vulnerable students. She has also supported Jude over the last two years with the Graduation performances and choreography for our graduating classes.

I would like to thank and wish Carol, Cathryn and Brigette the very best as they navigate the next chapter in their lives.

Away until the end of 2026

We have two other staff members who will be on leave starting term 2 until the end of 2026. Bianca Hrovat will be taking parental leave until the end of this year, as she welcomes her new baby in May. Bianca has been part of many teams here at MSPS and I know that you all join me in wishing her and her partner well as they step into parenthood.

Additionally, Jude Barry will also be on leave for the rest of the year due to personal family commitments. I wish Jude well as she navigates through this time. With Jude taking leave, the School Production is on hold for 2026.

Please know that all positions were advertised and we have been working hard to fill these positions at this time of the year. I will let you know who will be replacing Jude, Bianca and Cathryn when the appointments are made.

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to thank all my staff for their commitment to their roles and our school community.

I hope to see many of you at our Easter Bonnet Parade next week, have a good and relaxing break and a Happy Easter.

Keyla





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WELLBEING

Resource Yourself

Sometimes on this parenting journey, it's helpful to hear and explore resources that others have found helpful and useful. Parenting isn't easy but it sure does help if you equip yourself with good advice and ideas to explore with your family.

For those I'm yet to share my story with, I'm a dad of 3 kids, 2 boys and a girl, in both primary and secondary school. So, it's fair to say I'm walking a parenting journey that may be similar to you in some ways. I'm well aware of the ups, the downs, the complexities and the joys of raising children. Here are 3 resources that I've found helpful, that you might like to explore and consider.

the.pocket.psychologist

I've recently discovered Millie on Instagram. She offers pocket sized pep talks for big feelings.

She presents things in simple visual ways you can apply to yourself or your children.



Happy Families with Dr Justin Coulson

Dr Justin is a well known Psychologist and parenting expert. He's written books, hosted TV shows, recorded parenting podcasts and offers free parenting resources on his website.

He covers many topics to generate discussion, provoke thoughts and strives to help families thrive. Fun fact, I met him once at a wellbeing conference!

<https://happyfamilies.com.au/>



Michelle Mitchell

Michelle is an author and speaker sharing grounded advice for parenting tweens and teens. While she has written many books and communicated on TV and podcasts, my family has benefitted from her puberty books which has encouraged important and helpful conversations with my children, while supported with child friendly content and images.

<https://michellemitchell.org/shop/>



I encourage you to check out these resources and see if they resonate with you. I wonder what gem you may find...

If you have a great parenting resource you'd like to share with me, feel free to send me an email. Together, we can Learn, Lead and Achieve!

Stuart Beever- Assistant Principal

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FROM THE SALS (STUDENT ACTION LEADERS):

We are so excited to be your SAL's for 2026!

We have had two meetings now where we have gone through so many suggestions already and we cannot wait to start making some positive changes to our school this year.

Next week, we are going to be running the Easter Bonnet parade for the F-2 cohorts. It's going to be such a fun morning seeing all the students walk around and show off their Easter Bonnets. Look out for the posters around the school that were made by Zara and Ava.

*Please note that due to new photography requirements, no photos can be taken while the kindergarten children are in attendance.

At assembly last week we were presented with our SAL badges so now everyone can know who we are, and if you see us around school please come up and say hello and give us some suggestions!

Bye for now,
Your 2026 SAL's





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TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE: BUDDIES

At Montmorency South, our Buddy Program is a much-loved part of school life, connecting our Foundation students with our Year 6 leaders in a way that strengthens our whole school community. These partnerships play an important role in helping our youngest students feel welcomed, supported and confident as they begin their school journey.

Each Foundation student is thoughtfully paired with a Year 6 buddy, sometimes even two, who take on the role of mentor, guide and friendly face in the yard. These connections begin during our Step-Up Program the year before, giving Foundation students the opportunity to build familiarity and trust before their very first day. It is always wonderful to see those early introductions grow into genuine and supportive relationships once the school year begins.



In the opening weeks of Term 1, our Year 6 students prioritise time with their buddies during playtimes, helping them settle into the routines of school life. They support them in navigating the playground, invite them into games and ensure they always have someone to turn to. As the weeks progress, Foundation students gradually build their independence, knowing their buddy is still nearby for reassurance and support when needed.

Buddy time continues well beyond those first few weeks. Across the year, classes come together regularly to share in a range of learning experiences and activities. Whether it is working through simple maths games, supporting early reading and writing, or completing hands-on craft tasks, these moments provide valuable opportunities for collaboration and connection.



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What stands out most is how naturally our school values are reflected through this program. Our Year 6 students show genuine care and compassion as they look after their buddies. They create an inclusive environment where every Foundation student feels seen and valued. Respect is evident in the way they communicate, listen and support one another, while curiosity and a love of learning are shared through each interaction.



The Buddy Program is something truly special at Monty South. It fosters a strong sense of belonging for our Foundation students and provides meaningful leadership opportunities for our Year 6s. The connections formed are heartfelt and lasting, and we are incredibly proud of the way our students embrace this important role in building a supportive and connected school community.





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RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRRR)

RRRR GENERAL INFO:

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships learning materials have been designed for teachers in primary and secondary schools to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. Efforts to promote social and emotional skills and positive gender norms in children and young people has been shown to improve health related outcomes and subjective wellbeing. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary and secondary education: Emotional Literacy; Personal & Cultural Strengths; Positive Coping; Problem Solving; Stress Management; Help Seeking; Gender Norms & Stereotypes; and Positive Gender Relationships.

Currently, students across Monty South are working through

Topic Two: Personal and Cultural Strengths

Even though all students are working on the same topic, each cohort's learning will look different as RRRR is designed appropriately to each age group. Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. Social and emotional learning programs which use strength-based approaches promote student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement.

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships is a mandated curriculum in all public schools in Victoria, with its curriculum beginning at Foundation (Prep) and continues through to Year 12 in high school. There is no option to 'opt-out' of RRRR, but we encourage you to read through the curriculum of your child/ren's year level so that you can engage in positive conversations at home.



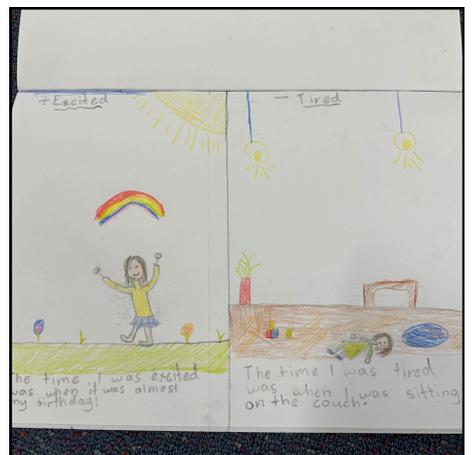
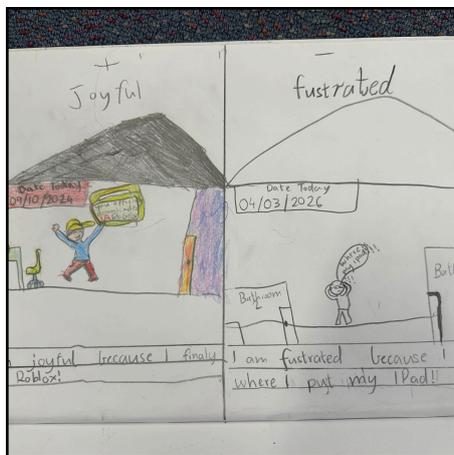
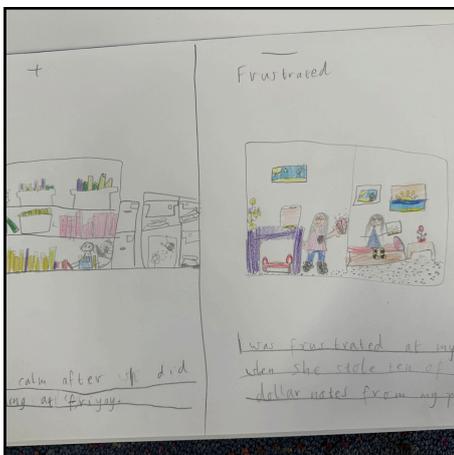
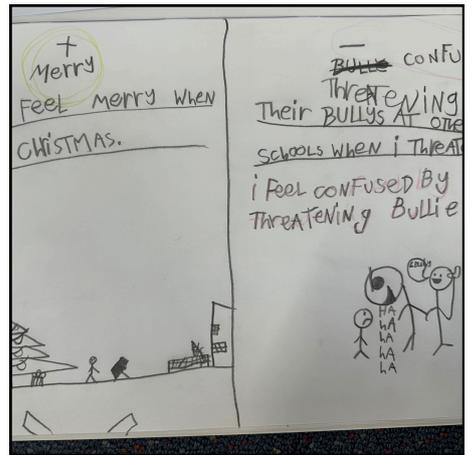
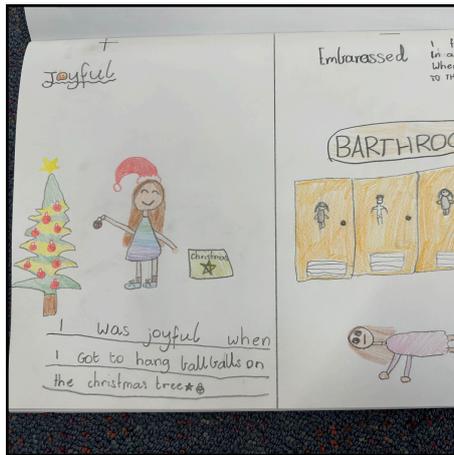
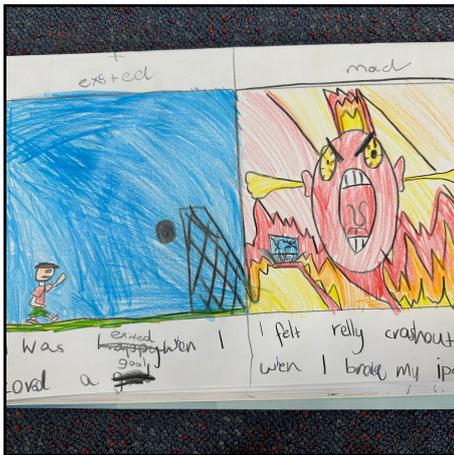
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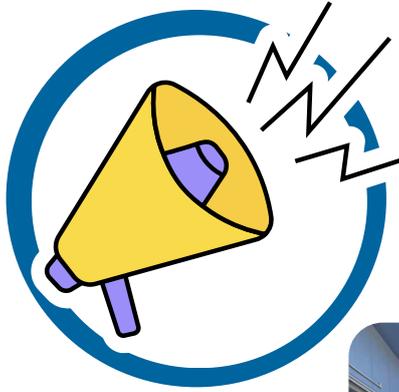
IN THE CLASSROOMS





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STUDENT NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

MONTY SOUTH FETE



FOUNDATION FIREFIGHTER VISIT



REGIONAL SWIMMING



HARMONY WEEK



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MEDICAL OFFICER NEWS: PROTECTING AGAINST MEASLES

Measles cases are rising in Victoria and around the world. Returned travellers make up most cases, but local spread has also been detected.

Vaccination is the most safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against measles. People need 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine to be fully protected.

To help protect against measles, you should check your family's measles vaccinations today. This is particularly important if you are:

- planning any travel
- were born during or after 1966
- were born overseas.

You can check your measles vaccination records:

- on your Medicare online account through MyGov or by contacting the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809
- on your personal health records, such as your childhood immunisation records
- by speaking to your GP or immunisation provider.

About measles

Measles is a viral infection. It spreads easily from airborne droplets, such as from coughing or sneezing, and nose and throat secretions.

Symptoms may include:

- fever
- feeling tired or unwell
- cough or runny nose
- sore and red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- diarrhoea – especially in infants.

This is usually followed by a red, blotchy, non-itchy rash that often starts on the face before spreading down the body.

Measles can cause serious illness and be life-threatening. People who are not fully immunised or have not had a previous measles infection are at increased risk.

Pregnant women, children aged under 5 years and those with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of severe illness and complications.



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If your child develops measles symptoms, you should:

- keep your child home from school and seek medical care and testing
- call the health service and wear a face mask when travelling to and attending the health service
- let our school know if your child has measles, or is being tested for measles
- keep your child at home until well and advised by a health professional.

Free measles vaccines

Anyone who does not have 2 doses of measles vaccine, or is unsure, can get a measles vaccine.

Free vaccines are available for:

- infants aged 12 months to 18 months
- children and teenagers aged under 20 years
- adult refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Free vaccines are also available for anyone with or without a Medicare card if they are:

- born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses or are unsure, including people born overseas
- infants from 6 months and before 11 months of age before overseas travel.

Vaccination is widely available at your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service. Call ahead to see if you are eligible for a free vaccine.

If your child has had new or catch-up vaccines, we encourage you to give our school an updated immunisation history statement.

Find out more

For more information, refer to:

- the Better Health Channel web page How to find your immunisation records
- the Department of Health for translated resources about measles and measles immunisations
- your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service.

Kind Regards,

Victoria Hall

Medical, Administration & Wellbeing Officer (M.A.W.O)



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COMMUNITY NEWS



★ Refer a Friend – Share the Love

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★ 4-Day Subsidised Care Option

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SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

Dear School World Family,

As the School Holidays is quickly approaching, please see below the dates we will be working to for your weekly delivery to school service.

Please note, 'Delivery to private address' will be fully operational during the School Holidays.

2026 Term 1/2 Autumn Holiday Despatch Dates			
State	Last Despatch T1/2026	First Despatch T2/2026	Regular Weekly Desp from
Victorian Schools (Hols Fri 3/4 - Fri 17/4)	Friday 27th March	Friday 17th April	Wednesday 22nd April



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MONTY JUNIOR BASEBALL **GM**

ROOKIE BALL, U13, U15, U17
NEW SEASON STARTS 25 APRIL 2026

SATURDAY MORNINGS

2026 TRAINING SCHEDULE

ROOKIES TUESDAYS: 5:00 - 6:00PM
U13 WEDNESDAYS: 5:30 - 7:00PM
U15 WEDNESDAYS: 6:30 - 8:30PM
U17 TUESDAYS: 6:00 - 8:00PM

Rookies/U13 Minors: Mill Park Softball Fields
U13 - U17: Home & Away Games

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Open Night - Wednesday 1st April



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Triple P Fear Less Seminar

A FREE online parenting seminar for parents of children experiencing anxiety residing in the Cities of Yarra, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Banyule.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This group is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 12 years.

The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively, and
- Using constructive coping.

All participants will receive:

- The Fear Less tip sheet,
- Extra resources to assist in implementing strategies to support your child navigate their feelings of anxiety.

To Enrol:

To enquire about enrolment into the seminar, contact Georgia with your full name and best contact number with the subject 'Fear Less Seminar' by emailing us at triplep@berrystreet.org.au.

We ask that enquiries for enrolment be made by 5:00pm on 27/04/26. Due to limited spaces, we encourage parents to enquire ASAP to avoid disappointment.

The Fear Less Seminar is a two-hour session run via zoom.

Please note enrolment is required to attend.

Date:
04/05/26

Location:
Online via Zoom

Time:
11:30am – 1:30pm



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