Dear Monmia Families,

The day is here! This is our first digital edition of the school newsletter. You will receive this by email. If you know of families who didn’t receive theirs via email please let them know that they need to provide the school with their current email address or they can pick up a hard copy at school.

**GREAT THINGS I NOTICED THIS WEEK**

1. Our four school leaders were great role models at the ANZAC ceremony for schools at the Shrine. We were very proud of them. Thank you to Miss Vorpasso and Ms Burrows who drove the children, Mrs Mitrevski and I to the ceremony.
2. Thank you to the tweeters who are sharing their classrooms stories and activities with our Twitter community.
3. Thank you to Mrs Mitrevski’s guidance and all the leadership team’s input into the completion of the AIP and the Annual Report. These were presented at School Council’s AGM on Tuesday 28 April. (Copies of these documents are available from the office.)
4. Congratulations to Gold House for winning the House Athletics on Tuesday! A very big thank you to Mr Belovitch for organising this fantastic event. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for their help with the day especially those who arrived very early to set up the equipment. Our heartfelt appreciation to all the wonderful parent/guardian helpers who assisted with the activities during the day. We could not have run this extracurricular activity without everyone working in partnership for our students.
5. Students were excitedly buying their Mothers’ Day presents on Wednesday. Thank you to our Family and Friends who do such a fantastic job of organising this every year!

**REAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP**
Adam Voigt has made his presentation, website and email available to our community. A copy of the PDF is attached along with this newsletter.

This is the website [http://www.realschools.com.au/membership-resources/](http://www.realschools.com.au/membership-resources/) and the password for Monmia members is: rsmembers

If you wish to contact Adam on any of the information he provides in the presentation, you can do so via this email: info@realschools.com.au.

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**
Last year we participated in Student Principal for a Day and it was so successful that we have registered again this year. The Year 5/6 teachers reviewed their shortlist from the leadership applications and have awarded Principal for a Day to Brooke Clarke. Congratulations Brooke. When we receive our official package for this day we will present Brooke with her equipment.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: [http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS](http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS)
Student Principal for a Day is a national event on June 3. We have registered for this great program. There are five great reasons for us joining this program:

1. **Develop leadership capacity**
   Give a student in our school a lesson in leadership they won’t forget!

2. **Build a positive school community**
   Student Principal for a Day helps build a positive school community and appreciation for the vital role principals and school leaders play in our community.

3. **Listen to your student voice**
   Hear what our student principal thinks about leadership in our school - and tap into their wisdom and insights.

4. **Engage with others**
   Your student principal will get a unique opportunity to take part in webinars and an online conversation with other student principals around the country.

5. **Raise your school’s profile**
   Last year’s event attracted significant national media coverage.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

A casual vacancy on school council has been created as Satish Shettigara is unable to continue as a councillor. On behalf of our school council and community I wish to thank Satish for his years of service to the council. If you are interested in taking on this role for a year please come and see me. School Council meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 6pm. We would love to have you on board so please join us and see how decision making happens in our school.

*Warm Regards,*

*Lorraine Bell*

Principal
PRA  **Chloe S** for learning her alphabet and working enthusiastically to complete classroom activities.

PRB  **Jawad D** for outstanding improvements in reading and ordering the alphabet. Super job, Jawad

1/2A  **Talisha N** for her great effort in Maths.

1/2B  **Leon H** for making a huge effort to improve his learning!! Well done!!

1/2D  **David M** for always setting a good example to the students of 1/2D. You are a model student who tries your very best in all you do! Thank you David!

3/4A  **Tommy D** for his fantastic drawings of 3D shapes and the labelling of their attributes. Fantastic job Tommy and keep up the great work.

3/4B  **Sarah C** for writing a very convincing persuasive quick write about ‘The Best Toy’.

3/4C  **Lola J** for using the counting on strategy in Addition while playing ‘Get me to 100’.

3/4D  **Mohamed T** for his positive attitude to learning this term. Congratulations Mohamed!

3/4E  **Jack Q** for writing an excellent Persuasive text that clearly and strongly stated his opinion and then backed it up with facts that were convincing.

5/6A  **Jasmain K** for working well in the classroom and showing improvement in her reading.

5/6B  **Mia Z** for participating in class discussions and offering thoughtful responses.

5/6C  **Jesse M** for “hooking the reader” by writing interesting and persuasive leads.

5/6D  **Marcus T** for the way you spoke about the ANZAC service, it was a very special day. You are an amazing school captain.

5/6E  **Jovan P** for always being the first to help others.

WELL DONE !!!!!!
Our House Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 28 April. Congratulations to all of the students in the winning house, Gold. The final results were as follows:

1st: Gold House 18.10 points per student  
2nd Red House 17.96 points per student  
3rd Green House 16.83 points per student  
4th Blue House 16.73 points per student

There were some outstanding individual performances, with several students winning three or more events. These include Olivia T, Sarah J, Sam A, Jordan S and Junior A.

Congratulations must also go to all of our grade 3-6 students who came out and did their best in all of the events.

I would like to say a big thank you to the following parents who came down to help out on the day: Mark Mandato, Justin Curwood, Adam Brodie, Brad and Kelli Claxton, Juanita Howell, Jacinta Lih, Sharon Di Bella, Marisa Barberi, Mariana Pacheco and Valentina Jergovic. Without your support we would not be able to conduct an event such as this.

Justin Belovitch  
Physical Education Teacher

!!URGENT!!
MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR MONMIA ARTSHOW

The Monmia Artshow urgently needs some extra materials!  
If you have any egg cartons, wool scraps, material, buttons, large cardboard sheets, ribbon please bring to the Artroom.

THANKYOU

Lisa Tate  
Visual Art Teacher

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS
School Council & School House Captain photos are now available at the Office for viewing and ordering. Copies of the photos are $16 each.

Please see Norma or Catherine in the Office if you would like to place an order.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, I would like to continue with the Core Values that underpin the Bounce Back Wellbeing and Resilience Program. This week we will look at INTEGRITY.

**INTEGRITY**

If you have integrity, then you try to act according to your values, morals or principles, even when there is a personal cost to doing so. Integrity is built one day at a time and can't be mastered over-night. For most of us, building our integrity is something we do over a lifetime. Just when we 'think we've got it' some challenge or test presents itself. More often than not, we have more work to do!

Our goal, with our children, is to live the example. Show integrity as a way of life – a choice. Behaving with Integrity never goes out of fashion and shapes your true character. At Monmia Primary School we are guided by our community values of: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Acceptance and Friendliness.

Acting with integrity also means:

- Being honest
- Being fair
- Being responsible
- Being loyal

Not everyone tries to achieve a sense of integrity. Some people say that they believe in certain values but they do not act in accordance with those values. Some people have no positive personal values to guide them and are prepared to do anything to get what they want, no matter how wrong or harmful their actions are.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** As a family, draw a grid for each family member and draw how you demonstrate the community values at school and at home.

I hope you have found this article interesting and useful and I look forward to any feedback you might like to share with me.

Warm Regards,

Lucy Vorpasso
Assistant Principal
Student Engagement and Wellbeing
Come along and see the amazing artwork created by our talented students at the Annual Monmia Artshow. This year our theme explores the wonderful world of Science. Our Artshow is taking a new direction in 2015 with art pieces displayed throughout the learning areas of the school. As you enter you will receive a map which you can follow around the school to find spectacular art creations. Some of the artwork on display include:

- Ancient Egyptian Mummies
- Dinosaurs
- Insects
- Crystals
- Science Masterminds
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**DATE:** Tuesday 19th May  
**TIME:** 5.00PM - 6.30PM  
**CHOIR PERFORMANCE:** 6.30PM  
**CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!**
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Monmia is a Bucket Filling School!
We fill buckets and we don’t dip!
We use our lid to keep our bucket full and keep the drops in!

I love how the Bucket Fillers Philosophy has been embraced by our school community this year. I know that we can keep filling other people’s buckets and make Monmia Primary School a warm, positive and caring place to be. When we all fill other people’s buckets then all community members benefit from these acts of kindness.

There is so much to acknowledge at Monmia Primary School! Here are some ‘drops’ for you to read.

Remember that when you fill someone else’s bucket, you fill yours as well so keep filling buckets Monmia!

Happy Bucket Filling!

Kind Regards,

Lucy Vorpasso
Assistant Principal
Student Engagement and Wellbeing

WANTED! We have a fun craft activity happening in Japanese this term for the grade 5/6 students. They have all been asked to save old envelopes, cut out the addresses and bring them into school. However if you do not have any students in grade 5/6 and wish to donate some please feel free to drop them off by the Japanese room.

Another reminder also regarding the Japan festival. It’s on Sunday 17th May 2015, from 10am-5pm at Box Hill Town Hall and Box Hill TAFE. Further details can be found on the website: http://www.jvc-au.org/japanfestival/.

Melissa Broso
Japanese Teacher

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS
All away games have a $6.00 bus fare which is payable before the game.

Sports: Soccer, Netball, Bat Tennis and Teeball

FRIDAY 01/05 VS MARY MACKILLOP (AWAY)
Soccer at Green Gully.
Netball and bat tennis at Mary Mackillop Catholic Primary School.
Teeball at Keilor Views Primary School.

FRIDAY 08/05 VS TAYLORS LAKES (HOME)
No girl’s soccer match.

FRIDAY 15/05 GRAND FINALS

PAYMENTS AT THE OFFICE

When making payments for any items at school, can we please ask that parents supply the correct money as we do not have change at the Office.

Also, just a reminder that we now have EFTPOS available.

At Monmia Primary School we stop to energise our brain every day.

We have a fruit break at 10.00am.

We have a water bottle at school everyday.

Do you have your fruit and water bottle today?

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS
If your child is absent from school it is crucial to inform the school as to the reason for the absence. To communicate a student absence to the school please:

- make a phone call to Norma or Catherine in the school office between 8.30am to 9.30am on the day of the absence.
- send an email to the school’s email, monmia.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au, to inform the school of the absence.
- send a written note and/or certificate to the classroom teacher when your child returns.

Thank you for your support with the school’s attendance procedures.

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**This Week**

Monmia’s annual Mother’s Day stall took place this week giving the students a chance to buy some gifts for Mum and Grandma for Mothers Day. All students were very excited to choose their gifts from the selection of goodies available. We’re sure there will be some very excited mums and grandmas opening up their special gifts on Mother’s Day.

**Thank You**

A big and very special thank you to the following wonderful helpers who came on Monday and worked hard to help prepare and wrap gifts for the Mother’s Day stall and to all our parents who helped out at the stall on Wednesday, your valuable time and effort was very much appreciated:


**Coming Up...**

Just a heads up that the annual Cadbury Chocolate Drive is coming up this term. Your child will bring home a box of yummy Cadbury Freddo Frogs for your family to buy or sell.

Have a great week from the Family & Friends Team!
Essendon Keilor College

Junior Campus' Tours

Niddrie Campus (Years 7 - 9)
Peters Street, Airport West
Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Campus (Years 7 - 9)
Quinn Grove, East Keilor
Ph: 8331 0109

Wednesday and Friday @ 9:20 a.m.
By Appointment

Email: essendon.keilor.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
Web: www.ekc.vic.edu.au

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PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Instrumental Music Lessons - Small Group And Private Lessons

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Concert band program to commence in term 1 subject to student interest levels
- Concert band instruments include: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, snare drum
- Weekly 1 hour band rehearsals (on campus – outside of school hours), $5.00 per rehearsal
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination

Taylors Lakes Secondary College

Learn and Achieve Together

College Tours: March 4th, 12th, 18th, & 25th
April 15th, 23rd, & 29th, May 7th, 13th & 20th
9:30 am – 11:00 am
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that's seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

**Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items**

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we've released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

- **Invisible Ink Martian Pen**
- **Intergalactic Rocket**

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.