Dear Monmia Families,

Great Things I Noticed Last Week
1. Year 1/2 Sleepover was a huge success for all the students whether they stayed for afternoon tea, dinner, the puppet show or sleeping over for the whole night. This extracurricular event is part of our Camps program and wouldn’t be possible without the careful organization by the 1/2 PLC—thank you to Joanne Mavrikos, Rene Bernardo, Leanne Molony, Karen Slatterie and Natalie Creasey. Thank you also to the wonderful team of parent/guardian helpers who assisted with either afternoon tea, dinner or breakfast.
2. Teachers enjoyed their professional meeting across schools where they shared their work on learning intentions, success criteria and feedback with our partnership schools.
3. The launching of the electronic newsletter last week was very successful with positive parent feedback being given to Catherine. Some parents/guardians commented on how wonderful it was to see the newsletter in colour and how much they enjoyed reading it in this way. Please remember to tell other parents/guardians who may not have given the office their email details that they can still collect a hard copy.

Student Learning
As a school community we made a commitment to ensure that students are engaged in quality and protected learning time. To ensure that we achieve this, we do not interrupt learning time with any announcements or phone calls. However, with parents/guardians frequently picking children up before the end of the school day disruption is happening to student learning. This is certainly not ideal for students or teachers. We understand that at times parents/guardians need to pick children up early to take them to medical appointments. We do ask that if it can be avoided that children are not picked up early as this will start to impact on their learning as they miss important information.

To prevent these disruptions we asked parents/guardians to come to the office and Norma and Catherine would collect the child/children. With the number of early pickups increasing this has become too disruptive to their work. Our new process will be that parents/guardians need to sign their child/children out and then go to the classroom to pick them up, giving teachers the early leavers notification. Parents/guardians will be given a card on the procedures we have put in place to ensure minimum disruption. We ask that the collaborative learning spaces are entered into respectfully and with minimum noise so as to not disrupt the learning sessions.

Prep Enrolments for 2016
School tours for Prep enrolments will be conducted during Education Week on the following times:

Thursday 21st of May: 9.00am-10.00am.
Thursday 21st of May: 2.30pm-3.30pm.
Thursday 21st of May: 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Casual Vacancy on School Council
Please contact me if you are interested in becoming part of the school decision-making process by joining the Monmia School Council. We’d love to have you on board.

Warm Regards,

Lorraine Bell
Principal
## DATES FROM THE DIARY

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| Tue May 12    | • Prep In School Experience  
• Police Visit           |
| Tue May 19    | • Art Show                                                                 |
| Wed May 20    | • Curriculum Day  
• NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY                                         |
| Wed Jun 3 - Fri Jun 5 | • Grade 3/4 Camp  
• Cave Hill Creek                                               |
| Fri Jun 26    | • Last Day of Term 2  
• Early dismissal 2.30pm                                          |
| Mon Jul 13    | • First day of Term 3                                                 |
| Mon Aug 17 - Fri Aug 21 | • Grade 5/6 Camp  
• Canberra                                                       |
| Fri Sep 18    | • Last day of Term 3  
• Early dismissal 2.30pm                                          |
| Mon Oct 5     | • First day of Term 4                                                 |
| Fri Dec 18    | • Last day of school for 2014  
• Early dismissal 1.30pm                                        |

### CADBURY CHOCOLATES

CADBURY CHOCOLATES WILL BE HANDED TO STUDENTS NEXT WEEK TO BE SOLD FOR OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER. IF YOU DO NOT WANT A BOX OF CHOCOLATES, PLEASE SEE NORMA OR CATHERINE IN THE OFFICE.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT FIXTURE

#### TERM 2

All away games have a $6.00 bus fare which is payable before the game.

Sports: Soccer, Netball, Bat Tennis and Teeball

**FRIDAY 08/05 VS TAYLORS LAKES (HOME)**

No girl’s soccer match.

**FRIDAY 15/05 GRAND FINALS**

### IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

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.
PRA  ⭐️  **Brandan M** for cooperating well during class activities and always willing to help others. Great job Brandan!

PRB  **Cooper G** for speaking clearly and listening well to others! Amazing job Cooper!

1/2A  **Raiden T** for writing a great reflection. Well done Raiden.

1/2B  **Hannah T** for fantastic efforts in drafting an interesting narrative! Well done!

1/2C  **Christian M** for being a fantastic lunch order monitor and remembering to take the lunch orders every morning!

1/2D  **Joey E** for trying his best to achieve his goals! Thank you for always participating and sharing your knowledge with Miss B & 1/2D!

3/4A  **Vivienne F** for always trying her best and working to the best of her ability. Well done Vivienne and keep up the great work!

3/4B  **Kafiya A** for collecting some interesting facts about the First Fleet during our ICT session.

3/4C  **Milla P** for contributing to our class in a happy, cooperative manner. She is always willing to help.

3/4D  **Maria L** for her excellent attitude towards her learning. Congratulations Maria...you are a positive role model in the learning space.

3/4E  **Esra E** for using an interesting lead in her narrative describing the main character!

5/6A  **Nghiem N** for working well and completing his narrative and the Caroline Chisholm report.

5/6B  **Makayla M** for independently finding challenging spelling words.

5/6C  **Monica O** for your amazing organisation and for looking after your classmates. You organised the script for your group!

5/6D  **Julia J** for an exciting narrative that had me hooked! Way to show off your vocabulary Julia!

5/6E  **Elma R** for working independently and staying on task at all times!

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**WELL DONE !!!!!!!**

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SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK
A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS:
Values that underpin Bounce Back!  COOPERATION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we finish with our unit of work on Core Values that underpin the Bounce Back Wellbeing and Resilience Program and explore Cooperation. A value is a belief that you have that is important in your life. A value is a principle or standard that guides your behaviour and choices. Our values form our ‘moral map’ which we consult every time we have to make a value-based decision or we face a moral dilemma.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO COOPERATE

Cooperating means working together to achieve something that you both want. It requires sharing ideas and resources, listening, encouraging each other, letting everyone have a say, doing your share of the work and making decisions that are fair to everyone.

The ability to SHARE and the ability to TAKE TURNS are two crucial skills necessary for working together cooperatively. It is sometimes difficult to share new and special things, but people who share with others are seen to be generous and unselfish people who make their friends feel special. If you want people to share with you, you must share with them. If students have a limited amount of something, or an item which is very precious to them, they should put it away and not play with it in front of others. In the yard, students need to be able to play cooperatively. A person who plays cooperatively and gets on with the game allows other players to enjoy the game. People who don’t play fairly are less likely to be chosen as people with whom to play games.

Here are some pointers on playing cooperatively:

- Comment on other players’ good moves.
- Wait for your turn.
- Have your go reasonably quickly when it’s your turn.
- Allow other players to have a reasonable amount of time for their turn.
- Play by the agreed rules.
- If you have bad luck, just accept it.

Family Activity
As a family make a list of all the different ways your family cooperates so that all members of the family feel happy and safe. You might like to take photos of these actions and display them promptly.

Discuss:
- What are the good things that happen when we cooperate with other members of our family?
- What skills do we need to use so that we cooperate well?

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

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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 Verpasse
Assistant Principal

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WIN Time
WIN time has allowed all students across the school additional learning time in Mathematics and English which has been valued by all our students. The co teachers who have been working with students during WIN time sessions have been so excited with the progress and improvement made by individual students. It is crucial for all students to be given opportunities to practice a skill in order to master it. Some students have just needed to be shown a few different strategies in order for them to grasp an understanding to move forward in their learning.

A learning conversation with your child might start or sound like this:
I was so excited to learn……..today.
And did you know that actually means…..
Now that I know this I will help me….
To get better I need to…..

Share your learning of the day. Make connections. Plan where to next. State the strategies.

2015 Annual Implementation Plan
The AIP was prepared and endorsed at the last School Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th April. All PLCs in collaboration with the Leadership Team worked on developing and understanding what the core work for 2015 would be, including setting new one year targets. We are in our first year of being guided by our school strategic plan. The core purpose at Monmia Primary School is to ensure all students progress at high levels in their learning where they feel safe, motivated and connected in their learning.
If you would like a copy of the 2015 Annual Implementation Plan, please do not hesitate to ask for a copy from the front office.

2014 Annual Report
The 2014 Annual Report was presented and endorsed at the last School Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th April. This report allowed an opportunity for the school council to applaud the growth/ progress in our students.
If you would like a copy of the 2014 Annual Report, please do not hesitate to ask for a copy from the front office.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS
Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting National Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy.
   Tuesday 12th May
   Wednesday 13th May
   Thursday 14th May
We would like to wish all our students all the very best.
Small tip….believe in yourself, remain calm and be confident! BREATHE!
We are all cheering for every one of you!

VU Pre Service Teachers
Once again Monmia Primary School will be hosting over 15 first year pre service teachers from Victoria University. We know that we will be able to give valuable experiences to our PSTs particularly in the field of Literacy. The placements will started on Monday 4th May and cease in the last week of term 2.

Vineta Mitrevski
Assistant Principal

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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.

KEEP CALM

EDUCATION WEEK IS COMING & YOU'RE INVITED!

18TH - 22ND OF MAY

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!

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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!!!!!!!!!!**
Taylors Lakes Tennis Club wants you!!

Taylors Lakes Tennis Club is looking for more members to come along and have some fun! As your local court, we are close to home and need some more children, ladies and men to play in our competition.

We offer our members a range of activities, including a Junior competition, Men’s competition, Ladies’ Competition and Mixed Competition. No experience is required, just a willingness to come along and have some fun. New season enrolments open now.

Junior competition: Contact: Bobby DelaCruz, 0435 810 743 or Carolyn Papageorge, 0433 758 002.
Men’s competition: Contact: Patrick Honeyborne, 0409 706 878.
Mixed competition: Wednesday night from 7pm. Contact: Matt Cerini, 0403 279 441
Ladies competition: Tuesday night from 7pm. Contact: Matt Cerini 0403 279 441

Learn and Achieve Together

Taylors Lakes Secondary College

College Tours: March 4th, 12th, 18th & 25th
April 15th, 23rd & 29th, May 7th, 13th & 20th
(9.30 am – 11.00 am)
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

Keyboard, Guitar And Concert Band

- 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


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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.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9:00am AEDT 22/1/15 and ends 11:59pm AEDT 19/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parental/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $72,346. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of the Australian on 30/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 321 354 at Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTP 14/00596/5 ACT Permit No TP14/00596/4 VIC Permit No 14596966 SA Permit No 14596966.
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?