Dear Monmia Families,

GREAT THINGS I NOTICED DURING THIS WEEK

1. Our Student Principal for a Day, Brooke Clarke was excited to receive her SP4D torch, highlighter, cap and badge at Monday’s assembly. I am looking forward to her being the Principal next Wednesday which means that I can have the day off!!! (LOL!)
2. AFL Workshops for Year 3/4 students started on Monday.
3. PRA had great fun learning about “location” on the Prep playground. They learned to go up the ladder, across the bridge and down the slide.
4. 1/2C students were using rubrics to compare their pre and post-tests on length to see how much they had improved. They were all able to see positive results.
5. On Tuesday, 1/2C students were learning the techniques of making stick puppets. They had a wonderful time cutting felt material into circles for faces and clothing.

Student Principal for a Day
I have had some meetings with Brooke Clarke, the Monmia Student Principal for a Day to discuss the activities she will be carrying out as the Principal next Wednesday. Brooke will be attending the Leadership Meeting first thing in the morning. She will be conducting a Year 1/2 Learning Walk to observe the students in their learning experiences. Brooke will be able to have her morning tea and lunch in the staffroom with all the other staff. Brooke will be reading a story to Prep A and present a leadership lesson to Prep B. Brooke is looking forward to being on yard duty during the lunch break. Brooke will be tweeting throughout the day on @Monmia PS; #studentprincipal; @pai_sp4d. Check it out to see what she has to say. The Brimbank Leader will be interviewing Brooke and taking her photograph on the day as well.

School Mate APP
The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:
- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: [http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS](http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS)
Enrolments for 2016 are now being taken. If you have a child that will be turning 5 before 30 April 2016 and you want to enrol them for Prep, please see Catherine or Norma in the office for an enrolment pack.

Parents/Guardians enrolling their child will need to provide their child’s birth certificate or passport as well as their completed immunisation certificate.

Appointments for school tours are available on request and can be booked by calling Norma or Catherine in the Office.

If you know of neighbours or relatives living in our area who want to enrol their child/ren for 2016 please ask them to contact the school for an enrolment pack.

To secure a place in our Prep 2016 intake School Council has stipulated a $50 non-refundable deposit. This security will be deducted from the 2016 Resources and Materials Charge.

Enrolments will not be accepted without the deposit or the required certificates.

Confirmation of enrolment will include a gift for each 2016 Prep student of a Book Box and book to start them on their reading adventure!
DATES FROM THE DIARY

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FOOTBALL TICKETS

Thanks to the AFL Sporting Schools Program, we have 10 general admission tickets to give away for the Richmond vs Essendon game at the MCG on Saturday May 30. The game starts at 7.20PM. If any families would like these tickets could you please contact the office A.S.A.P. If the requests exceed the number of tickets that we have, we will draw the names out of a hat. If your family is successful in getting the tickets, we will contact you on Friday.

Justin Belovitch
Physical Education Teacher

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.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

PRA  
*Joseph A* for always trying his best and listening for the sounds in words when reading and writing

1/2A  
*Sarah Z* for being organised and responsible every day. Well done Sarah.

1/2B  
*Josiah I* for showing a positive attitude to his learning and sharing his ideas.

3/4A  
*Gabby N* for coming to school with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. You are a fantastic role model for your peers. Well done Gabby and keep up the great work.

3/4C  
*Sachi W* for doing some great research during Inquiry.

5/6B  
*Anthony T* for writing an excellent Persuasive text about dirt-bike riding during Naplan. Well done!

5/6C  
*Jack H* for posing interesting and important questions about Matthew Flinders to guide your research!

5/6D  
*Ibrahim A* for an outstanding poster “BULLYING IS WRONG!” - very creative

5/6E  
*Elma R* for always having a positive attitude towards all activities.

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

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

A reminder to everyone to keep logging their books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We have some fantastic readers who are already finished!! If you can’t remember your username or password come see Miss Vidmajer or Mrs Creasey. Happy reading!

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SEASON TWO

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

Sports: Basketball, handball, softball, volleyball and Kanga Cricket

FRIDAY 05/06 VS OVERNEWTON - TAYLORS LAKES CAMPUS (HOME)

FRIDAY 12/06 VS KEILOR VIEWS (AWAY)
Handball, volleyball and softball at Keilor Views
Basketball at Mary Mackillop
Kanga Cricket at Green Gully

FRIDAY 19/06 VS MACKELLAR (HOME)

FRIDAY 26/06 VS SYDENHAM-HILLSIDE - SYDENHAM CAMPUS (AWAY)
Handball, basketball, volleyball and Kanga Cricket at SHPS Sydenham Campus
Softball at Copperfield College (next door to SHPS)

FRIDAY 17/07 VS TAYLORS LAKES (HOME)

FRIDAY 24/07 BYE

FRIDAY 31/07 VS EMMAUS (HOME)

FRIDAY 07/08 VS CANA (AWAY)

FRIDAY 14/08 VS MARY MACKILLOP (HOME)

FRIDAY 21/08 BYE

FRIDAY 28/08 VS SYDENHAM-HILLSIDE - HILLSIDE CAMPUS (AWAY)

FRIDAY 04/09 GRAND FINALS

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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THANK YOU to the COSTER and BARBERI FAMILIES for donating a range of picture story books to the school’s library instead of throwing them away.
We appreciate the very kind gesture and we will definitely process the books in the library for all to borrow and read.
Thank you for filling the school’s bucket.

Lucy Vorpasso
Assistant Principal – Student Engagement and Wellbeing

I can’t believe how quickly this term has gone already! It doesn’t seem long since I was collecting items for ANZAC Day and now we’ve only got a couple of weeks until the winter holidays – and what better time to be curled up with a good book.

I hope that everyone’s been getting involved with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. I know that Mrs. Creasey and Ms. V. have got people logged in and started, so now it’s up to each of you to fill your reading lists. If you’re looking for something to read, come into the Library and check out the PRC displays. The picture story section has books for the Preps – 2s, whilst the fiction section has books for 3-4 and 5-6s. I have tried to put PRC stickers on all new books that are on the list, but many get missed, so if you’d like to see if your favourite book is listed, go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/bookfind.aspx where there are complete lists for each grade level, or you can use the search engine to search for individual titles.

A huge thank you to 1/2C and 3/4C for helping to promote the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Your posters look fantastic in the Library and I’m very impressed by all of the hard work students have put into their drawings.

Finally, another huge thank you to those families who have been donating books to the Library. I am more than happy to receive such items, so if you have any unused / no longer read books (in good condition) and are willing to part with them, please feel free to drop them into the school.

Happy reading, Jayne in the Library

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.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Monmia Primary School we say “BULLYING…NO WAY!”

There are different strategies that can be used to help yourself if you are being bullied and help others as well. Use your right hand as a memory jogger.

**Finger 1: (Thumb) IGNORE THE BEHAVIOUR**
You can choose to ignore the behavior and walk away from the bullying. You might stop looking at them, talk to someone else near you or turn your body away from them. This way you are not giving the bully the attention or power they want.

**Finger 2: AVOID THE SITUATION AND MOVE AWAY**
Bullies like to find quiet areas to bully others so no one sees them. Choose to play in areas where there are lots of other students and if you see bullying move away.

**Finger 3: USE POSITIVE SELF-TALK**
Using statements that start with the word ‘I’ boosts your confidence and self-esteem and helps you get through a difficult situation. Use phrases like “I deserve to be treated with respect” and “I know that the rumor being spread about me is not true”.

**Finger 4: AN ASSERTIVE RESPONSE (STANDING UP - THE COOL WAY!)**
People who look unsure of themselves are often targets for bullying. Using powerful words such as: PLEASE STOP! I DON’T LIKE IT lets the person who is doing the hurting know that you will not put up with that behaviour. State the behaviour you want stopped and their name when you are responding.

- Stand tall, back straight, look the person in the eye and use a clear, strong voice.
- Say ‘I don’t like (name the behaviour) so stop it (name the person)’.
- Stay in control of yourself by using words and not physical actions.

**Finger 5: ASK A TEACHER FOR HELP IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM**
Try the other strategies first, but if the behaviour does not stop then you must tell a teacher. If you do not, the bullying behaviour will continue and the bully will do it to others as well. By keeping quiet, you are giving the bully power and saying bullying is okay. We need to stop the bullying and help the person get help to stop.

**Family Activity**
As a family watch the movie ‘A Bugs Life’ which has a theme of bullying running through the plot. Make connections between the characteristics of the grasshoppers and the ants, what happened in the film and bullying.

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and please share any feedback you may have with me. Next week we will continue to explore Bullying.

Warm Regards,

Lucy Vorpasso
Assistant Principal
Student Engagement and Wellbeing
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

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/
A parent commented to me as I was preparing to unlock the gate...I have heard lots about feedback and its purpose but I am still unsure of what it is? So I thought it was timely to revisit this.

So what exactly is feedback?

Feedback is any response from a teacher in regards to a student’s performance or behavior. It can be verbal, written or gestural. The purpose of feedback in the learning process is to improve a student’s performance- definitely not to put a damper on it. The ultimate goal of feedback is to provide students with an “I can do this” attitude. It is aimed at improvement so that the best result can be achieved.

At Monmia we are proud to say that all our teachers give feedback to keep students “on target” for achievement. In many of our classrooms students are trained to give peer feedback and teacher feedback in a manner that it is positive and helpful. We must remember that feedback is most effective when it is specific and given in a timely manner so that it can serve it’s purpose.

We ask that parents’ guardians’ model for their children what appropriate feedback looks like and sounds like in their home.

- Tell your child what it is they are doing well and not so well.
- Ask your child to tell you what it is they think they could do better or need to do better to show their best.

I look forward to hearing all about how feedback has been strengthened in your households.

Vineta Mitrevski
Assistant Principal
School Improvement

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?
If you have any questions or wish to become part of our Family & Friends committee please feel free to contact one of the committee members or you can obtain a membership form at the front office.

CADBURY CHOCOLATES

Everyone should have received their chocolates by now. We have even had some families return their sold box and have requested more boxes. Chocolates and/or money must be back by Friday 5th June

Any families who do not wish to sell their chocolates please return them to the office as soon as possible.

EASTER EGGS FOR SALE

Cadbury have kindly given us a box of mini Easter eggs as part of our Cadbury order. The mini eggs come in packets and there are assorted flavours including caramel and Turkish delight. We are selling these packets for only $1 each at the office. If you wish to purchase some please see Norma and Catherine at the front office.

Have a great week from the Family & Friends Team!
DO YOU NEED A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

Monmia Primary School would like to offer a school holiday program during the term breaks right here at school.

**FAST FACTS**

- Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program provider for children and teens across Melbourne and greater Victoria.
- Team Holiday provides holiday activities for all children aged 5-15 years.
- Team Holiday provides full day activities and are fully approved for Government rebates.
- Team Holiday operates from 8am to 6pm, 5 days per week.
- Team Holiday employs teacher trained staff who are passionate about having fun.
- Team Holiday provides a healthy and rebatable lunch as an option every day.
- Team Holiday provides a healthy morning and afternoon tea everyday.
- Team Holiday provides a 1:10 student staff ratio.
- Team Holiday provides engaging activities such as cooking days, wacky science experiments, sports clinics, arts and crafts and also provide excursions to museums, ice-rinks and the zoo just to name a few.

If you think this is a service that you may use, please go on the following link to register your interest. The link for the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NBQCYF](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NBQCYF)

If we receive a positive response we will continue to explore providing this service to our families further. Please ensure that you complete the very quick survey **by Friday the 5th of June, 2015.**

If you would like to know more about TEAM HOLIDAY you can browse the website, [www.teamholiday.com.au](http://www.teamholiday.com.au) and watch the video on the left.

Kind Regards,

*Lucy Verpaso*
Assistant Principal – Student Engagement and Wellbeing

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