Dear Monmia Families,

GREAT THINGS I NOTICED DURING THE WEEK

- It was wonderful to have more parents attending the ‘Cake and Coffee with our PC’ We enjoyed starting with a Strengths card activity and then we spent time discussing the Growth Mindset. I have attached a handy poster you may want to print out and display for your child/ren.
- I loved listening to the PRB singing the national anthem on Twitter. Their enthusiasm and efforts were a joy to behold. Check it out on https://twitter.com/monmiaps
- Visiting the 1/2 and 5/6 learning spaces on Tuesday provided me with some great tweets. In 5/6C, authors were studiously writing, revising and editing their “Space” texts. I asked Taylan to describe the notes tool he was using and he shared that it was a ‘Webbing Tool’. In the 1/2s, two classes were working on data collections and two were working on their Writer’s Workshop. I loved the Anchor Charts in 1/2A which gave the children the opportunity to decide themselves what level they were working at or for which one they were striving. Lily was great at explaining what level she thought her writing was at. Sebastian shared his goal with me for writing and in revising his text was clear that he needed to punctuate his piece when editing. 1/2B had an anchor chart demonstrating their Learning Intention and Success Criteria related to their activity of data collection. Again check it out on Twitter: https://twitter.com/monmiaps
- PRA have done some beautiful artwork for our Carnivale posters. The rest of the classes are also working on their individual posters. I wonder whose poster will win and be used for our advertising of the Carnivale.

HONG KONG VISITORS

Two weeks ago we had two educational psychologists visit us from Hong Kong to learn about the KidsMatter initiative. Teresa and Tsz brought us a beautiful gift from the Hong Kong Education Department of a glass paperweight with a dragon etched into it. They also sent us a photo as a record of their visit to Monmia.

REVOLUTION SCHOOL

I wonder if families in our school community are watching the ABC “Revolution School” which describes Kambrya College’s journey from being the lowest achieving school to having great success for improving student outcomes through their research and work on Hattie’s Visible Learning practices. Last night Taylors Lakes College was featured with Diane Snowball, a well-known and renowned Literacy Guru. Two of our ex-students also appeared in this episode. Many of the elements that the school has used to focus on improvement are embedded practice here at Monmia. So it was heartening to have this affirmation. They demonstrated “Learning Goals” and “Success Criteria”, discussed Independent Reading and sustained reading practice. Diane Snowball visited Monmia a few years ago and even filmed some of our teachers with their classes in their literacy sessions.

If you have a chance take a look at this excellent program via iView where you can catch up on ABC programs.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/monmiaps
DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET – 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS
http://www.oxfordlearning.com/growth-mindset-tips-for-parents/

If you have a growth mindset, you believe that with **work, practice, and perseverance**, you can improve – whether it’s your academic performance, or any other skill. (Those with the opposite, a fixed mindset, believe that our intelligence and talents are predisposed, and either you were born with it or not.)

Thanks to the great work of Stanford’s Carol Dweck, we know that not only is the growth mindset accurate, but those who hold these beliefs actually improve more than those with a fixed mindset, which makes it so essential for our kids!

**HOW YOU CAN HELP FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET AT HOME:**

1. **Pay attention** and verbally praise kids for skills that don’t sound predetermined: hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, learning from a mistake, etc., rather than being “smart”, “brilliant” or “gifted”. Recently my girls brought me a song they had recorded together, and said they had to do it 10 times to get it right. I made sure to tell them I was just as proud of their persistence as I would have been if the song had been perfect the first time.

2. **Be a growth mindset role model**. Be honest: how often do you say “I can’t (cook/sing/balance my bank account)” or “I’m terrible at (sports/spelling/public speaking)” as if there’s no hope for you? Make sure you’re sending the right message – maybe even take on something new! (Relax, it doesn’t have to be cooking. Sorry, just thinking out loud.) My students and daughters all know that I expect them to finish any sentence about something they are currently unable to do with the word “yet”!

3. **Encourage your child to forget taking the easy route** (where little learning is done) and instead embrace challenges. A sheet full of questions he already knows the answers to won’t “grow the brain” like one deeper problem to solve (even if he doesn’t get the correct answer).

4. **Remember growth mindset isn’t just academic**; it applies to many areas of life (athletic, musical, social). Having trouble getting the basketball into the net? Keep making mistakes on a guitar chord? Tried to initiate play with someone but it didn’t go well? Discuss the next step for improvement.

5. **Discourage envy of peers**, and talk to your child about what he or she can learn from others who appear more successful. While skills may come more easily to some, most often there’s a (possibly unseen) element of practice, persistence, and hard work which leads to achievement.

   Embracing a growth mindset isn’t always easy, but can have a huge impact on your child…

   and perhaps on you, too!

Attached to this newsletter is a great poster you may want to put up somewhere at home for your child/ren
Enrolments for 2017 are now being taken. If you have a child that will be turning 5 before 30 April 2017 and you want to enrol them for Prep, please see Ros 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 Ros in the Office.

If you know of neighbours or relatives living in our area who want to enrol their child/ren for 2017 please ask them to contact the school for an enrolment pack.

To secure a place in our Prep 2017 intake School Council has stipulated a $50 non-refundable deposit. This security will be deducted from the 2017 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 2017 Prep student of a Book Box and book to start them on their reading adventure!

Warm Regards,

Lorraine Bell
Principal

REMINDER

School Uniforms

The Monmua school uniform colours are black and red. NO OTHER COLOURS SHOULD BE VISIBLE. Pants are black not grey, blue or denim. Only school polo tops should be worn and they should not have coloured long sleeve tops underneath them.

Hoodies are not part of the school uniform as they can be dangerous when children are running and playing. Coats with hoods are the exceptions. Windcheaters with hoods are not. Nail polish is not to be worn and long hair should be tied back.

Traffic Safety

Thank you to all the drivers who are dropping off and picking up children correctly at the front of the school and at Willy’s Avenue. At the front of the school it is only a 2 Minute Drop off/Pick Up Zone. Drivers cannot leave their cars unattended and come into the school from this parking zone. There needs to be a smooth flow of traffic to ensure all our children are safe. Please do not queue up, waiting for the other cars to move on as this can cause major blockages across our school crossing. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Lateness

Several children are coming late to school in the mornings. One morning we had over 30 students who were late. Children arriving late to school will be given a letter for their parents/guardians regarding the impact this has on the learning of your child/ren.

Warm Regards,

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2017 PREP ENROLMENTS

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What Can I Say To Myself?

Instead of...
- I'm not good at this.
- I'm awesome at this.
- I give up.
- This is too hard.
- I can't make this any better.
- I just can't do math.
- I made a mistake.
- She's so smart. I will never be that smart.
- It's good enough.
- Plan A didn't work.

Try thinking...
- What am I missing?
- I'm on the right track.
- I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
- This may take some time and effort.
- I can always improve, so I'll keep trying.
- I'm going to train my brain in Math.
- Mistakes help me to learn better.
- I'm going to figure out how she does it so I can try it!
- Is it really my best work?
- Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!
Dear Parents and Guardians,

**PUT-DOWNS ARE NOT OKAY.**
A put-down is a deliberately mean, sarcastic or critical comment, expression or gesture that tries to make someone look bad or silly or tries to damage the reputation or the self-esteem of another person. If you are the subject of a put-down there can be short and long term effects on you.

Using put-downs can often be disguised as a joke or excused by saying, “I was only joking”. There is a major difference between and put-down and a joke. A joke is funny and everyone laughs but a put-down is when someone is not laughing because they have been hurt by the ‘joke’. It is very important to remember that if everyone isn’t laughing then it is not a joke!

Using put-downs is a serious antisocial act and does not have a place in a Bully Free School. When we use put-downs that means we are emptying someone’s bucket. If you hear a put-down please remind the person that **Monmia Primary School is a PUT-DOWN FREE ZONE!** Remind them that at Monmia Primary School we fill people’s buckets, not empty them! This way you will be an active bystander trying to eliminate bullying from our community, helping yourself and helping a buddy.

**Family Activity**
Discuss the put-downs members of your family have heard. Write each one on a piece of paper. Then get your rubbish bin out and have a ceremonial dumping of the put-downs into the bin. Discuss how these comments belong in the rubbish bin because that is exactly what they are…RUBBISH!

Warm Regards,

Lucy Verpasse
Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing
Introducing…

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

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I am a Bucket Filler

Jayden M
You were very caring when you offered a tissue to Jamal when his nose was bleeding.

From Miss Bernardo

I am a Bucket Filler

Kyana, Tin, Sarah & Brandon
You are terrific helpers. You cleaned up the yard beautifully.

From MRS M

I am a Bucket Filler

Aamika & Chloe
Thank you for cleaning up rubbish.

From Mrs Polkeys

I am a Bucket Filler

Cecilia, Monica, Natasha & Hannah
Thank you for handing in money that they found on the soccer oval.

From Miss K
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### CANTEEN NEWS

As of the start of this term, Jude Fina Foods, our school canteen provider, will be opening for three days only - **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**.

Unfortunately, they are no longer able to provide lunch orders every day. This has been due to a drop in families using this service. Please remember that from next term there will be no lunch orders on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: [http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS](http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS)
CADBURY FREDDO FROG FUNDRAISING

Our second mystery prize was raffled off this week at assembly to our second winner.

Congratulations to Riley W. of 3/4C who won the huge 4.5Kg Toblerone. What a wonderful success the Cadbury raffle was. Thank you to every one who brought their money back on time.

We still have some families who have not returned their chocolates/money. If you still have your chocolates at home please return them and your money back to school as soon as possible as they are now overdue.

For any one who is interested in selling another box of Cadbury chocolates we have some extra boxes for you ready to collect. If you are interested please see Norma and Ros at the front office.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Thank you to those who have returned their volunteer forms for the Monmia Bunnings BBQ in July. The Sausage Sizzle will be held at Bunning at Watergardens on Sunday 31st July. Setting up starts at 8am. Serving time is 9 until 4, pack up between 4 and 5pm.

If you are interested please express your interest on the form that was sent home and return back to school as soon as possible. If you did not get a form please
INTERSCHOOL SPORT SEASON 2

SPORTS: HANDBALL, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND KANGA CRICKET

**Friday June 10** vs Overnewton Taylors Lakes Campus (away)
All sports at Overnewton Taylors Lakes

**Friday June 17** vs Keilor Primary School (home)

**Friday June 24** vs Mackellar Primary School (home)

**Friday July 15** vs Cana Catholic Primary School (away)
All sports at Cana

**Friday July 22** Bye

**Friday July 29** vs Overnewton Keilor Campus (home)

**Friday August 5** vs Emmaus Catholic Primary School (away)
All sports at Emmaus

**Friday August 12** Bye

**Friday August 19** vs Keilor Views Primary School (away)
Softball, handball and volleyball at Keilor Views
Basketball at Mary Mackillop
Kanga cricket at Green Gully football ground

**Friday August 26** vs Sydenham Hillside Primary School Sydenham Campus (home)

**Friday September 2** vs Sydenham Hillside Primary School Hillside Campus (away)
All sports at Hillside
Could families please be advised that over the next 2 weeks you need to have a 2nd option when ordering your lunch as stocks are running low the canteen may not have your 1st choice. Thanks Linda

WANTED

Any volunteers in the community who would be interested in performing a Multicultural performance or ritual to the school during a Monday morning school assembly.

Please contact or see Ms Renda
Primary Music Institute

Instrumental Music Lessons - Small Group And Private Lessons

Keyboard And Guitar Lessons At Your School

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons during and outside of school hours
- 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)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- 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
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

School Competition:

DESIGN A FOOTY JUMPER THAT REFLECTS VICTORIA'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY.

You could win:
A ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL FOOTY JUMPER OR ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL SHERRIN FOOTBALL

A Footy + Clinic + Other Goodies

Hosted by an AFL MULTICULTURAL AMBASSADOR

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