Dear Monmia Families,

Did you know that we encourage our Monmia students to be prepared and organised for their school day through the **Morning Routine**? Teachers open their classroom doors at **8:45 am** so that the children can come into the class and start their morning routine. We would greatly appreciate if parents/guardians allowed their child/children to enter the learning space **independently** to organise themselves during this time. This helps foster independence in the children and allows for a smooth transition into learning for the day. We respectfully ask that once your child has started their morning routine you say your goodbyes and leave them to their work. There should not be any child playing in the school yard from 8:45 am.

**GREAT THINGS I NOTICED DURING THE WEEK**

- Visiting PRA on Tuesday morning I watched as these young students were using their prediction skills to discuss the book that they were reading which was “The Hungry Giant.” They each started with “I predict….” and then gave their thoughts. Very impressive.
- 3/4 B were working on a 10x10 Writing Tool describing a list of 10 items that they were excited about. You can see some of their work in our Twitter Feed.
- 1/2D were working on Relationships! Relationships! Relationships! We discussed “What makes a good friend?” The children described their previous work and all the qualities of friendship. It was lovely to hear them articulate so clearly what these important abilities were.
- Our “Keep Monmia Moving Day for a Healthy Mind and a Healthy Body” started with classes walking/running around the oval with an Olympic baton. Here are Aadi and Talisha on the go. PRA children Henry and Alyssa created plates with healthy food. Check out these photos and others on our Twitter Feed [https://twitter.com/monmiaps](https://twitter.com/monmiaps).

At 11:30 am, as part of our Healthy Mind and Healthy Body Day the whole school participated in a relaxing mindfulness activity from Smiling Mind. This is an app you can download from the Apple App store and has mindfulness activities for both adults and children. Ask your child about it.

**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

We remind parents/guardians that the school canteen only operates on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. This was the case in term 2 and has continued in term 3. Up until now we have been contacting families when a child has brought a lunch order to organise some lunch for the child. There have been times when families have not been able to be contacted and Office Staff have made lunches for the children. We cannot continue to do this as we do not have an endless supply of bread and butter. We are asking for your help to please ensure your child/children have their lunch or if ordering from the canteen they only do so on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.
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!

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

The Monmia Breakfast Club continues to operate every Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you want to make sure your child is having a healthy breakfast and there’s a rush in the morning come and join our Breakfast Club.

**Here are the details of our Breakfast Club Program. Come and join us!**

**When:** WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS BEFORE SCHOOL

**Time:** 8.30am-8.50am

**Where:** School Library

**Menu:**

**Wednesday:** Warm Instant Oats with canned fruit or Vita Brits with UHT Milk.

**Thursday:** Warm Baked Beans in a bowl or Vita Brits with UHT milk.

**Cost:** Free

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**CAKE AND COFFEE WITH OUR PC**

Our next cake and coffee session will be held on Monday 25 July 2016 at 9:30 am in the Community Room. All parents/guardians are welcome to join Vineta, Lucy and I and other parents/guardians. This is a relaxed session where we discuss topics that have been identified by parents and guardians. Next Monday’s topic will be on Homework. We hope to see you there.

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Warm Regards,

Lorraine Bell

Principal

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2017 PREP ENROLMENTS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Relationships involve people so if you want to HAVE a good friend, then you have to BE a good friend.

You are more likely to find someone who wants to be your special friend if you act like a good friend towards them. A good friend is loyal, kind and thoughtful, stands up for their friend, spends time with them, tells their friend about their feelings and listens to their friend’s problems. A good friend looks for the good things their friend does.

It is okay to have more than one friend.

Many people have more than one friend at a time. However sometimes you may not have a friend for a while or you may only have one friend. It’s good to try to make friends with several people because there usually are a lot of nice people to be friends with and if one of your friends is away, the rest of you can play together. It is very helpful to get to know lots of different people because we can all learn from one another.

It takes hard work to learn how to get along with other people and be a good friend.

We aren’t born knowing how to be a friend and get along with others. We all have to learn how to do it just like we learn how to read, how to write and how to count. Then we have to practise what we have learned. To get along with others you have to stop and think about their feelings, not just your own. You also have to think about what is fair for them as well as fair for you.

Family Activity

As a family discuss what strategies your child can use to initiate a friendship with another person who might be on their own. Discuss what inviting someone to join a group might look like and sound like. Practise gestures like looking them in the eye, smiling and using hand gestures to invite someone to play. Practise using a friendly voice and saying statements like:

- “Would you like to play with us?”
- “I think you might enjoy joining this group.”
- At the end of the game say “Well done” or “Congratulations” and “Would you like to join us again?”

Discuss with your child how they would feel in asking someone to join their group who was by themselves and how happy they would make the other person feel.

I hope you find the articles useful and I look forward to any feedback. Next week we will continue exploring the topic of RELATIONSHIPS.

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
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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

CLAIMING LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located inside the school gymnasium. We have noticed that the box is over flowing and we would appreciate families with missing items to take some time and go through the box either before school or after school. Any unnamed items will be donated to the second hand uniform shop at the end of July.
PRA - Amanda
For working hard and learning to write using spaces. Well done!

PRB - Amar
For his confidence when singing the Today song in front of the class! You have settled into PrepB and Monmia very well!

1/2A - Mila S
For her great start to Term 3.

1/2B - Kyo
For showing improved effort - especially in writing. Keep up the great work!!

1/2C - Mika
For always being an enthusiastic learner and trying his best to achieve his goals.

1/2D - Matthew
For always offering a helping hand and kind words to others. You are such a Bucket Filler!

3/4A - Nasif
For always applying himself to all areas of his learning.

3/4B - Damien
For volunteering and having a go to edit the morning message.

3/4C - Nezjana
For your positive thinking and beautifully presented activities during our Monmia Moving Day!

3/4D - Daesahl
For his massive improvement in reading. Congratulations Daesahl…. I’m so proud of you!!!

5/6A - Ead
For making a real effort to read at home.

5/6B - Sarah
For always giving 100% to learning tasks.

5/6C - Christopher
For being responsible & showing your leadership qualities.

5/6D - Heba
For settling well into Monima Primary School and making new friends. Well done Heba.

Languages – Japanese – Shahid
For giving a clear explanation of how to use prior knowledge to understand Japanese writing and helping his classmates.

Physical Education - Amran
For working really hard to improve her volleyball skills.
CARNEVALE POSTER DESIGN WINNERS

PREP B: Shianne T

Monmía Primary School Carnivale
Sunday 16th October
10 am - 3 pm

YEAR 3/4 B: Madison P

Monmía Primary School Carnivale!

YEAR 1/2 A: Kyana L

Monmía Primary School Carnivale
Sunday October 16 1000am-300

YEAR 5/6 D: Brayden V

At Monmía P.S. we are having a school carnival on October 16
10-3pm on a Sunday. Please come to this special event!
MONMIA FAMILY & FRIENDS

NEXT MEETING
Friday 12th August
2.00pm
Community Room

BUNNINGS BBQ

The Sausage Sizzle will be held at Bunnings, Watergardens on Sunday 31st July from 9am to 4pm. Come along, enjoy a bbq sausage and say hi to our lovely families that have offered their time to raise money for our school.

Father’s Day Stall

Just a reminder that our Father’s Day Stall will be on Wednesday 17th of August. If you are available to help on the day of the stall or the Monday (15th) for wrapping of the gifts please let Kirsty or Tracy know on the

CARNEVALE 16TH OCTOBER 2016

Wristbands for Unlimited rides on the day of the Carnevale will be available soon at a cost of $30 per child. Wristbands will not be available on the day so get in quick!! Individual ride tickets will be available on the day at a cost.
INTERSCHOOL SPORT SEASON 2

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

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, and volleyball at Keilor Views
Basketball and handball 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

Friday Sept 9 Grand Finals
It’s that exciting time of year again - the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted statewide in Term 3 from Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July.

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about parent opinions and to use this information to drive further improvements in our school. In previous years there has been over 54,000 parents across the State who participated in the survey, providing schools with reliable feedback about a range of issues that are important to parents.

It is a valuable opportunity for you to provide your ideas and opinions to the school leadership and to have input in the decisions that are being made at Monmia Primary School.

We have randomly selected sample lists of families from our school database, using CASES21 to participate in the survey. The questionnaires will be sent home to those families on Monday 25th July. We request that they be returned no later than Friday 29th July.

We will provide regular reminders and updates through the newsletter. Please be in contact with us if you would like any further information and support in understanding the Parent Opinion Survey process.

On Monday 15th August there will be a raffle drawn at the whole school assembly for a chance to win a movie voucher. To be a winner of this prize please ensure you return the parent opinion survey by Friday 29th July to the office.

Look out for the survey as you may be one of the randomly selected parents. I thank you all in advance for the time you take to complete this survey.

Vineta Mitrevski
Assistant Principal

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS
Hello everyone

Great to see all back rejuvenated and ready to get thru another term!

Last week during snacks in ASC children were talking about what they did during the break. Most of them did not travel much but they seemed content with local activities such as going to the movies and picnics as well as attending little gatherings. As the conversation was going on one child mentioned that he had seen a beautiful rainbow. This lead to me asking the children if anyone knew how rainbow is formed. Some didn’t know while some just said it appears in the presence of the sun and rain. Therefore this week we are learning all about rainbow. We learnt about how rainbow is formed and the colours of the rainbow. They are trying to draw pictures of how light refracts and

Some craft activities is being done (shown below).

Napkin carnation flowers (taught by Olivia)

Stained glass art – butterflies and flowers

Sporting activities are being suggested by children for the week and I am sure they will enjoy it.

Have a great week ahead.

Rani
OSHC Coordinator
Starts Tuesday 2nd August and runs every Tuesday for the next 5 weeks (Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August)

All sessions will be facilitated by a qualified early childhood or primary teacher and pre-service teachers from Victoria University.

Engage with Place sessions will provide:

Facilitated playgroup for children and their families

Play based experiences that will take place in the local and community environment

Location: Monnia Primary School (Community Room)
Copernicus Way
KEILOR DOWNS, 3038

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Site Contact: Vineta Mitrevski

Please call the Monnia Primary School on 9364 1007 for further information (no bookings required)

All are welcome to attend