Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

JAMES MERLINO VISIT

I am pleased to announce that the Government is generously giving us $55,000 to erect a 1.6 metre high fence along David Hill Road and Haig Avenue and to repair and paint the main building of the school, which has not been painted for 20+ years. James Merlino delivered this wonderful news last Friday. Thankyou to Steve Woolcock, our School Council President, for working with me on the negotiations for this funding!

WORKING BEE

The Working Bee was such a success last Sunday all thanks to the following people: Carolyn Blomley, Amanda and Maddie Laven, Steve and Tilda Woolcock, Andrew and Mitchell Clark, Matt Mercieca, Margaret Edwards, Daniel Jansen, Jo Heap, Anne Wall, Sue Brooks and Trevor Ordish. There was no way Trevor and I could have completed that on our own so we really appreciate the time spent helping. The fence looks fantastic!

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that School fees are due on March 24th. At present we have had only 38% of the fees paid with $50,257.50 still owing. It is very important that they get paid as your child/children are using resources that have come at a cost to the school. Also it is only fair that everyone pays! If you are experiencing financial difficulties please come and see me.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Our next Student of the Month assembly is March 24th.

Key Diary Dates

Term Dates: -
29 January to 24 March.

16 March—Grandparent’s afternoon tea for rooms 1,2 and 4 - 2.30pm.
22 March—Monbulk Primary School House Sports day at Monbulk Oval.
24 March—Student of Month Assembly.
- Last day of term 1, children dismissed early at 2.30pm.

Expect more - Achieve more!

Notices Sent Home this Week

MPS House Sports day Tuesday March 22nd.
BRENDON O’HARA
You are invited to a free session with Brendon O’Hara.

Where: Monbulk Primary School Music Room
When: Wednesday 23rd March 2016 7-9pm
Cost: Free You may be interested in buying some of his resources

Brendan is an accomplished national and international lecturer and presenter. Brendan developed the courses, Movement and Learning, Primitive Postural Reflexes 1 and Primitive Postural Reflexes 2.

He also runs professional development programmes for teachers, parent talks, and keynote addresses. Accompanying Brendan's educational sessions are his music accompanied resources for 3-8 year olds, The Children's CD and Songbook, Wombat and His Mates CD and songbook and Beanbag Ditties CD. All of the resources integrate music and movement activities. Together they enhance communication between both sides of the brain to improve learning and physical skills such as improved concentration and focus, co-ordination, balance, reading and writing, spacial awareness and self-esteem. Brendan also composes and records other music, for people of all ages. Active Passive stimulates the brain to encourage improved concentration and memory and Relaxing Music encourages relaxation and calm. In a fun, musical environment, children & even adults can:
• Improve concentration and focus
• Increase self-esteem
• Improve co-ordination and balance
• Gain greater visual and spacial awareness
• Calm "hyper" behaviour
Enhance readiness for primary school education

Have a great weekend!
Lynn Ordish

A very big THANKYOU to Edison’s Bakehouse located opposite Woolworths for supplying the dough for our Hot Cross Bun afternoon tea.

For a number of years now Edison's have supplied the dough in order for us to provide lovely hot cross buns to the grandparents of children in Prep and Grade 1.

Thank you for supporting our school.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB
Lower Level
The Hub
Living and Learning Centre
Monbulk

Every Friday evening 7.30 to 9.00pm
$5 per session.

Discounts available for Annual Memberships, Pension Card holders and families.

Have a great weekend!
Lynn Ordish
UNIFORM
POLICY

Rationale:
• A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
• To promote equality amongst all students.
• To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
• To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
• To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
• After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
• The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
• Uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
• Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
• Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
• Good quality second hand uniforms will be available from the op shop.
• The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
• School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
• Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.

Evaluation:
• This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... March 2016

References: Exec Memo 99/022 – Student Dress Codes
FOUND
A Fitbit exercise band has been handed in to the office. The band was found in the school yard.
If you have lost your band, or know someone who has lost their band please contact the office on 9756 6481.

Monbulk Quilt Show
Saturday March 19th
9.30am – 3.30pm
(Doors close at 3.00pm)

Monbulk Living and Learning Centre
Cnr Main St and Moores Rd, Monbulk
• Quilt display
• Guest designer: Michelle Yeo
• Trade tables
• Outside market
• Main St Shop specials
• Free showbags to the first 100 people through the door.

Entry: $5.00 per person

Every cent raised donated to…..
Monbulk CFA
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