Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Congratulations Abbey-Lee Wood

Thankyou to those who supported Abbey-Lee Wood and Maddie Laven on our Olympic Day. I am very proud to announce that the Victorian team that Abbey captained won the Australian Championships. Go Abbey!!

Rotary Speech Competition

Congratulations to Keane Lawson and Harry Edwards for their amazing efforts in the Rotary Speech Competition last night. We were very proud of them as they spoke extremely well and with passion. A big congratulations to Harry for placing 2nd on the night!! The boys definitely were a fine example of our school motto: ‘Expect More Achieve More’.

2017 Prep Enrolments

Another reminder to current families who haven’t enrolled their 2017 Prep child yet, to do so A.S.A.P! We are needing to finalise numbers to work on class structures for 2017. Thankyou!

Key Diary Dates

Term 3—11 July to 16 September.

26 August—Book Week Parade of Characters.
25 August—Botanical Gardens & Skydeck.
30 & 31 August—Grades 3/4—Arts Centre Melb.
2 September—Student of Month Assembly.
13 September—Snuggle Pot & Cuddle Pie, Art Centre Melbourne.

Expect more - Achieve more!
Student of the Month
It was a wonderful assembly last Thursday honouring our ‘Students of the Month’. They are students we can be so proud of. Congratulations to Stephanie Brooks, Mark Grooby, Ella Bibby, Stella Mercieca, Mia Creek, Ellis Roberts, Kaia Stewart, Charlotte Wilkinson, Zach Dooley, Joseph Khair, William Bibby, Archie Hylton Stewart, Imogen Lawrence, Abby Staff, Mackenzie Hart, Shiloh Coy, Joel Humbert, Graison Embleton, Emily Defina, Abiah Bendelle-Rainey, Lydia Burton, Marley Warham and Maddie Laven (Principal Award).
Our next ‘Student of the Month’ assembly will be on Friday, September 2nd.

Photos on Facebook
I need to remind parents that if you are posting photos of school activities, that permission must be obtained from the parents of the students that are in the photo, before posting. We must respect the privacy of all families. Please do not contact the school to get permission.

Qkr
It is wonderful to see there are about 90 families using Qkr to make payments for canteen, excursions and camps. I know some people have found some difficulties getting on to it and I thankyou for your patience. If you need help with it, please ask for help, as we would love you to experience the wonderful benefits of the app.

Book week at Monbulk Primary School
Book week is celebrated each year in mid to late August. The annual event highlights the importance of reading, and draws on the joy of stories and the creativity of Australian books.

Book week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books/ to share favourite writers and illustrators; to look again at old favourite books in maybe a different way; to take time to be alone and just read.

The aim for teachers during Book week is to create an exciting environment using displays that challenge and stimulate students to enjoy the theme, “Australia: Story Country” as well as the books that are short listed for Book of the year, 2016.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia is in charge of shortlisting books published in Australia.

Notables and Short listed books have already been decided by the Children’s Book Council of Australia.

The Book of the year will be announced by the CBCA on the 19th August 2016.

Our students will be participating in Book Week this year by doing the following between weeks 6-8 of Term 3:

*Each class will read a book suited to their year level by their teacher, and explore the themes in the book by doing an art activity based on this.

*Each class will decorate their classroom door in the theme of “Australia-Story Country” or a short-listed book of their choice.

*On Friday 26th August (the end of Book week) students across all year levels will dress up as a character in a book. There will be a parade at assembly. A prize will be given for the best costume.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lynn Ordish

I acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, their Ngurungaeta-Murrundindi, and their Elders, as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the School stands.
On Tuesday the 9th August, our whole school participated in our very own Monbulk Primary Olympics day, which was (superbly) arranged by Mrs Thomson.

Our grade had a really enjoyable time participating in the different sporting activities provided throughout the day. Students in our grade wrote recounts of their experiences on the day.

**Yusung: Monbulk Primary Olympic day**
On 9th August of 2016 (yesterday), I did a lot of sport. I played Hockey and raced on the trolley. I got a gold ribbon and a silver one too! It was fun!

**Kate: My Olympics**
I did Olympic activities at school yesterday. My favourite activity was the boat mattress. We broke the world (school) record. I did lots of activities. It was so much fun to spend time with my friends! I didn’t do all of the activities.

**Zoe: Olympics**
On the school Olympics Day I won three medals—one gold and two silvers. They all blew away. The activities I did were trolley hockey with Mr Porter (that was my favourite), an obstacle course with Sherree and Paula, and Make a Letter with a Parachute with Mrs Brooks. Then I went into Mrs Stewart’s class. I LOVED IT!!

**Ryder: Olympics Day at School**
Yesterday at the Olympics I went to Paula and Sherree to do gymnastics. I was very excited and I won a silver ribbon. I also went to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Thompson. We were arm wrestling.

**Piper: Olympics Day at School**
We had Olympics Day at school. We did Paralympic Beach Volley Ball, Archery, making a letter and parachuting. I got 3 ribbons.

**Angelique: Monbulk Primary School Olympics Day**
Yesterday our school Olympics day was held. We played trolley hockey and archery. We also had an opening ceremony. I loved the day.
For our inquiry unit, we have been having fun learning about where we are in the world. We have been learning about geography and what the continents are, and the countries within these. We have also been learning a little bit about the Olympics. Students in our grade looked into where their family comes from, and wrote explanations of what they discovered:

**Lena– My family’s countries**: Most of my family come from different countries. My Mum and her Dad and her Mum are all from Austria. My Dad’s Mum and Dad come from New Zealand and England. My great aunty and uncle come from Ireland. My great great uncle comes from Holland and great great aunties comes from the U.S.A. I also have a great great aunty and cousins from Scotland too. I was very interested to know where my family comes from.

**Myles– My family’s countries**: My Dad is from Holland and my Mum is from Australia. I feel good about this because I was surprised that my Dad was from Holland.

**Joseph– Dad’s country**: My Dad is from Lebanon and my Mum is from New Zealand. I also have family from England. I feel happy about this.

**Jake– My Dad’s Dad**: My Dad’s dad came from Germany. I want to go there. My Dad’s Dad did... for a job.

**Tanisha– Irish Origin**: My Dad came from a different country to my Mum. My Dad is from Ireland. My aunty is from the U.S.A. I was surprised to find this out.

**Chelsea– My Countries**: My Dad’s grandad is from Poland. Poland is in Europe and Scotland is too. My Grandma’s Dad is from Scotland. I felt surprised about this.

**Brock– Where my family comes from**: My Pop and Nana come from Ireland and Holland so Nana and Pa are Dutch. I feel proud of being half Dutch. I am learning about the Irish language as it interests me.

**Zoe– My family’s culture**: My Dad’s family come from a different country. They come from Italy. ‘Latoree’ means tower and ‘vorrayoonje larto’ means I would like an ice-cream.

**Angelique– Italy**: My Pa if from a different country to my Grandma. My Pa comes from Italy. Italy is in Europe.

**Will– Where my parents come from**: My parents come from two different countries. My mum comes from Scotland and my Dad comes from Australia. I feel good about this.

**Lucy– My family comes from lots of countries**: They come from England, Holland, ASY?

**Kate– Where my family comes from**: My Dad comes from Ireland and my Mum comes from England. I was surprised that my family come from different countries because I didn’t know before I asked!

**Hannah– About my family**: Most of my family comes from Holland, but England as well.

**Ryder– Holland**: My Mum comes from Holland. My Dad comes from Australia. I feel proud about being Dutch.

**Zach– Where I come from**: Most of my family come from Australia. I am proud to be Australian.

**Yusung– Where my family come from**: Some of the people in my family come from Seoul in South Korea, in Asia, and some from Australia.

**Piper– Where’s My Family From?**: My family comes from many parts of the world, but mostly the UK. My mum’s family comes from Wales, England, Australia and Sweden. My Dad’s family come from Ukraine, Australia and England. I find this whole thing very interesting. So far I can trace my family back to the 16th century on my mother’s side.

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**World map showing where students in our class' family come from**

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