Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

**Lest We Forget**
On Monday, April 25th I was extremely proud of the students from Monbulk Primary School who attended the ANZAC March at Monbulk. The students displayed the greatest respect for all those who sacrificed their lives for us. From the march to singing in the choir, they definitely excelled themselves. Thankyou to all the parents who supported the school by allowing their children to attend!

**Fencing**
The fence is up and looking great! Please note that the school is only responsible for the David Hill Road and Haig Avenue gates during school hours. We will only close the gates during recess and lunch times, so that cars and the public cannot enter the pines area. Before and after school they will be open. If you have any queries around any other gates, please contact the Monbulk Football Club.

**Victorian Curriculum**
In 2017 the Education Department is requiring all schools to follow the new Victorian Curriculum. The Victorian Curriculum is a necessary step to give students the skills they need for work and life: literacy, numeracy, scientific knowledge and skills, resilience, respectful relationships, the use of digital technologies and the capacity for critical and creative thinking and expression. We have decided to adopt the curriculum this year as we feel everything we are teaching falls in to line with it. The reports that come out on June 17th will report against the new Victorian Curriculum.

**Key Diary Dates**

**Term Dates:** -
- 11 April—June 24
- 2 May—Student of Month
- 5 May—Hot Food Day
- 6 May—Mothers Day Stall.
- 12 May—Scholastic Book Fair.
- 15 May—Working Bee

**Child Free Dates:**
- 10 June—Report Writing Day.

*Expect more - Achieve more!*
Inquiry Learning: Science
This year we adopted a whole school Inquiry approach to our Investigations and Educational Research Projects. The teachers have spent many hours planning together to ensure the whole school is covering the same topic at the same time. Note that the skills taught within that topic are different for every year level to ensure they are developmentally appropriate. So it has been very exciting to see the whole school covering the topic ‘Science’. On one day the Year 2 classes were looking at liquids and solids, the Year 3/4 were making planets and the Year 5/6s were working together in groups looking at classifying materials. The school was buzzing!

Year 3 camp
The Year 3 camp was a wonderful success and we are looking to offer that again next year. We felt the camp was a fantastic way to introduce the Year 3s to a camping experience in readiness for their three day camp in Year 4. Thankyou to Rori Vranjes, James Zygmunt and Jennifer Melford for all their hard work in making it such an amazing experience for the students!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Lynn Ordish

Quick message from School Council President
School council meetings have been rolling along nicely since the start of the year, and we have a great team of parents and teachers who work together on various items that fall under the responsibility of the School Council. At the last meeting, two items were identified that need attention as soon as possible:

Assistance with fence installation.
Following on from the last working bee which cleaned up around the netball court area (in the pines), we now need to install 45m of post and wire fencing, along the top of the netball court. If you, or any contacts that you may recommend, can assist with the installation of this fence at a price that we can afford, please contact myself or Lynn so that we can chat to you further.

School working bee.
School Council has arranged for the next working bee to be held on the Sunday morning, May 15. Jobs that need to be attended to include cleaning out old rubbish from under the Senior and Kitchen buildings, repair to some garden beds, install edging around the long-jump pit, and a general Autumn clean up. Please note this date into your diary, as the more help we have, the faster we finish! More information will be provided a little closer to the date.

Please don’t hesitate to contact myself, or any other of the School Council representatives if you have any questions or wish to bring to our attention any matter that may be appropriate for the School Council to consider.

Steven Woolcock
Monbulk School Council President

We invite you to join our first 'Talent in the Hills'
starting Saturday 14th May 2016 between 11am and 2pm
There will be lots to do, you may even learn a Talent or 2 yourself!
If you have a talent and would like to perform
Contact Jeanette on 5964 4849
talentinthehills@finditlocally.com.au
‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’ Excursion

On Thursday 14th of April, the whole school along with staff and helpers, attended the stage production of ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’, based on the children’s book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. It was evident through the students laughter and smiling faces, this was a great success and well enjoyed by all. Here are some recounts of the event written by students.

In the play I really liked the Ninja Snails. At the end they stopped time so the Ninja Snails could get to Mr. Big Nose’s office in time. (Jack. T-1W)

I liked going on the bus. I sat next to Miley! We played ‘I spy with my little eye’. I also sat next to my mummy on the bus. We also played ‘I spy with my little eye’ while we were waiting, I had a lot of fun. I got to say I spy with my little eye a few times. It was funny when Mr. Big Nose got kidnapped. (Emily 1W)

On Thursday we went on an excursion to the city. We were going to watch a play called ‘The 52 Storey Treehouse’. We first had our lunch. Then we all went inside. When we started watching my favorite character was Terry. Terry was very funny. The characters were Jill, Andy, Terry, Mr. Big Nose, Price Potato, Edward, Bill and Vegetable Patty. My favorite part was the start. Andy was trying to find Terry but they were both running the same way and in opposite sides so they couldn’t find each other. But then they finally found each other. Then close to the end Jill, Terry and Andy got stuck in a cave and couldn’t escape. Then Mr. Big Nose got stuck as well, with handcuffs on. Then we went out, got on the bus and we got picked up, and went home. (Jed 2L)

I’d like to thank all of our parent helpers for their support on the day and our students for being so well behaved! We all had a fabulous time!

Jade Clarkson
(Performing Arts/Visual Arts Teacher)

ANZAC Day Choir Performance

Our school choir did a fabulous job singing at the Monbulk RSL on Monday 25th of April. They sang Working Class Man by Jimmy Barnes and The National Anthem. It was evident in their performance they had made the best of our rehearsals over the last few months and I am extremely proud of all the students. It was a lovely, heartfelt ceremony and was great to see so many members of our community participating in this important event.

Jade Clarkson
(Performing Arts/Visual Arts Teacher)
On Tuesday the 14th of April the whole school went to see the on-stage performance of ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’. The 52-Storey Treehouse is a book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. The story follows the lives of 2 boys who build a fantastical tree house with everything children would love, such as, a puppet room, shark tank, a watermelon smashing room and much more. The actors took us on a journey of mystery and intrigue that saw vegetables being our enemy and trying to eat the main characters. It was a wonderful show.

The students had an amazing day and we would love to say a huge thank you to Ms Clarkson for organising this excursion. Mrs Vranjes

On Tuesday the 14th of April we went to the city, to see ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’. First we went on the bus from school. When we got there, we went to the park across from the gallery. We went to see the show. It was very good and exactly like the book. By…..Harrison M

At the 52-Storey Treehouse we had to listen to a lady in black. She told us to listen to the ladies in black. The tomato and Terry were the best because they were really funny. When Prince Potato came out he made everyone clap.

The 52 story tree house was my favourite play I have ever been to. By….. Charlie W

On the way to ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’ we rode the bus and when we got there we ate our lunch. After we finished our lunch we went inside, I was so excited! The prince potato was really funny. The 52-Storey Treehouse was the best play ever.

I want to go there again with my family…. By Yuhan

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FULL OF FUN FAIR  
Sunday November 20th 2016

For all the new parents who aren’t aware we run a Fair every 2 years in November, its our major fundraising event raising up to $25,000 for the school. As you can imagine it takes a whole team to make this fantastic event happen, so we are calling on any parents, grandparents or extended family members, who would like to be a part of that team and help out as little or as much as they are able to.

To get your name down on our list please meet with Jo Rutherford and Belinda Defina under the Oak tree, where we have assembly, next Thursday 5th May at school pick. Otherwise please call or text either of us and leave your name and contact number and we will be in touch.
Jo Rutherford 0438 596 866
Belinda Defina 0438 778 859

Thank you all in advance, we look forward to another great fun and successful Fair.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL  
Friday 6th May

There will be a beautiful selection of lovely gifts for Mums, ranging in price from .50c to $6.

It would be helpful if children could bring along a plastic bag to take home their gifts. We also have a great raffle of gifts, tickets will go home next Monday.

We will try to get around to each grade to show children in advance what is available.
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All proceeds raised will go towards supporting
the Monbulk 1st Girl Guides Tasmania Adventure,
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