Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Mid-Year Reporting-Interviews

Our teachers are currently right in the middle of writing mid-year reports, so it’s a very busy time for them. Writing reports takes an average of 40 hours, with most of this work done on weekends and in the evenings. We are reporting against the new Victorian Curriculum this year, so a progression point will be shown for each learning area assessed. Also there will be no prior score dots shown for each curriculum area, due to changing over to the Victorian Curriculum. Reports will be distributed together with portfolios on Friday 17th June.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the week beginning June 20th. A sign-up sheet will be available on the door of your child’s class for you to book in a time. We would encourage all parents to book an interview, as the teachers are able to give you a comprehensive view of where your child is at.

2017

Whilst it is quite early in the year to be looking forward to 2017, it is very helpful if our prep enrolments for 2017 can be finalised over the coming weeks. It is our aim to know prep enrolments before August, to be able to put our numbers in the August Census. Please notify the office if one of your children is starting Prep with us in 2017.

Monbulk School Fair

A big part of our fundraising for the fair comes from the generous donations from business sponsorship. If you know of any business that would like to sponsor the fair please let us know at the office, so we can get information out to them. The more it gets out there, the closer we get to replacing the old playground with an exciting new one.

Hawker Family

The Hawker family would like to invite anyone from the school community to a celebration of Fiona’s life at the RSL on Saturday June 11th at 10:30am until 3pm.
Competition
I would like to acknowledge the fantastic effort from Raynor Orme, Hayley Gipp, Poppy Evans and Alicia Petersen in representing Monbulk Primary School in the Ranges Interschool Dancing Contest for Grade 5/6. Raynor, Hayley and Poppy came first and Alicia 3rd in their respective categories. All their lunchtime and after school rehearsals paid off. Well done girls!

District Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Cross Country. Well done to the following students who have made it to the next level: Rihanna Kelly, Zac Ricketts, Maddi Laven, Scarlett Evans, Poppy Evans, Jack Higgins, Neave Hancock-Wolfe, Lydia Burton, Ruby Ross and Harry Edwards.

Student of the Month Assembly
Our next Student of the Month is on June 14th. A special assembly will be held in the music room at 9am to honour those students who have been outstanding.

It's not ok to be away or late!
When students miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers, which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Whilst it seems simple, the most important thing you can do to ensure your child has a bright future, is to make sure he or she goes to school every day and gets there on time. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels, is well established. School absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools and some of it is parent condoned. On average students are missing 12 -15 days per school year, which over the school life of a child, adds up to nearly a year lost! Similarly, if you are often late, a few minutes each day adds up. When children arrive late and take time to settle valuable learning time is lost.

As a parent:
• Commit to sending children to school every day
• Make sure children arrive at school on time
• Inform the school when your child is absent, providing medical certificates if needed

• Consider catching up on missed work
Children who are unwell need to be resting in bed

Medication at school
I’d like to remind everybody that if your child is required to take medication during the school day this needs to be organised through the school office. That way we are able to keep track of and record when medications have been administered.

State Basketball Team
Congratulations to Neave Hancock-Wolfe and Abbey-Lee Wood for being chosen to represent Victoria in the State Basketball Team. It is an amazing achievement and they played so well! We are very proud.

Have a great long weekend!
Lynn Ordish

Please keep the 20 November free for our School Fair
We are actively seeking sponsorship, if you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact the school office.

Bronze—Donation $250
Silver—Donation $500
Gold—Donation $1000

This is our major fundraiser, run biennially and we would really appreciate any help we can get.
5/6R Science Experiments

Throughout Term 2 we have been studying Chemistry. In 5/6R we have conducted and observed a variety of experiments. Students have learnt how to be safe when conducting an experiment, and how to write a science report with detailed observations. It has been very fun and interesting learning lots of new science concepts.

For our material sort we all brought in materials. We then went outside to sort them into what their raw materials were, or different categories of what they were made out of. – Mitchell Liprino

In the balloon experiment we had to try and inflate a balloon without using our mouth. Our group used vinegar and bicarb soda. It worked well when we put the vinegar in the balloon then put it on the bottle. – Poppy Evans

5/6R did an experiment on dissolving M&Ms. What we had to do was try different ways to dissolve the M&Ms shell. We tried to boil water and put the M&M in the water, and it worked! Try it for yourself. – Lauren Mckay

Some of the grade 5s in my class went to Monbulk College to do some science experiments. The first experiment was a weight test. We had two balloons, string and a ruler. We had to blow up the balloons to the same size, and pop one. Next we did the Mentos and Pepsi experiment. The lady put the Mentos into the Pepsi bottle, and it exploded! – Michael Broadbent
GRADE 5/6 CHEMISTRY

This term in Grade 5/6P we are doing Chemical Science.

We have been doing experiments such as:
- Eggsperiments
- Material sort
- Science survivor
- M&M’s in water
- Melting ice race
- Food decomposing
- Bread mould
- Chemical Changes

SCIENCE INCURSION

About 4 weeks ago we had a lady called Gemma come over from Monash University to talk about science. We did some awesome experiments mainly about physical v chemical reactions. We tried aspirin and water in canisters, it made the lid blow off!

Gemma glued a candle onto a plastic plate and then we filled the candle with water almost half way. Then we lit the candle and put a measuring tube over the top and then the water made its way up and put the candle out. This proved that air is made up of about 20% oxygen. One group’s candle got sucked up the measuring tube.

Our class was split into groups and we spooned bi-carb soda into one cup of flour in one and citric acid in one, and tartaric acid in the other. Then we mixed water with all of them and only citric acid and bi-carb soda erupted.

SOME OF THE TOPICS WE HAVE DONE:
- Raw v processed
- Reversible or irreversible
- Variables
- Mould

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Warrick Baker was diagnosed with Leukaemia on Saturday 19th of March 2016. He passed away two days later aged 43. Warrick was a beautiful man, husband and father to three young children. He devoted his life to helping others, especially those who were struggling to help themselves.

Unfortunately, unknown to his family, his business was failing, and consequently the family inherited a large business debt. As a result the Baker family stand to lose their family home without financial assistance, in addition to losing the most amazing man in their lives.

Lars Dekker is 29 years and was diagnosed with bowel and advanced liver cancer on September 15th. Since they diagnosed him (Sept 15) he has been treated with chemo but nothing seems to be working. The specialists are doing everything to help him to fight this cancer and now they are looking at a treatment in America, with a cost of $300,000. Unfortunately, Health Insurance doesn’t pay for this treatment and the costs are greater because we live on the other side of the world (Holland/Australia). We would like to give this young man some hope and help raise money to get him to America. So we are setting up a fund for Lars.

To help these two families we are having a movie fundraiser night. The movie is "Me Before You" and it will be screened on Thursday 23 June, at a ticket cost of $40, which includes a wine or soft drink. Please RSVP by Monday 20 June as we need to let Cameo know the number of seats to reserve. Payment is to be paid on night, there will be a table set up to pay for and pick up your ticket(s). Please arrive around 6pm. The movie will start approx. 6:30-7pm. Please feel free to invite your friends, the more the merrier. If you CAN’T make it I’m sure The Baker family and Lars would appreciate a donation which you can pass on to Kel, Fiona, Irma or Marlise. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

If you want more info please feel free to speak to Fiona McDade for (Baker family) Irma Dekker for (Lars Dekker) or call/email Kelly Utting 0402067829/kellyembellish@hotmail.com

LOST PROPERTY

There is an enormous amount of un-named uniform in our lost property basket. If you are missing any uniform please take the time to go through the basket, as all this will be sent to our Op Shop at end of the term.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO NAME YOUR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL UNIFORM.
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