Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

From Paddock to Plate
On Tuesday we had the privilege of being filmed for a TV show called ‘From Paddock to Plate’. It was a fun afternoon and I was extremely proud of our school captains, Amy Archer and Harry Edwards and the other students who were filmed. From Paddock to Plate were very pleased with our Kitchen Garden and all the work we have done to make Monbulk Primary School a sustainable school. The DVD of ‘From Paddock to Plate’ will be distributed to all schools in Australia. So we are so proud! A big thankyou goes out to the Brooks family for loaning beautiful hanging baskets to pretty the garden up for filming! Thankyou to Dani Lamport, Renae Lansdell and the Environmental Captains for all their hard work! The DVD will be available on our website in January 2017.

Condolences to Peeke/Wilson Family
We are saddened with the tragic passing of Elle Peeke’s mum Johanne Peeke, grandma to Charlie Wilson in Grade 4. Our thoughts are with the whole family at this very sad time.

Key Diary Dates
Term 4:  3 October to 20 December, last day of school finishes 1.30pm.
21 Oct—Prep Transition, 2.45pm.
24—Student of Month Assembly.
28—Red Day—Child Safety
31 October—Alternative Whole School Program.
4 November—Grade 5/6 Excursion to CERES.
20 November—Full of Fun Fair.

20 December—Last day of school, children dismissed at 1.30pm.

Expect more - Achieve more!

Notices Sent Home this Week
Order form for Grade 6 uniform for 2017.
Class structures for 2017.
Japanese Day
A big thankyou to Tordy Brain for organising the day and to all the teachers for making our Japanese Day such a huge success! The students were involved in so many wonderful activities that consisted of Calligraphy, Koi painting, Origami, Onigiri (rice balls) and a Hashi game and dance. They had so much fun.

Playground Progress
The playground is making great progress. Bruce from Flemings Nurseries has been working incredibly hard. The students have been so interested in the progress every day, asking Bruce lots of questions. There are still a couple of weeks to go, before we can have our grand opening.

Progress of Works
I just thought it would be good to keep you up with the progress of things being worked on around the school. The painting of the building has only been completed at the front of it and the painters still have the back of the building to do. Concrete steps have been put in to make certain areas safer for the students. There will also be guard rails put up, to help students when using stairs around the school.

Bullying
Our school is about providing a positive culture where bullying is not accepted, and in so doing, all will have the right of respect from others, the right to learn or to teach, and a right to feel safe and secure in their school environment. Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, upset or create a risk to another person's health and safety - either psychologically or physically - or their property, reputation or social acceptance, on more than one occasion. Bullies are people who deliberately set out to intimidate, exclude, threaten and/or hurt others repeatedly. I would like to bring to your attention that we do have a Bullying Policy on our website under the School Council tab. We do like to deal with any issues that arise in regards to child safety immediately, therefore if you have any issues please notify the teachers or myself as soon as possible, so we can resolve them.

Fair
As you are aware we are hoping the Fair profits this year pay for the new playground. We are so grateful for your generosity in the past and are calling on you again this year. Please note a Fair Newsletter went out on Monday with details, so if there is anything you can help with it is very much appreciated!!
Working Bee in readiness for Fair
There will be a working bee on Sunday November 6th from 8am to approximately 10:30am in preparation for the Fair. We are removing planter boxes that are broken and need help with the removal of soil and wood. Also just a general tidy up is required. Please let me know if you are available, even if it is for only half an hour, every bit of time helps!

Student of the Month Assembly
There will be a Student of the Month assembly on Monday October 24th 9am in the Music Room. We will also be awarding a Literacy and Numeracy trophy for Semester 2.

Wear Red Day- Daniel Morcombe
On Friday October 28th the students are encouraged to wear red as an awareness day for child safety. We are committed to keeping children safe.

Staffing for 2017
I would like to congratulate James Zygmunt on picking up a teaching position at Pakenham Consolidated School in 2017. It is with much sadness that James is leaving us but we know that he will be a wonderful asset to that school. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We are starting the process of advertising the position and I will notify you of the new teacher once we have made the appointment.

2017 School Fees
In the next month we will be sending out the 2017 School Fees statement, to give families the opportunity to plan ahead. On Qkr there will be the opportunity to pay a deposit, pay in full or pay in four instalments. We would really appreciate it if we could get fees paid before the start of school in January.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lynn Ordish

I acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, their Ngarungaeta-Murrundindi, and their Elders, as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the
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► A smiggle watch.
► A gold chocker or bracelet, with a little heart charm.

These items have been handed in to the office. If anyone has lost either of these, please see the ladies at the office.