DATE: Thursday 3 February 2022

ISSUE 1

Our Purpose: The Monmia school community is committed to providing innovative programs that Stimulate and challenge each student to develop lifelong learning skills and strategies. We provide a safe, nurturing environment where teachers, students and parents work in an effective partnership. www.monmia.vic.edu.au Phone: 03 9364 1007







MONMIA MESSENGER

- Learn and Achieve -

Dear Monmía Famílies,

WELCOME BACK! WELCOME BACK! WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to all our new and returning families to our wonderful Monmia Family and to the Year 2022! It is so wonderful to be back amongst this amazing community that give so much to make our school a unique and inspiring one. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member-Peter Gartside and to a returning teacher Bianca Lonigro.

It has been such a delight to see our students come through the gates bubbling with excitement and huge smiles on their faces. It has been so special to reconnect with parents, guardians, and carers once again. The Preps have been enchanting and so ready for school.

I would like to personally send out an enormous thank you for this community's assistance in having such an amazing and smooth start to the year. Every class I visited in the first couple of days this week were so settled and ready to start their year of new learning. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and achieving as a whole school community.

We have so much hope for this year that we can have as much normality as possible given the ongoing COVID-19 situation. We as a community need to work together to provide an environment of security, safety and courage for our beautiful Monmia students.

GREAT MOMENTS I NOTICED THIS WEEK

- Wonderful to see our families on Thursday coming to pick up their Book Packs. So many smiling faces from children.
- Anja, Daniela, Emmy and Leanne were so efficient managing the Book Packs, new enrolments and requests for school uniforms. It really was a hive of activities.
- Staff were enthusiastic on their first days and organised their learning spaces to be inviting, exciting and promoting creative learning.
- I loved seeing all the smiling families and beaming children as they were coming through the front gate on Monday morning. You could feel the excitement in the air. Vineta Mitrevski and Lucia Vorpasso also reported children and their families entering Monmia were in high spirits as they passed through their gates.
- The Preps arrived to start their first day of school. They looked so smart in their sparkling new
 uniforms with bright smiles. They were so ready to start school and settled in quickly. Thank you to
 Natalija Caridi, who ensured that all the Prep children were happy and supported as they waved
 goodbye to their families.
- From my very quick tour through the school on Monday and Tuesday, I was delighted to see all the classes were settled and already started on the Learning to Learn program.
- From their first day, the Preps were engaged in various activities and loving getting to know each other and their teacher.
- All the children I saw leaving at the end of the first day had huge smiles on their faces and told me
 how much they enjoyed their day.

MONMIA VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Do you know our Monmia Vision?

Loving to Learn Learning to Live Being the Best!

What about our Monmia Vision?

At Monmia, we learn and achieve with excellence. The community works together to develop creative learners who will think, act and contribute positively to the world now and in the future.

And our Monmia Values...

Acceptance Caring Friendliness Honesty Respect

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

New families to Monmia may not know and other families may not have remembered some of the following information:

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory. We ask that all students are in complete Monmia school uniform. Our colours are red and black. School uniforms and hats can be purchased from the school office. Please see attachment for detailed uniform guidelines. Black pants/shorts cannot have any designs, logos or patterns on them. They must be plain black. The polo top must have the school logo and this can only be purchased through the school office. No plain red polo top is acceptable.

No other colours are allowed for any part of the uniform.

Privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on the DET website https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx

School Gates Pick Up/Drop off

For the first four weeks of term, we will be implementing the following the COVID Safe guidelines. As per last year, students will be dropped off and picked up at their allocated class gate. Teachers will pick up their students from the following gates. Older students can pick up younger siblings at their gates and be all picked up together by their parents or guardians.

Please check which gate your child/children will enter and exit.

Gate 1-Kindergarten gate: 1/2B and 3/4C

Gate 3-Front gate Copernicus Way: 1/2A, 3/4B and 5/6B Gate 5-Willy's Avenue Gate: PRA, 3/4A and 5/6A

Parking

The Staff Car Park is <u>only for the use of staff</u>. Parents/Guardians are asked not to park there during the school day. Also, parents/guardians and children are **not to walk through** the staff car park as this is dangerous with staff and contractors driving through it.

Parking at the front of the school is only to be used for **picking up** and **dropping off** children. Cars can only be parked for **2 minutes**. Parents/guardians are not to leave their cars in this zone to pick up children inside the school. You can be fined by the Brimbank Council if you do so.

Start of School

Parents/guardians are reminded that students are not to be dropped off before 8:45am. The school gates are locked so children cannot enter. Once the gates are opened at 8:45am children will be picked up by their teachers. Parents/Guardians are not able to visit the classrooms, canteen or the gym as we are continuing to follow DET guidelines for COVID. If parents/guardians need to enter for 15 minutes or more, they

must go through the office and sign in as this is required for contract tracing. They will also need to show their vaccination certificate.

Early Pick Up

- If parents/guardians need to pick up their children early for medical appointments, we ask that if
 possible that school times are avoided. We are finding that administration staff have to telephone the
 classrooms disrupting teachers and student learning time. If children or teachers could be told the
 time they are being picked up, then they could come up to the office ready with their bags at the
 appropriate time.
- Phone calls to classrooms will only be made in emergency situations to minimise interruptions.
- We also ask that parents/guardians do not ask for students to be called to the office at morning or lunch recesses. Teachers lock their classrooms during these times and if children have to leave, they cannot collect their bags. Also, students often do not hear announcements when playing outside in the schoolyard.

End of School

- School finishes at 3:30pm and parents/guardians need to pick up their children at this time.
- Staff have meetings on **Mondays**, **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** at 3:45pm every week. Principal Class are also involved in these meetings and therefore not in the administration area.
- Teachers' hours of duty (including principal class) finish at 4:30pm. Administration staff are not on duty in the office after 4:30pm.
- Anja and Daniela cannot legally supervise students in the administration area. Only teaching staff are legally allowed to supervise students.
- Anja and Daniela have been instructed to send any child who has not been picked up by 3:45pm to the Camp Australia After School Care Program and parents/guardians will be billed for the service.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS KITS

You should have received your free Rapid Antigen Test kit. Families who have not picked up or received their RAT kit can do so from the office.

Testing is strongly recommended twice a week for students and staff. We would appreciate tests to be carried out on <u>TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS</u>. You do not need to wait for your child/children to have symptoms before administering the tests.

Positive results must be reported to Daniela in the office.

After doing the tests at home, if it is positive, you will need to:

- contact the Department of Health via the <u>COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form</u> or call centre on 1800 675 398.
- report a positive result to the office, either through the <u>Student COVID-19 Test Portal</u> or by phone or written notification
- keep your child at home for 7 days

You do not need to report a negative result to the school. Once you have used the Rapid Antigen Test please dispose of it in a plastic bag in your regular waste bin. The cardboard box can be recycled. Please do not place the used RAT in the recycling bin.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Our school leaders will be presented with their official leadership badges during the **Twilight Picnic on Tuesday 1 March 2022**.

Please follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/MonmiaPS

You can also comment, or favourite or retweet our posts.

You can also follow us on Facebook on https://www.facebook.com/MonmiaPS or visit our website https://www.facebook.com/MonmiaPS or visit our website

Warm Regards,

Principal



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tops (with Monmia logo only)

- Red short-sleeved polo top (unisex)
- Red long-sleeved polo top (unisex)
- Red windcheater (unisex)
- Red rugby top (unisex)
- Red bomber jacket (unisex)

ONLY BLACK OR RED SKIVVIES ARE TO BE VISIBLE UNDERNEATH THESE ITEMS.

Jacket

School parka, black jacket with school logo (unisex)

Bottoms (may be purchased from department stores or the school)

- Black shorts (unisex) NO LOGOS OR STRIPES
- Black skorts (girls)
- Black fleecy track pants NO LOGOS OR STRIPES
- Black bootleg pants (girls)
- Black school trousers (gabardine, microfibre, full-length leggings)

Dresses (may be purchased from department stores or the school)

• Red and white gingham school dress to be worn with short white socks

SHORTS/PANTS/LEGGINGS ARE NOT TO BE VISIBLE WHEN WEARING A DRESS.

Hats to be worn from the start of Mid-August until the end of April

Red wide brimmed hat

NO OTHER HATS ARE ALLOWED

Footwear (with black or white socks – no coloured socks)

- White or black runners
- Black shoes or boots

NO SANDALS, THONGS OR OPEN-TOE SHOES

Outerwear

Coats, jackets, hats, beanies, scarves etc are to be in line with our school colours of red and black. Branded (eg AFL teams) clothing is not permitted. Outerwear may be worn outside the classroom but they are to be removed in class.

Bags

Black school bag (preferred)

Black reading satchel (required for nightly take home book and homework)

Library bag purchased from Monmia Family and Friends (needed for weekly library visit)

Accessories

Stud or sleeper earrings in the ears and practical watches only

Long hair to be neatly tied back for health and safety reasons

Hair ties to be red and/or black

NO COSMETICS, MAKE-UP OR NAIL POLISH TO BE WORN

CASUAL DRESS DAYS

NO sleeveless/spaghetti strap tops or bare midriffs. NO heels, sandals, thongs, open-toe shoes or other unsafe footwear that expose the feet.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY TO BE AW

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Prioritise school attendance!

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Missing school puts them behind.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses school puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Lucia Vorpasso Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing



SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK!

A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: DEVELOPING A CODE OF COOPERATION IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Positive and responsible student behavior is essential for the achievement of optimal learning opportunities and the development of a positive and supportive school environment. As part of the Learning to Learn Program, the classroom teacher and the students will collaboratively develop a Code of Cooperation for their class this year.

This Code of Cooperation promotes positive behavior, mutual respect and cooperation that reflect the school's core VALUES, VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS. It outlines the behaviors that are expected by all class members in order to develop a warm classroom climate that supports learning for all. The Code of Cooperation is displayed in the learning space and referred to regularly by all staff and casual relief teachers. When your child's class has developed their classroom Code of Cooperation, it will be sent home for families to refer to and reinforce at home.

CORE VALUES	VISION STATEMENT	MISSION STATEMENT
Acceptance	Loving to Learn Learning to Live Being the Best!	At Monmia we learn and achieve with excellence. The community works together to develop creative
Caring		learners who will think, act and contribute positively to the world now and in the future.
Friendliness		
Honesty		
Respect		

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

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Dear Parents and Guardians.

Welcome back for the 2022 school year. As a 'BE YOU' school, we will be implementing the **Bucket Filling Philosophy**. It is based on 50 years of research by Dr. Donald O. Clifton (psychologist) who created the concept in 1960 and is promoted by Carol McCloud, an early childhood educator around the world. Each student has an individual red bucket which they will keep close to them to remind them of the philosophy and to hold all their Bucket filling drops.

Here are some points for you to know.

- We all have an invisible 'bucket'.
- The invisible 'bucket' represents your mental and emotional self.
- The invisible 'bucket' holds all your good thoughts (stars) and happy feelings (hearts).

When your 'bucket' is FULL:

- You are more likely to learn to your potential.
- You feel more confident, connected, valued, secure, calm, patient and friendly.
- You show internal and external happiness that can spread to those around you.
- You form and maintain healthy relationships.

When your 'bucket' is EMPTY:

- You can easily become sad, nervous, angry, stressed, worried, disengaged or physically ill.
- You have red light thinking and believe that you won't do anything that is successful.
- You show your emotions in a way that empties the buckets of others around you.
- You find it hard to form and maintain healthy relationships.

3 EASY RULES TO FOLLOW

Rule 1: Be a Bucket Filler!

Rule 2: Do not dip. Rule 3: Use your lid.

3 EASY LAWS TO FOLLOW

Law 1: When you fill someone else's 'bucket' you fill your own 'bucket'.

Law 2: When you dip into someone else's 'bucket', you dip into your own 'bucket'.

Law 3: When someone dips into your 'bucket', your lid controls how much is taken out.

How can I become a 'bucket' filler?

Firstly make sure that you fill people's 'buckets' by acknowledging their efforts and achievements. So when you are at the school next, fill in one of the drops and place it in the 'bucket' in the community bucket in the front office.

Family Activity

Establish a Bucket Filling Philosophy routine at home and share your experiences with us at school.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing













'BE YOU TWILIGHT GETTING TO KNOW YOU PICNIC'

<u>CHANGE OF DATE ...</u> SAVE THE NEW DATE

Dear Monmia Families,

Monmia is proud to be a 'BE YOU' school. In bringing the community together to celebrate the start of the 2022 school year, we are having the annual 'BE YOU TWILIGHT GETTING TO KNOW YOU PICNIC'. An invitation is extended to all Monmia families to attend the picnic to meet the staff and other families in a friendly and relaxed way. In responding to implementing a COVID safe environment please put the NEW date in your diary and come along and join in the fun.

DATE: TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022

We have got something very special and exciting happening at this event. More details coming soon from Family and Friends. Now I wonder what this could be.

We hope that you and your family will be able to join the rest of the Monmia Primary School Community for a fun family night.

Kind Regards

Lucia Vorpasso

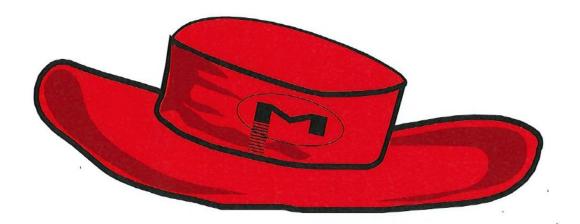
Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal







NO HAT

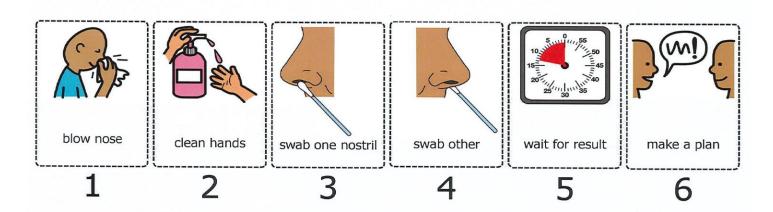


NO PLAY

Mid-August until the end of April

Please wear a Monmia Primary School Wide Brimmed Hat when outside to keep your skin safe.

Rapid Antigen Test Using a Nasal Swab test





Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus Places available for Term 1, 2022







Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please ENROL TODAY via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$19.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!



Face Masks with Monmia Logo for sale Student size \$10.00 ea

Size: 210w x 120h mm (recommended for ages 8-12 years). Note: Sizing may vary due to manufacturing

- Premium 3 Layer Cotton Face Mask
- Washable and Reusable over and over again



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 1					
Tuesday 1 March – Be You Twilight Getting to Know You Picnic					
Monday 14 March – Labour Day Public Holiday					
Friday 8 April – Last Day of Term 1					
Friday 29 April – Photo Day – whole school					
<u>Curriculum Days</u>					
Term 1 Tuesday 15 March - Wellbeing					
Term 2 Tuesday 26 April-Learning					
Term 3 Wednesday 27 July-School Self Evaluation					
Term 4 Monday 31 October-Pupil Free Day (In lieu of CUST Training and SSE					



INTRODUCING QKR! (QUICKER) MAKE HASSLE – FREE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Monmia Primary School will be introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard. You will now be able to pay for school items like Essential Learning Items, camps / excursions and order uniform on your phone easily, securely anytime and at your convenience.

Please see below a guide attached to this newsletter on how to download the app and how to get started.





For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Okr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone, iPad users can download iPhone app





Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

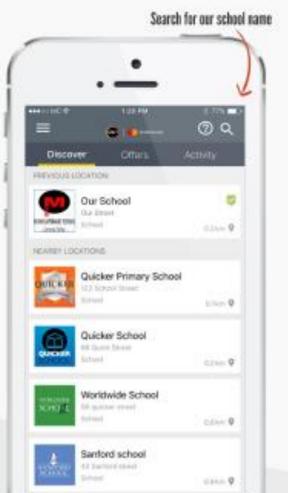
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'



If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





Add your children's details in Student Profiles







Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items









Add each

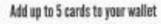


Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments







At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.





Monmia Primary School uses the platform Sentral to engage with

parents. The Sentral for Parents App allows families to:

- View academic reports
- Message your child's classroom teacher
- View school documents
- View school newsletters
- Explain past and upcoming student absences
- View calendar events
- Student Led Conferences
- As well as receive real-time notifications and messages from the school or your child's classroom teacher.

How to Access:

- 1. Download the 'Sentral for Parents app.
- 2. Search for Monmia Primary School.
- 3. Click **Register here** to register a new account. You will receive a verification email which MUST be verified in order to continue.
- 4. Once verified, log back into the app and enter your access key. (**Note: Your access key was sent home via a letter last term.** If you did not receive, please contact Daniela in the office to provide you with your personal access key



Uniform Order Form 2022



Name of Student:	Class:
Date Order:	

ITEM	PRICE	SIZE 4	SIZE 6	SIZE 8	SIZE 10	SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	TOTAL
1. Bomber Jacket	\$37.00								
2. Windcheater	\$25.00								
3. Windcheater - Polo Collar	\$26.00								
4. Shorts - Rugby	\$13.00								
5. PE Shorts - Mesh	\$14.00								
6. Skort	\$19.00								
7. Track Pants - Reinforced	\$19.00								
8. Track Pants - Straight Leg	\$19.00								
9. Summer Dress Gingham	\$25.00								
10. Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$21.00								
11. Polo Shirt - Long Sleeve	\$24.00								
12. Parka Lightweight Black	\$37.00								
13. Wide Brimmed Hat S, M, L, XL	\$13.00								
14. Reading Satchel	\$10.00								
15. Monmia Face Mask	\$10.00								

TOTAL \$