DATE: Thursday 17 February 2022

ISSUE 2

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

Dear Monmía Famílíes,

GREAT MOMENTS I NOTICED THIS WEEK

- Thank you to Family and Friends for organising the Twilight Picnic Fun Run. It is going to be a crazy, colourful event.
- Thank you to all our families who are continuing to use the Rapid Antigen Tests with their children, helping to keep us all safe in our Monmia community.
- Thank you to parents/guardians/carers wearing masks and showing office staff their vaccination status when entering the office.

TWILIGHT PICNIC COLOUR FUN RUN-WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022, 5:00-7:00PM

Every year our school hosts a Twilight Picnic to welcome back our community and to get to know each other. Both new and established families meet their children's 2022 teachers, their children's friends and classmates and get to know one another. For the last three years, we have been unable to enjoy this event with our Monmia Families. We are looking forward to celebrating our unique community and our return to school with this fun event happening this year. Two new activities have been added to this year's Twilight Picnic:

- School and House Leaders will be presented with their leadership badges
- School Colour Fun Run for our students and any family members or staff who want to join in.

Please:

- bring your own picnic rug or chairs to sit in the courtyard
- bring food and drink for your family (no alcohol)
- supervise your children during this event as they will be in your care.

School and House Leaders will need to be in school uniform for the presentation and can change for the colour fun run.

We cannot wait to welcome you to our wonderful Monmia Family.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PAYMENTS

Thank you to all the families who have purchased bookpacks through the school supplier or have provided their own supplies. It is really important that all students are equipped with all they need for their learning at school. We also would like to extend our gratitude to the families who have paid the Essential Items so that children are able to:

- attend year 5/6 Interschool Sports (PE and Sports are compulsory for our students as determined by the Education Department)
- attend the Health Education In School Experience (Life Education Van) as part of the Victorian Curriculum
- have a school magazine at the end of the year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Returning to school has meant we are all adjusting to what that means. We need to get used to arriving at school by 8:45am from Monday to Friday so that children can start their learning for the day. This means going to bed earlier. It also means getting back to wearing the Monmia school uniform.

Monmia Primary School has a Student Dress Code which School Council has approved. It requires that **all students wear** the **approved school uniform**. School council requests the support of **all families** in enforcing this policy. Please see the compulsory and optional items for the Monmia School Uniform below.

Compulsory Items Optional Items				
☐ Red Polo Shirt (long or short sleeves with	☐ Bomber Jacket (Red and Black)			
logo-unisex).	☐ Skivvy (red or black)			
☐ Red Windcheater (with logo-unisex)	☐ Black Bootleg Pants (girls)			
☐ Red Windcheater -Polo Collar (with logo-	□ Black Skort (girls)			
unisex)	☐ Summer Dress (Red & White Gingham)			
☐ Shorts-Rugby (black) No stripes or logos	☐ Leggings (Black) These items NOT to be			
☐ PE Shorts mesh (black) No stripes or logos	worn as outer wear.			
☐ Tracksuit pants (black) No stripes or logos	□ Parka -black jacket with school logo			
☐ Red Wide Brimmed Hat	(unisex)			
	□ Monmia Face mask			
Note: a hat is also compulsory for students	☐ Shoes - must be appropriate to the season			
who wear a head scarf.	and the type of activity.			
	Note 1: No jeans.			
	Note 2: All outerwear is to be in line with our			
	school colours of red and black including hair			
	accessories.			
	Note 3: No jewellery (only studs, sleepers,			
	watches and religious icons to be worn.			
	Note 4: Long hair to be tied back and off the			
	face (boys and girls).			
	Note 5: No makeup or nail polish.			
	Note 6: Please name all uniform items.			

Bike shorts are not part of our school uniform. Wearing leggings for girls is an option however it means that the polo tops should be over the hip area and the leggings are not too tight. The preferred pants are black bootleg pants, tracksuit pants or other plain black comfortable pants. All uniform clothing needs to be comfortable and respectful. Very short items are not suitable for children who are climbing, running and playing on school grounds. Many of our uniform items have been chosen to keep children comfortable and safe, looking neat and tidy.

If there are any concerns, parents/guardians have with the uniform please speak to Lorraine Bell, Principal.

I know it has been a difficult time for families, during COVID lockdowns, so we will expect all students to be in full school uniform by Monday 13 March. Notifications of out of uniform will be emailed to families following this time

COVIDSAFE MEASURES EXTENSION 17 FEBRUARY 2022

We want to thank parents, guardians and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, guardians, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. An additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

This is great news and will mean we are able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health believes that the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools. If we have a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for parents/guardians to test their children use. We will notify you of the RAT collections when they are available each fortnight.

TWICE-A-WEEK TESTING CONTINUES TO BE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16- to 17-year-olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government</u> Department of Health

Ventilation

We have Air Purifiers in all our learning spaces.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of our school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

Warm Regards,

Principal

SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK!

A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: ACCEPTANCE

Dear Parents and Guardians.

This week, I would like to continue with the Core Values that underpin the Bounce Back Wellbeing and Resilience Program. This week we will look at ACCEPTANCE which is a Bounce Back value as well as one of Monmia's community values.

What is a value?

A value is a belief that you have that is important in your life. A value is a principle or standard that guides your behaviour and choices. Our values form our 'moral map' which we consult every time we have to make a value-based decision or we face a moral dilemma.

Everybody is different. There is no other person that is exactly the same as you! Even identical twins have differences. Whilst identical twins may look exactly the same, they do not always think the same, act the same or feel the same. Yes, everyone is different. Being different to someone else in the way you look, think or feel does not make you any better than that person or any less important either. It just means that we are all special in different ways.

Everyone has similarities and everyone has differences and that is okay! When you feel okay about differences in people, then you get to know people who are different, you include them in your games and conversations, and you don't tease or exclude them. When you accept people who are different you understand that everyone is different and that is a good thing and a very necessary part of our community. When you enjoy and learn about other people's differences you grow to appreciate other people's backgrounds and appreciate your very own background as well. You also learn how to accept the differences you may not like but don't interfere with your friendship.

Whilst there are many differences that exist between individuals, there are also many similarities that we share and that it is equally important to recognise and celebrate our similarities.

Accepting and respecting similarities and differences are important beliefs to have in ensuring that Monmia Primary School creates a warm and positive school community.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: As a family, discuss the similarities and differences that exist between each of your family members. Discuss physical appearances, personalities, likes, dislikes, strengths and opinions on topics. Reinforce that everyone is special in some way.

I hope you have found this article interesting and useful and I look forward to any feedback you might like to share with me.

Warm Regards,

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY TO



EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Prioritise Primary School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future.

- A student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.
- By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school.
- There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Lucia Vorpasso

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal













'BE YOU TWILIGHT GETTING TO KNOW YOU PICNIC'

CHANGE OF DATE ... 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: WEDNESDAY 9 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

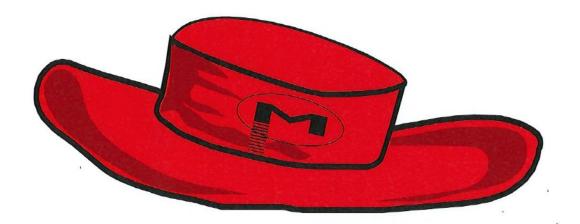
Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal







NO HAT

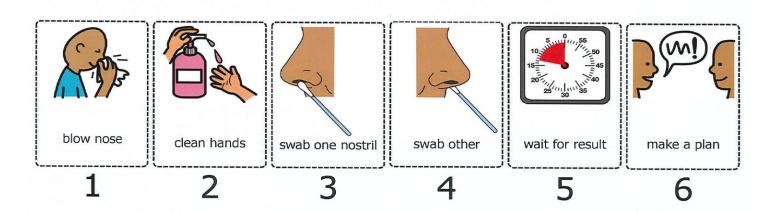


NO PLAY

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!



TERM 1

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

Wednesday 9 March – Be You Twilight Getting to Know You Picnic 5 pm – 7pm	
Monday 14 March – Labour Day Public Holiday	
Friday 8 April – Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30 pm Finish	
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	

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER







A very big WELCOME to all new families to Monmia and welcome back to the rest of our wonderful families. It is great to have everyone back to face-to-face learning.





We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on 9th March 2022 in conjunction with the annual Twilight Picnic. We are really hoping to raise \$5000.00 for our school.

The parent letter and sponsorship booklet has already been sent home with your child. You can start signing up for a Student Profile Page and start fundraising!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!



STUDENT AWARDS



PRA	Elena M.	For showing friendliness and kindness and kindness to everyone 🔞
1/2A	Kayden L.	For a great start to Year 1
1/2B	Noah C.	For settling into his new class with enthusiasm. Welcome to Monmia Noah!
3/4A	Cyríne E.	Welcome to Monmia! We love having you in our learning space.
3/4B	Lucas P.	For being a kind and caring classmate. You are so thoughtful.
3/4C	Lotu T.	For his friendliness towards his new classmates and a great attitude to learning.
5/6A	Аlí Z.	For an amazing Junior School Council presentation!!
5/6B	Víncent T.	Settling in so beautifully at Monmia. You have made a fantastic start.
D.E.	Anna L.	For always being friendly and helpful in P E
PE	Brandon H.	For being respectful of his classmates, the teacher, and the P.E. rules.
	Tím B.	For sharing great ways that we can follow the Code of Cooperation with the class.
Visual Arts	Melíssa B.	For always being kind and helpful in Visual Arts. Well done, Melissa!
STEM	Louise Z	For putting in a huge effort in our activity.

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

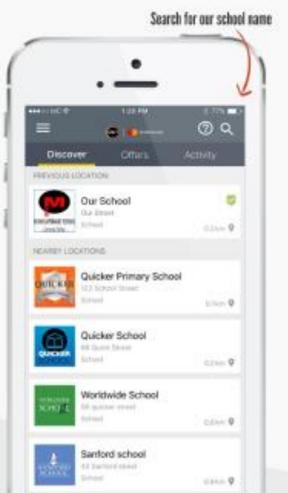
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

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

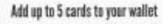


Select your items

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



GREEN - EVERYDAY FOODS
 ORANGE - SELECT CAREFULLY FOODS



Sandwich Fresh or Toasted		Salad	
(White, Wholemeal)		Garden Salad	\$5.50
	• \$4.30	(Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Carrot with Italian Dressing	
Salad (Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Carrot) Ham	\$2.80	Garden Salad with Chicken	\$6.50
Ham and Cheese	\$3.30	Garden Salad with Tuna	\$6.50
	• \$4.30	Carden Canad With Tuna	φοισο
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	• \$4.30	Snacks	
Ham/Lettuce/Tomato Tuna/Lettuce/Mayo	9 \$4.30		
Vegemite and Cheese or Cheese	9 \$2.80	Koala Popcorn	\$2.00
Strawberry Jam Sandwich	9 \$2.00	Corntos	\$1.30
Egg/Lettuce/Mayo	\$4.30	JJ Varieties	9 \$1.50
Egg/Lettice/Mayo	-	Noodle Snacks	\$1.30
Additional		Homemade Jelly Cups	\$1.00
		Jelly Fruit	90.50
Rolls	\$1.00	Jelly Sticks	9 \$0.30
Ham	90.50	Homemade Muffins	\$1.00
Tuna	\$1.00	Homemade Honey Joys	\$1.00
Cheese	\$0.50	Twirl Apples	\$0.80
Margarine available on request	\$0.00	Carrot Sticks	\$0.80
Hot Items		Frozen Snacks	
Chicken Strip (Lettuce and Mayo)	\$5.70	Paddle Pop Choc Rainbow	\$1.80
Chicken Burger (Lettuce and Mayo)	\$5.00	Moosies	\$1.20
Beef Burger (Cheese and Tomato Sauce)	\$5.00	Icy Twists	\$1.60
Lasagne	\$4.30	Calippo	\$1.60
Macaroni and Cheese (v)	\$4.30	Vanilla Cups (98% Fat Free)	\$2.00
Honey soy chicken and rice	9 \$4.30	Zooper Dooper Variety	\$1.00
Margherita Pizza (v)	9 \$4.00	Frozen Pineapple Rings	\$0.50
Four "n" Twenty Traveller Pie	9 \$4.00		
Regular Sausage Roll	9 \$3.00	Drinks	
Skinless Hotdog Plain	9 \$3.20	Apple Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.00
Skinless Hotdog with Cheese	9 \$3.50	Orange Juice	\$2.00\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (3)	9 \$3.00	Apple	
Noodles Chicken or Beef	\$2.70	Water	\$2.00
Party Pie/Sausage Roll	\$1.00	Focus Sports Water Varieties	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Strip	\$1.50	Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry)	\$2.30
Corn Cob	\$1.00	(3.13221 (3.13232111, 3.1211, 3.122))	\$2.20
Hash Brown	\$1.00	Extras	
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00		
		Tomato Sauce	• \$0.30
Halal Items		Plastic Spoons/Forks	\$0.10
Hot Dog	\$3.50	Lunch paper bags	\$0.10
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$3.00	SOY SAUCE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	
Beef or Chicken Noodles	\$2.50	ALL LUNCH ORDERS TO BE PLACED IN PAPER BAGS	WITLI
Chicken Strip (Lettuce and Mayo)	\$5.70	NO STAPLES OR STICKY TAPE PLEASE.	WIIII
Chicken Burger (Lettuce and Mayo)	\$5.00		
8 (ALL PRICES ARE GST INCLUSIVE A limited selection of food may vary daily, for over the cour	iter
Gluten Free Items		purchase at both lunchtime and recess.	itei
	\$3.00	A sticker will be placed on the child's lunch order to collect	their
Chicken Nuggets (3) Beef Pie	\$5.50	frozen snacks from the canteen.	
Beef or Chicken Noodles	93.00	No foreign or damaged coins	
Deel of Chicken Moodies			

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 \$