**ISSUE 8** 

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. <a href="www.monmia.vic.edu.au">www.monmia.vic.edu.au</a> Phone: 03 9364 1007







#### **MONMIA MESSENGER**

Dear Monmía Famílies,

#### **GREAT MOMENTS I NOTICED THIS FORTNIGHT**

- It has been so lovely to welcome families back into our school. To see parents and guardians visit their children's classrooms and walk through the grounds has warmed my heart. Schools should be places of community with voices, laughter, and a sense of belonging.
- Our first Monday Assembly was held on Monday 2 May at 3 pm. It was a true celebration to have our students with parent/guardian visitors in attendance. Next assembly is on Monday 16 May at 3 pm.
- Children were so excited to receive their prizes from the Fun Run. Thank you to our Family and Friends once again for organising this event.
- A very successful Mother's Day Stall for our students and the kindergarten children was also
  organised by our wonderful Family and Friends and their helpers. I hope all our mothers enjoyed
  their presents and had a lovely Mother's Day.
- Year 3 and 5 teachers have supported their students in successfully completing the first two days of NAPLAN online. Well done everyone.

#### **DET INFORMATION UPDATE**

With borders opening and the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu or COVID-19 this season.

#### What to do if your child gets sick

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- take a COVID-19 test and follow the current <u>Department of Health isolation requirements</u> if a positive result is shown
- keep your child at home until their symptoms pass
- common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired
- diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab
- encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

#### COVID-19 vaccination

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

It is important that children and young people have the best possible protection against the flu and COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Ensuring your children are protected against serious illness helps to protect everyone in our community, including older family members who may be at higher risk, along with younger children who cannot receive vaccinations yet.

You can book COVID-19 vaccinations through the COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398** or at a participating GP, pharmacy, or community health service.

Some local schools are also holding walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinics on school grounds. Vaccination settings can be found at the Vaccine Clinic Finder.

#### Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from the flu and are eligible for free vaccination under the <u>National Immunisation Program</u> including:

- anyone aged 65 years and older
- pregnant women (at any stage of <u>pregnancy</u>)
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged from 6 months and over
- people 6 months or older with:
  - o heart disease
  - chronic lung disease (including people with severe <u>asthma</u> who require frequent hospital visits)
  - o chronic neurological conditions
  - impaired immunity
  - o haemoglobinopathies (blood disorders caused by genetic changes)
  - o <u>diabetes</u>
  - o kidney disease
- children on long-term aspirin therapy from 6 months to 10 years
- children aged from 6 months to under 5 years.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the <a href="Better Health Channel">Better Health Channel</a>.

#### **FAMILY HOLIDAYS**

As international travel has now opened up, we are being notified of families taking the opportunity to visit overseas during the school year. It is a requirement by the Education Department that the school principal approves any family holiday. At Monmia, we have a form that must be completed which I as the Principal must sign to give my approval.

Please follow this process if you are planning to take your child/children out of school during the year for a family holiday:

- 1. Contact the school to make an appointment with Lorraine Bell, Principal prior to booking your holiday.
- 2. Meet with Lorraine Bell to discuss the holiday and the length of time the child/children will be away. The discussion will focus on the impact on the student's learning given the length of time they will be away.
- 3. The principal takes everything into consideration to make a final decision in approving the absence.
- 4. Parent/guardians will complete the absence notification form.
- 5. A Student Absence Learning Plan will be prepared by the child's teacher for them to complete while away.
- 6. The Principal will usually approve family holidays, where the parent/guardian notifies the school in advance and the student completes any Student Absence Learning Plan agreed by the school, student and parent/guardian.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Remember that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 17 May. Students need to be in full school uniform looking neat and tidy so that they will have a memorable photo to look back on. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Warm Regards, Sorwine Rell

Principal

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY**

#### TERM 2

- Tuesday 17 May Photo Day whole school
- Payment Due -5/6 Hands on Science Incursion
- Thursday 19 May 5/6 Hands on Science Incursion
- Wednesday 1 June Student Free Day -No School
- Monday 13 June Public Holiday Queens Birthday- No School
- Friday 24 June End of Term 2 –
   Early Finish 2.30 pm

#### **Curriculum Days**

#### Term 2

Wednesday 1 June -Student Free Day

#### Term 3

Wednesday 27 July-Student Free Day

#### Term 4

**Monday 31 October-Student Free Day** 



# SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK!

#### A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

# THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: Values that underpin Bounce Back! FAIRNESS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Dear Parents and Carers.

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 FAIRNESS.

School values form an integral part of how we behave as individuals and as members of our school community. The first and most important step in teaching your child to live by a certain value is of course to live it yourself. Remember that actions speak louder than words.

Being fair means that everyone gets a reasonable deal, that rules are applied consistently, that situations are looked at from different people's points of view and that we find out all the relevant facts. When you have integrity, then you always try to be fair by trying to make things equal as possible, by following rules, returning favours and kindness and helping others to get a fair deal. I

I am sure that everyone knows the story of The Little Red Hen. The Little Red Hen asks for help with making the bread, starting by sowing the wheat seeds right through to baking it. None of the other animals help her so ultimately they do not get any bread. Do you think this was fair?

Sometimes people disagree about whether something is fair or unfair. This may be because:

- ⇒ they have different opinions
- ⇒ they might not be looking at the situation from different points of view
- ⇒ they may not have thought carefully enough about the situation
- ⇒ they may be in specific roles such as the teacher compared to a student or a parent compared to a child.

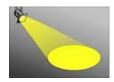
**Activity:** To help children understand this important value, parents may wish to speak to their children about some of the rules that are in place at home and why these are fair rules.

I hope you find the articles useful and I look forward to any feedback.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



## SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK

# THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: Values that underpin Bounce Back! INTEGRITY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If you have integrity, then you try to act according to your values, morals or principles, even when there is a personal cost to doing so. Integrity is built one day at a time and can't be mastered over-night. For most of us, building our integrity is something we do over a lifetime. Just when we 'think we've got it' some challenge or test presents itself.

Our goal, with our students is to live by example. Behaving with Integrity never goes out of fashion and shapes your true character. At Monmia Primary School we are guided by our community values of: Acceptance, Caring, Friendliness, Honesty and Respect.
Acting with integrity also means:

- Being honest
- Being fair
- Being responsible
- Being loyal

Not everyone tries to achieve a sense of integrity. Some people say that they believe in certain values but they do not act in accordance with those values. As a family discuss what integrity means to you all.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorhasso
Assistant Principal, Student Engagement and Wellbeing



## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



# FOCUS: EVERY DAY COUNTS: Absences have consequences!

- Missing school has significant long term consequences.
- If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.
- 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 reading, writing and numeracy.

Lucia Vorpasso Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing



#### **Student Engagement and Wellbeing**



Introducing...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Monmia is a Bucket Filling School!** I can't believe how many drops I keep finding in the school's yard duty folders. These are shared at the weekly assembly'. We love how students are demonstrating the school's values when out in the yard at recess and lunchtime. Well done everyone.

The Bucket Filling Philosophy has a special pledge that is discussed with the students and displayed in classrooms. The words are precise and direct and make sense to all our students. Please discuss the words in the pledge at home with your children and try to incorporate it at home as well.



**Happy Bucket Filling!** 

Lucia Vorpasso

Kind Regards,

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

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#### **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**



Reminder that on **Tuesday 17 May** is the whole school photo day.

Envelopes can be returned prior to photo day or on the day. Correct payment must be enclosed in the envelope as no change will be given or alternatively payment can be made online through The School Photographer website. If you would like to order a sibling photo, please collect a separate envelope from the front office. We have spare forms if you have misplaced the one sent home last term.

# STUDENT AWARDS



**PRA** 

1/2A	Wave C.	For writing a wonderful, descriptive poem titled 'I Am'. Well done, Wave!
1/2B	Harley S.	for being a responsible learner and finishing all of his work on time.
3/4A	Max G.	Welcome to Monmia Primary School.
3/4B	DJZ.	For 'hooking' me with his exciting persuasive lead – I'm convinced.
3/4C	George T.	For getting to school in time to be ready for learning and a great explanation of his maths thinking.
5/6A	Trína O.	AMAZING READING EFFORT!! So proud of you!
5/6B	Vlad B.	for making an amazing transition into Monmia and being so brave to share some details about yourself with your new class. Welcome to Monmia Vlad!
Physical	Kayden L. 1/2A	For showing 5 Star listening and great teamwork skills.
Education	Aylı́n H. PRA	For her wonderful advice on how to be a kind and caring friend.
STEAM	Elena M. PRA	For showing great confidence in STEAM.

# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION

YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP WELL AT SCHOOL, YOU CAN HELP BY:



Ensuring children get a good night's sleep and get ready for school in the morning



Getting children to school every day

Asking questions to find what your child likes about school



Talking about going to school every day and how it helps children reach their dreams.



Talking about how school can be fun



EVERY DAY THEY MISS ADDS UP!

3 days a week

Skip 4 days a week Skip 5 days a week

1 day a week

Skip 2 days a week

Miss 7 Years

Miss 10 Years

Miss 12 Years

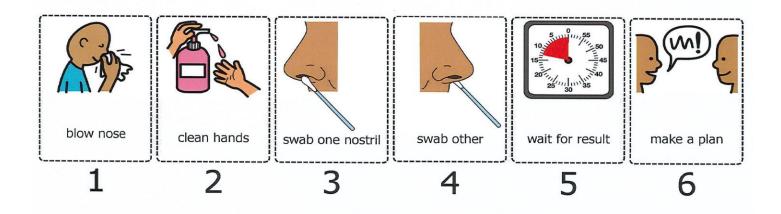
Miss 3 Years

Miss 5 Years



## Test at home twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

# Rapid Antigen Test Using a Nasal Swab test



Note: Always follow manufacturers instructions. Visual schedule is for support purposes only.

# FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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School Uniform
Shop

If your child needs more school apparel, please remember that you can purchase second hand uniforms for a fraction of the price:

Polo tshirts/School dress - \$2
Jackets/jumpers - \$5
Shorts/Pants/Skorts - \$1
School Bag - \$5
Hat - \$1
Library bags - \$1

How? Contact the school office or drop an email to Hlamude@hotmail.com

# Mank Mon!

Thank you for all your support for our Mother's Day Stall. We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day.

A very big THANK YOU to all Mother's Day Stall helpers – Emma Lechevallier, Kristie Morello, Rod Stone, Jaime Daley, Nicole Daley, Kylie Farrugia, Talithia Diessel, Keen Chan and Radiance Chan.





# Next Meeting....

Date: 16th June 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 9.15am

Venue: Community Room



# Newsletter Camp Australia Monmia Primary School OSHC - May 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our May newsletter edition.

#### What's been happening?

It has been a great start of second term in OSHC and the children have been busy in a range of opportunities to improve their growth.

**Anzac Day:** This term started with painting of poppies that was a lovely way to extend children's learning. The children had an opportunity to discuss the poppy is a symbol that is used on ANZAC day as a symbol of sacrifice and remembrance.



Also, the children engaged in baking ANZAC cookies while talking about the spirit of ANZAC through courage, mateship, and sacrifice. The children gained an understanding of the freedom, and we feel safe because of their sacrifice.



**Mother's Day:** The children reinforced to think about one of the most special people in their lives, their mum. The question was raised "How are we going to make her feel special?" it doesn't matter if we give her to a lovely flower, chocolates, jewellery or treat her to lovely breakfast. We have decided just to show her we care or simply, just tell our mums that we love her so much with a handmade tissue paper flower in a colourfully decorated vase.







# Newsletter



#### Child's Voice

Jack T: "I like cooking activities so much!"

Alexander C: "Feeling excited to practice hand ball."





#### What's coming up next month?

In upcoming weeks at Your OSHC the children will be more active with handball games.

#### HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:



From May 16-20, we've got a whole week of Handball fun.

At the end

of each session, the player with the highest accumulation of points will be the winner for that session. At the end of the week, the player with the highest single day total of points will be crowned our Service Champion, earning their right to challenge for the title at one of our Regional Championship events.

#### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (27 May-3 June)

During National Reconciliation Week (NRW) through various activities we will be focusing that is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



This week we are asking each other to make change beginning with brave actions in our daily lives – where we live, work, play and socialise.

#### Contact us:

Phone: 0413 180 401- Coordinator: Hulya Kaplan







#### 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!

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#### Step 2 Register

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

#### Step 3 Find our school

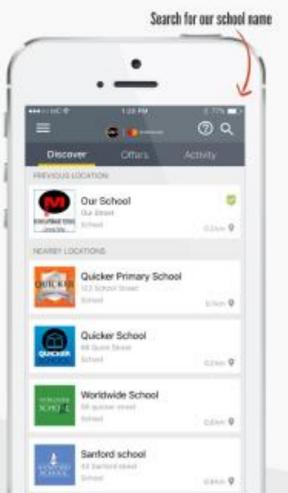
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

#### 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

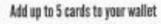


Select your items

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.

