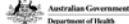


Our Purpose: The Monmia school community is committed to providing innovative programs that Stimulate and challenge each student to develop lifelong learning skills and strategies. We provide a safe, nurturing environment where teachers, students and parents work in an effective partnership. www.monmia.vic.edu.au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



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
- Learn and Achieve -

MONMIA MESSENGER

Dear Monmia Families,

Let's take a pause and see what has happened in week 5 and 6. It has been terrific to see students knowing what it is they are learning and why. Miss Vorpasso and I had the pleasure of asking students about their learning last week during Specialist Classes. It was impressive to hear our students were able to articulate their learning, they knew how they were going in their learning, they knew where to go if they get stuck in their learning and most of all they knew how they could improve. Our teachers ensure they start each learning session with a clear learning intention that is then referred to by students and the teacher throughout the lesson when giving feedback.

HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE LAST 2 WEEKS:

- Curious students in 1/2A and 1/2B during the in-school experience in week 5. Thank you, Mrs Buttigieg and Mrs Slatterie, for organising this for our students.
- Successful Pie drive fundraiser completed by our Family and Friends. Thank you to all our families who have supported this event.
- An eye appealing Book Fair held at Monmia. Thank you to Lamont books and Leanne and Sitwat for the smooth running of sales. Thank you to all the families who supported this event by purchasing books.
- Students learning using iPads during Literacy and Numeracy block. Thank you to all the students who have brought their iPads to school.
- Some 3/4 students mastering writing with a pen. Well done.
- Science Week celebrated in week 6. Thank you, Miss Coleman, for providing further resources to support continued learning in every class in Inquiry sessions.
- Students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the District Athletics Carnival. These students did Monmia proud. Thank you, Miss West, for coordinating our students to take part in such an event.
- School Leaders completed local kinder visits to Thornhill Drive Kinder and Monmia Kinder delivering story time to students. What a joyous moment for everyone.
- Two Overnewton students volunteering their time to support Monmia students with outside activities and inside learning time. Thank you.
- The spectacular building project news and board was announced and viewed at the last whole school assembly. Our whole school community is looking forward to a new STEAM centre and refurbished classrooms. Thank you, Miss Vorpasso and Leanne for capturing what is coming to Monmia.
- New enrolments have continued. We are excited to start new partnerships with new families.
- 2023 Prep enrolments are being confirmed. Personalised School Tours are still being taken.



A big thank you to Leanne, Sitwat and Cathy for supervising the Book Fair over the last few days. It has been a huge success! **\$1824.00** in sales was achieved. We are so grateful to all our students and their families who supported the purchasing of various books and small accessories. Thank you also to the teachers who made purchases. Please extend our gratitude to your children and inform them that the school will receive 30% of the sales.

COVID 19 UPDATE- Current advice from the Victorian Government

Vaccination requirements

There are no longer any mandatory vaccination requirements for staff or visitors working or attending mainstream schools.

Rapid antigen tests

Further deliveries of rapid antigen tests (RATs) to schools will continue in Terms 3 and 4 to be distributed to students. Distribution of (RATs) have commenced. Ensure you utilise the tests if you are symptomatic or a household contact.

Face masks

It is strongly recommended by the Victorian Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged 8 and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because the wearing of masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19. It is the department's expectation that, through to the end of winter, students aged 8 and over and staff will wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible.

Expanded eligibility for fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has updated its recommendations around fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccination.

From **Monday 11 July 2022, people aged over 30 will be eligible for a fourth dose.**

ATAGI recommends that people aged 50 to 64 should have their fourth dose, while those aged 30 to 49 can choose to have a fourth dose. For further information, refer to the ATAGI website.

Social Media

Did you know that Monmia has a Twitter account, a Facebook page and now a new Instagram account?

You can follow us on:

- Twitter at <https://twitter.com/MonmiaPS>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MonmiaPS/>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/monmiaps/>

Twitter provides our community with quick tweets on events and activities which happen at school or excursions or camps. Facebook highlights important events, announcements and messages relevant to the whole school or particular grades. **Please LIKE our Facebook page to spread this information.** Instagram will mainly feature photos or quick messages about happenings in our school. Please follow and share our social media pages.

Reminders

- **Book Week** is next week. Shortlisted books are in the library for students to read and enjoy. A whole school book character parade will be held on Thursday 25 August from 9.15-9.45. Please come along to the parade and enjoy a community event.
- Students are required to **wear a sunhat** from mid-August to the end of April. Please make sure your child has a hat to keep them safe from the sun's harmful rays.
- Please provide your child/children with an **art smock** or an old shirt that can stay at school and can be used during messy art and craft task.
- Please ensure your **child/children are not dropped off at school before 8.30am** as the school grounds are not supervised. A Before and After school care program is run onsite from the gym by Camp Australia if you require your child/children to be dropped off earlier or picked up later.
- The next **assembly is on Monday 22 August at 3pm**. We hope you can make it.
- The next scheduled **Monmia newsletter will be published on Thursday 1 September**. Please ensure you take a few minutes to have read the updates and the wonderful highlights noted.
- Please fill out and return your feedback for the School Self Evaluation by Friday 26 August via the front office or the school email address.

Stay safe and well,

Vineta Mitrevski
Acting Principal



Taking all year level **ENROLMENTS** for 2023

School Enrolments for Preps and in other Years levels for 2023 are being taken now.

- **Do you have a child who is starting Prep next year?**
- **Do you have a friend or relative who has a child ready to start school in 2023?**
- **Do you know of a family new to the area looking for a school for their child?**

We are very proud of our many achievements:

- Internationally recognized for our **Feedback** Chapter in Hattie's Visible Learning into Action-International Case Studies of Impact.
- Nationally recognized and accredited **BeYou School** focusing on Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- Locally recognised for our outstanding and award winning **School Library**.

Help us make Monmia the local school of choice and share our story. Tell a relative, tell a friend, tell everyone! Every new student receives a special gift.

Something Spectacular is happening!

The school has received a **\$6.943 million upgrade** and will be given:

- A brand-new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts and Mathematics) Centre.
- Refurbished Year Prep, Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Collaborative Learning Spaces.
- An expansion and modernisation of the administration block.
- Upgraded football oval and soccer pitches.
- Extensive new landscaping at the entrance of the school.

Please pick up an enrolment form from the office to secure a place for your child in our school.

ENROL NOW

YOUR FEEDBACK is VALUED!

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK- YOUR VOICE and FEEDBACK matters to us!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

While previously a random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents/caregivers/guardians have been selected to participate, this year, **all families are invited to participate in the survey.**

The online survey will open on **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.**

The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey is to be completed **online**, taking approximately **20 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

We are expecting every family to complete the survey does so as the response rate is recorded and reflected in our overall school data.

Every family who completes the parent opinion survey will go in a draw to win a Hoyts movie voucher. The lucky winner will be drawn and announced at a whole school assembly.


The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

Please do not hesitate to seek assistance from the office staff or Acting Principal, Vineta Mitrevski if you are having trouble completing the survey or require further information.

Vineta Mitrevski

Acting Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 3	TERM 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 22 – 26 Friday August - CBCA Book Week 2022  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 22 August- Friday 2 September Year P-2 swimming program ▪ Thursday 25 August – Book Character Dress Up Parade – Families invited 9.15 am – 9.45 am in the gym ▪ Monday 30 August – Prep Fire Ed – Visit 2 ▪ Friday 16 September - Last day of term 3, early dismissal 2.30pm 	<p><u>Key Dates for Term 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday 3 October- Start of term 4, welcome back everyone ▪ Wednesday 26 October- - 2023 Prep Information Night (onsite) 6 pm – 7 pm ▪ Wednesday 28 October- World Teacher's Day ▪ Monday 31 October-Curriculum Day, Student Free Day ▪ Tuesday 1 November- Public Holiday, Melbourne Cup ▪ Thursday 3 November- 2023 Prep Orientation 1- 9.30 am – 11.00 am (AusParenting for families) ▪ Thursday 10 November – 2023 Prep Orientation 2- 9.30am – 11.00 am (Literacy for families) ▪ Thursday 17 November – 2023 Prep Orientation 3 -9.30 am – 11.00am (numeracy for families) ▪ Monday 19 December- Semester 2 Student Reports- emailed to families ▪ Tuesday 20 December- Last day of term 4, dismissal 1.30pm <p><u>Curriculum Days</u> Term 4 Monday 31 October-Student Free Day</p>

EVERY DAY COUNTS: *Routines are essential!*

Are you having problems getting your child to school?

Perhaps he/she:

- *will not get out of bed in the morning and will not go to bed at night*
- *cannot find their uniform, books or school bag.*
- *eats their breakfast too slowly*
- *has not completed their homework*
- *spends too much time watching TV in the morning.*

If so, speak about school positively and set home and school routines to help

- *have a set time to go to bed and to get out of bed*
- *have the uniform and school bag ready the night before*
- *have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast*
- *set a time for daily homework tasks*
- *be firm and send your child to school every school day.*

Lucia Vorpasse Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing



EVERY DAY COUNTS



SPOTLIGHT ON THE CASEA PROGRAM

THE CASEA FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: *Managing strong emotions*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is okay to feel strong emotions.

Everyone has the right to feel strong emotions, but it is how we express those emotions that are important. Just like other emotions, feeling angry is okay but it is not okay to react in a way that would be unacceptable and hurt ourselves or others. There are many ways of coping when we are angry and each of us has to work out which strategies work best for us. Remember if we explode like a volcano we will do damage and sometimes the damage cannot be repaired.

It is important to recognise when we are getting angry.

We need to recognise when our bodies are getting angry. If we are getting to a 5 or higher on the volcano then we need to do something so we don't reach the exploding stage. It is never okay to hurt ourselves, hurt others or damage other people's property. Acting in this way will make the situation worse and will have consequences.

The first step when we are feeling angry is to STOP and MOVE AWAY from the situation and use strategies to reduce the feelings of anger.

- ***Find a calming down space to help you calm your body down.***

Everyone should have a calming down space at home and at school. It is a place where you can go and calm your body and your mind down before you start thinking about fixing the situation. The calming down place can be a real or imaginary place.

- ***Find a relaxation strategy that works for you.***

When we are in our safe place, it is important to find ways that calm our body down. Some people like taking deep breaths, counting to 10 slowly or pretending to squeeze lemons in their hands. Some people use positive self-talk such as 'I am going to keep cool' or 'I am not going to let this get to me'.

Family Activity

As a family, identify safe places that each member can go to when they need to calm down. Make sure that all family members remember that when someone is in their calming down space they should be left alone.



Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CASEA PROGRAM

THE CASEA FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: *Introducing STOP, THINK & DO!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

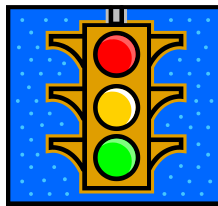
The steps of STOP, THINK and DO are helpful in managing anger and solving problems.

When you feel the strong, hot feeling of anger, you need to STOP to cool down your anger so you don't hurt yourself or someone else. When your body and mind are calm, you will be more likely to think clearly about the problem and work towards solving the problem. Visualising traffic lights is a good way to think of the three sensible steps you can use to help you solve problems.

STOP: This involves not reacting immediately but recognizing and labeling your feelings. When you STOP and use a calming down strategy, you will calm down your body and your mind so that you do not erupt like a volcano. When you have your emotions under control you are more likely to be able to see the problem clearly so that you don't over react and make the problem worse.

THINK: This involves you considering seeing the problem from other people's viewpoints. It is important to THINK about all the different solutions and work out which solution would work best for this problem.

DO: This involves choosing the best solution and acting upon it to help fix the problem. It is really important that if that solution does not work then choose another strategy to fix the solution but remember to never give up. Sometimes you might have to try several different strategies before you find one that works for everyone.



Warm Regards,

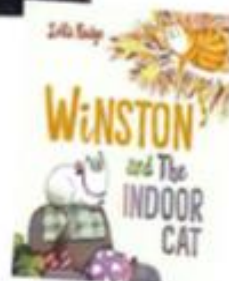
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Book Week 2022

Book Character Dress Up Parade



Thursday 25th August

9:15am-9:45am

In the gym

All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite **book character**. You can bring the book that your character is from. There is no need to buy a costume- try to put a costume together with whatever you have at home.

Parents are invited to attend the parade.





VICTORIA POLICE

BIKE/SCOOTER HELMETS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

This is a reminder that all users of bikes and scooters (including the motorised versions) **MUST** wear helmets unless exempt. We have had concerns raised by members of our community, and it is quite apparent that residents have become complacent regarding these laws.

Mandatory bicycle helmet laws were introduced in July 1990. This applies when riding:

- on roads and road-related areas
- on bike and shared paths
- in bike lanes
- in recreational parks
- in car parks
- on footpaths.

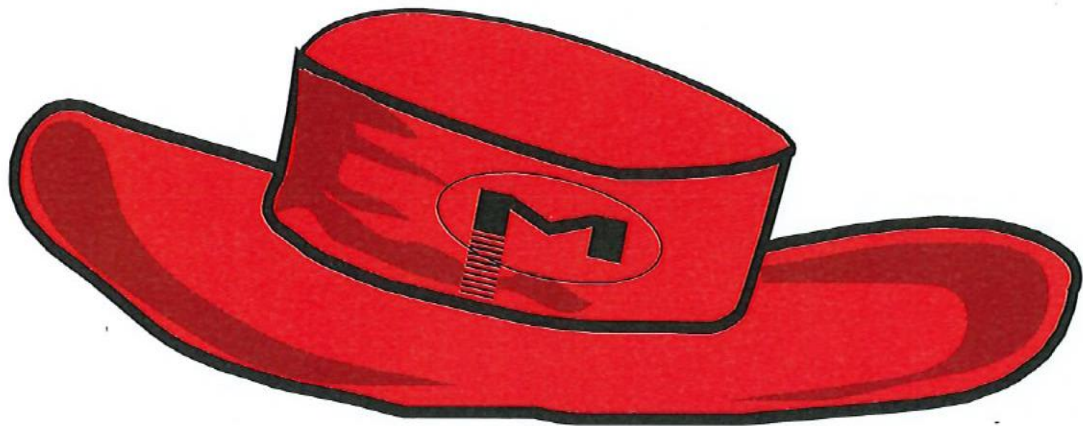
Police can stop bike and scooter riders and issue a fine or a warning for not wearing an approved bicycle helmet. **The current fine for this offence is \$231.**

Research indicates that bike helmets greatly reduce the risk of head injuries, which are the major cause of death and injury to bike riders.

- Bicycle helmets reduce the chances of a serious head injury by almost 70 %
- Two years after introducing bicycle helmet laws in 1990 a 23% reduction in head injuries in Victoria.

This is a significant safety issue, and we encourage you all to look after yourselves, family, and friends.

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.

Newsletter






Your OSHC.

National Science Week

August 15 to 19

[Book now](#)



A message from your Coordinator

Dear families and children,

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. As Camp Australia Educators we have an important role to play in supporting children to expand connection with science. We use questions and hypothesising (considering why/reasoning) and promote interest through encouraging the children to be actively involved.

Children will enjoy the offered a range of fun experiences and we will learn with the children throughout the Science Week.



Activities coming up

- Invisible Glass
- Cold Honey, Hot Honey
- Marble Run Challenge



What's on the menu

- Make a bread in a bag
- Fruit Platter
- Make Fizzy Lemonade



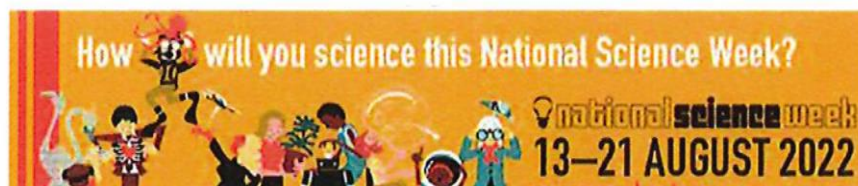
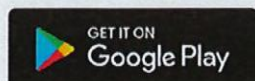
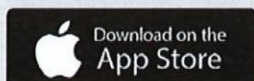
Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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2nd Hand School Uniform Shop



The second-hand uniform shop will be open next week!! Here are the opening hours:

Tuesday, 23rd August, 9 – 9.30am

Friday, 26th August, 2.45 – 3.15pm

The shop is now at the **Community Room**. Come over to have a look at what we have in stock or to drop off your uniform donations or just to have a cup of coffee



and chat! Don't forget to sign in at the office!

TONY'S PIES



The pies were delivered today. Thank you to everyone who purchased from our pie drive. We hope you will enjoy the tasty pies. Your support is always appreciated.

THANKYOU!

FUN FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Family & Friends will be running a playgroup session for families with young children in our community. Bring your little one along to have fun and meet other families. Or help us spread the word if you have any family members or friends with young children around the area.

**Friday
(26th August)
9.30-10.30am**

**@The
Community
Room**



**Free Gift for
every child!**

Next Meeting....

Date: 15th Sep 2022

Time: 9.15am

Venue: Community
Room



**Father's Day Stall
1st September**



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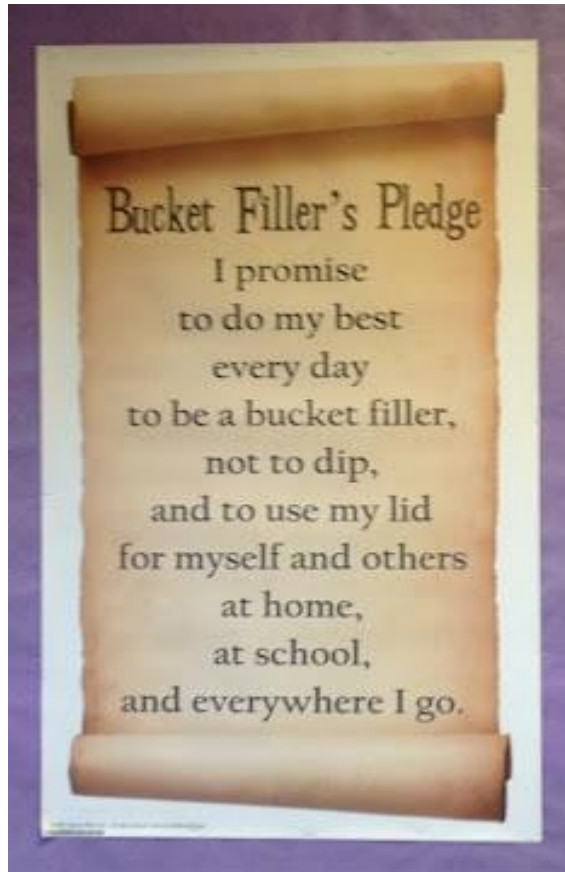
Bucket Fillers

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!

Kind Regards,

Lucia Vorpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Great opportunity!!!

School Furniture for Sale

We have a range of furniture in good condition for sale. If you are interested in any pieces, please call the school 9364 1007 and make us an offer. If your offer is successful, furniture will need to be collected within one week.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION

YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP TO DO 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!

Skip
1 day a week
Miss 3 Years

Skip
2 days a week
Miss 5 Years

Skip
3 days a week
Miss 7 Years

Skip
4 days a week
Miss 10 Years

Skip
5 days a week
Miss 12 Years

STUDENT AWARDS



PRA

Xavier C.

For excellent effort in completing tasks and showing his great Numeracy skills.

Anastasia F.

For always trying her best and being helpful to her friends and the teacher.

1/2A

Anshul K.

For always being prepared to share his work.

Kayden S.

For writing a fantastic recount.

1/2B

Omar H

For showing an improvement in his handwriting.

Ali B

For being a wonderful learning Buddy in Maths.

3/4A

Cindy N.

For demonstrating her excellent multiplication fact knowledge in 'Top Dog'

Sebastian S.

For doing a great job in being organised for his learning every day.

3/4B

Lydia P.

For always working hard to complete classwork – top EFFORT!

Anita M.

For creating a comic with interesting characters – so cute!

3/4C

Louis K

For showing Monmia values in and out of the classroom.

Katahlaya C

For the way she shows resilience in Maths.

5/6A

Malak B

For demonstrating the school values of caring.

Yash L

For welcoming a new student to 5/6 demonstrating school values.

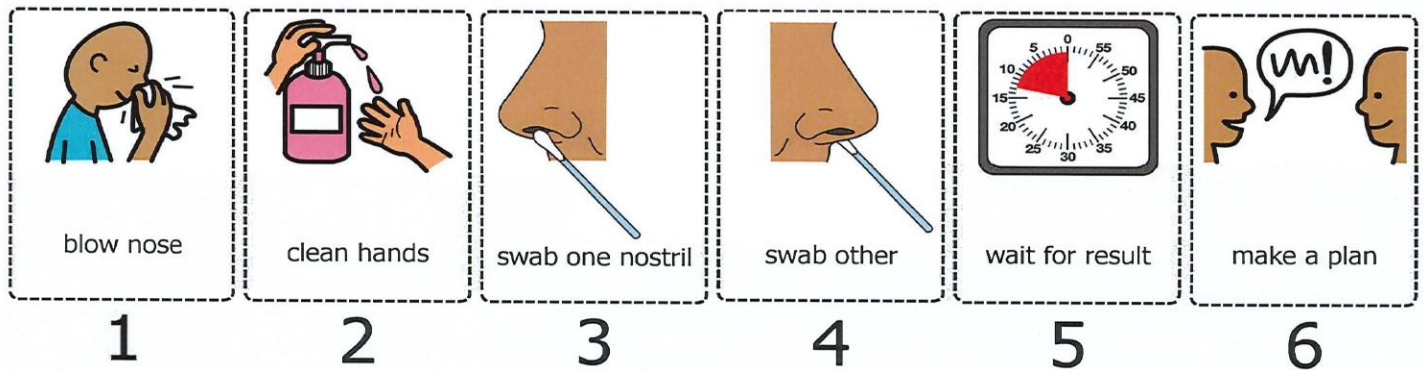
5/6B	<i>Cassidy D</i>	For making a great start at Monmia and for taking initiative in her learning.
	<i>Megan O</i>	For consistently completing her home reading and bringing her diary.
Physical Education	<i>Adam H. 3/4C</i>	For trying his absolute hardest in PE and for rating his effort as: 4 OUTSTANDING effort!
	<i>Hamza B 3/4B</i>	For providing the class with great “change the challenge” options!
STEAM	<i>Ayla S. 1/2A</i>	For persisting when measuring the length of an object.
	<i>Leon C. 1/2B</i>	For never giving up even when feeling challenged.

Test at home if your child feels unwell or has any symptoms.



Rapid Antigen Test

Using a Nasal Swab test



Keyboard and Guitar Lessons - on school campus
Places available for Term 3, 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!



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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 Qkr you can:

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- 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'

Search for our school name





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

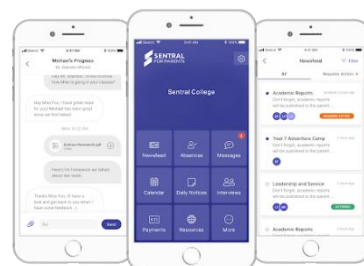
Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.



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.