

**SCHOOL MOTTO:** Loving to Learn. Learning to Live. Being the Best!

**SCHOOL VALUES:** Respect, Responsibility and Safety

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MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*- Learn and Achieve -*

**MONMIA MESSENGER**

Dear Monmia Families,

### **FAREWELL FROM MRS LORRAINE BELL**

Once I became principal of Monmia Primary School, it was my purpose to help teachers be the best they could be to influence their students to be assessment capable learners. I started principalship at Monmia in 2006 with 480 students and 38 staff.

I held high expectations and aspirations for myself. I am sure if you asked anyone at Monmia they would tell you of my high expectations of them as well. In turn the Monmia staff have high expectations of the students in their classrooms.

I fell in love with this community from my first week. Watching the grandparents sitting in the courtyard waiting to pick up their grandchildren was a joyful experience. Even now families gather around the courtyard to collect their children.

I will never forget a parent saying to me that Monmia was her family as she had no extended family in Australia. She said it passionately and with meaning and often repeated this to other parents.

Each year I have welcomed the Prep students to the start of their learning journeys. It is such a wonderful experience to watch these youngsters' faces full of excitement. I have welcomed over 800 Prep students to Monmia. Equally moving has been farewelling the Year 6 students at their graduation as they transition into secondary school. I have been honoured to farewell over 900 Year 6 students in my time here.

I had the privilege to work with dynamic and dedicated school council presidents and school councillors over my 19 years as Principal. The current school councillors have been amazing and have provided direction, wisdom and foresight in the decision-making process. I would like to acknowledge Briany, Renee, Keen, Berta, Sabah and Katie who give up their time to attend school council meetings monthly.

The parent club has worked diligently over the years and been led by remarkable presidents and volunteers in raising funds for our school. They renamed themselves Family and Friends following our launch as a KidsMatter school in 2008. I am very grateful that the Family and Friends subcommittee has led by Tal and supported by Radiance. There are several volunteers who constantly help with the fundraising events. Thank you to Sarah, Nicky, Jaime, Sarah C, Amy, Karli, Angelina and Berta. And I know there are others who help when they can.

This Monmia community is my second family, and I am proud of all that we have achieved together. The children have brightened up my day as they arrive happily at school with their families.

Whenever the administration work was too much or too boring, I would visit the prep classrooms. Listening to them talk about their learning or reading them a story would make my heart sing. I will miss this more than I can say.

When visiting classrooms, I would be inundated with students wanting to share their work proudly. My biggest regret is that I wish I had spent so much more time in the classrooms.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this unique community. Monmia will forever have a special place in my heart. Monmia students are caring, kind and love learning. The partnership between families and staff is at the centre of our school culture. Monmia staff are exceptional as they put their hearts and souls into teaching the whole child.

Our community is inclusive of all. Our crossing supervisors Carol and Renato are valued members of our community. During the building phase representatives of the builders APGC and the architects AOA became a part of the fabric of our school.

The leadership team consisting of teaching and learning leaders guided by Vineta Mitrevski and Lucia Vorpasso have and continue to achieve tangible outcomes for our students in learning and wellbeing. Aristotle said: Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. Thank you to Kathryn, Merry, Regina, Lisa and Mandy for leading your PLCs so well.

Thank you to Sam, Jane, Stevie and Karen for all that you do for your students every day. Thank you to our specialist teachers Milena, Bianca, Cathy, Trist and Uliana for providing wonderful programs for our students.

Thank you, Shaun and Babitha, for helping me out with all my IT questions. Your patience is incredible.

Thank you to the amazing Education Support Staff who work so diligently with individual students and in the office. Thank you Anja, Daniela, Christie, Leanne, Loura, Teuta and Teresa.

In my principalship at Monmia, we have celebrated many highlights and managed many challenges, COVID being a major one. I am proud of how the teachers worked so hard to provide quality learning for our students and assisted families to in turn support their children. It was not an easy time, and we would all lament how hard it was to not be with our students face to face. We have celebrated staff weddings, the arrival of babies and mourned sad losses. In all of these we pulled together and were there for one another.

I am excited that this year we are bringing back special school events that always bring our community together.

- The Arts Show and Education Week -a great success in Term 2
- Foundation BBQ
- 1/2 Sleepover
- Year 3-6 Camp
- The School Concert

I would like to acknowledge the Assistant Principals Lucia Vorpasso and Vineta Mitrevski for all their amazing efforts in their roles and responsibilities. They often go above and beyond what is required of them. As a trio, we have worked closely together in developing the vision and direction for Monmia. I am grateful to both for all they achieve every day.

One of my principals who is a very wise man always said:

Happy Kids

Happy Staff

Happy Families

His other saying was "it is all about RELATIONSHIPS! RELATIONSHIPS! RELATIONSHIPS!"

I believe at Monmia we have happy kids, happy staff and happy families because we build trusting relationships.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM 19 YEARS AS PRINCIPAL AT MONMIA**

- Becoming a KidsMatter school in 2007, followed by a launch with Minister Roxon and Jeff Kennett in 2009. Transitioning from KidsMatter to Be You which was launched with Julia Gillard and Johanna Griggs.
- Resurfacing the football oval, soccer field and basketball courts with synthetic turf. Bat tennis courts followed with funding from Family and Friends.
- Library refurbishment and Library Design Award in 2019.
- Presentation at the regional conference

- Victorian Education Excellence Awards Guiding Coalition finalists (2018).
- STEAM learning space and refurbishment of buildings

Monmia is a **great school** and **will continue** to be a **great school**. I know that Monmia will flourish far into the future.

I am looking forward to my next adventures in retirement with some travelling overseas next year. I will miss this community deeply and I will miss the children most of all.

Thank you everyone for all your congratulations, gifts and warm wishes.

With sincere affection, goodbye my beautiful school.

*Lorraine Bell*

Principal

**END OF TERM 3**

Please remember that school finishes on Friday 20 September at 2:30pm. The office and gates of the school will close at that time as all staff will be offsite. Please organise for your children to be picked up on time. Thank you for your assistance with finishing the term in a positive way.

**TAKING 2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

**Do you have a child who is turning five by April 2025?**

**Do you know of a relative or friend who has a child who is ready to start school next year?**

Make sure you pick up an enrolment form from the office to secure a place in our Foundation classes for 2025. School organisation for 2025 will commence from September. We need to confirm our enrolment numbers to determine the number of Foundation classes we will need.

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2025**

School planning for 2025 has started. If you have a child who turns five before 30 April 2024 and you have not enrolled them, please do so as soon as possible. The prep enrolments will determine the number of Prep classes we will need. Also, if you are planning to leave Monmia please complete the form below to this newsletter. This will also help us to plan the number of classes at each year level for the rest of the school. School enrolment numbers determine the number of staff we will have for 2025.

Please spread the word with your friends and family if they too have a school age child ready to commence in 2025. Parents/Guardians can contact the office for an appointment to collect an enrolment form or a soft copy can be emailed to you.

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**If your family is leaving Monmia please complete the following form and return as soon as possible via email to [monmia.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:monmia.ps@education.vic.gov.au)**

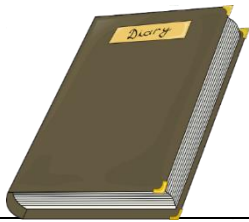
**Planning for 2025 School Year is now underway.**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Year Level in 2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

**New School in 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

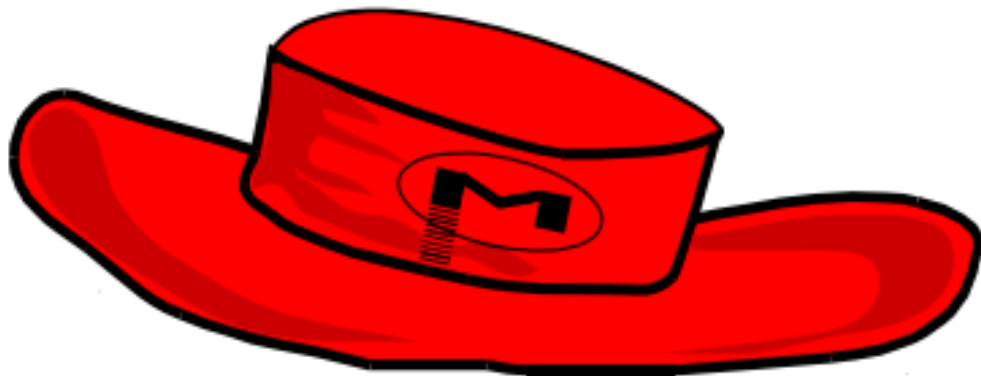
**Reason for transfer:** \_\_\_\_\_



# 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3	TERM 4
<p><b>Thursday 19 September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Footy / Sports Out of Uniform Day</li></ul> <p><b>Friday 20 September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5/6 Interschool Sport – Final</li><li>• <b>Parent / Guardian Opinion Survey Closes</b></li><li>• Last day of Term 3. Students dismissed at 2.30pm.</li><li>• <b>Deposit Due – Year 3-6 Lady Northcote Camp</b></li></ul>	<p><b>Monday 7 October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students commence Term 4</li></ul> <p><b>Thursday 17 October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family &amp; Friends Meeting @ 9.15am – Community Room</li></ul> <p><b>Friday 18 October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Payment Due – Foundation Melbourne Museum</b></li></ul> <p><b>Friday 25 October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foundation – Melbourne Museum Excursion</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday 29 October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multicultural Lunch</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday 5 November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Melbourne Cup -Public Holiday</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday 3 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concert 6.00pm – 7.00pm</li></ul> <p><b>Wednesday 11 December – Thursday 12 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Years 3-6 Lady Northcote Camp</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday 17 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Graduation</li></ul> <p><b>Friday 20 December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last Day of Term 4. Students dismissed at 1.30pm</li></ul>

# NO HAT



# NO PLAY

*Mid-August until  
the end of April*

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



Congratulations to the incredibly talented Dakota and Brandon who both qualified for the WMR Athletics Carnival following an exceptional performance at the Divisional Athletics Carnival. Best of luck to you both!



# TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

As we all know Friday 20 September is the last day of term. Holidays are a great opportunity for families to enjoy doing activities with their children without a tight time schedule attached. Holidays are also an opportunity to relax and recharge energy levels in readiness for further learning.

Here are some suggestions of what you could do over the school holidays to stay involved and enjoy each day.

- Write a letter or a message for a member of your family, your teacher, your friend
- Publish a piece of writing
- Gather special items that could go in a brown paper bag and used for ideas in Writers Workshop
- Keep a record of what you do every day and the time you did it
- Research on the computer
- Draw freely- let your creativity shine
- Make a model
- Draw a plan
- Write a proposal for goals you could set for yourself at home
- Play outside with a ball, skipping rope, ride your bike
- Play board games
- Play cards
- Practice recalling number facts (doubles, multiplication facts, division facts, simple addition, simple subtraction)
- Use a calculator to help you skip count, add, subtract, divide, multiply
- Clean out your bedroom, your draws
- Write a proposal of how we could make our school a rubbish free school
- List the top 5 things that have helped you with your learning
- List the 5 top things that you will work towards doing even better in term 4 at school and home
- Organise an outing with your family (visit the library, visit cousin/family)
- Read for fun, for enjoyment, to relax
- Read to achieve your reading goal
- Draw for fun, for enjoyment, to relax
- Listen to music
- Bring in exercise, dance and movement in your day
- Take on a key role for the day- be a helper
- Gather information about next terms inquiry learning
- Bring in laughter and smiles to your day

I hope these suggestions guide you in keeping you well and safe. I look forward to hearing how you spent your 2 weeks of the holidays. These holidays will be the best for everyone!  
ENJOY!

**Vineta Mitrevski Assistant Principal- School Improvement**





# **JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS**



## **Blasters for 4 – 10yr olds**

8 week cricket introduction program  
[playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/d4ae4a](https://playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/d4ae4a)



## **Under 10 & 12 under age mixed sides**

playing Thursday and Friday nights  
[playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/cb7db6](https://playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/cb7db6)

For any enquiries please visit [www.buckleyparkcc.com.au](http://www.buckleyparkcc.com.au) or  
email the club at [info@buckleyparkcc.com.au](mailto:info@buckleyparkcc.com.au)

