

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,

Well, block B has well and truly gone including the foundations. We cannot wait until the new foundations start. Last week Vineta, Lucia and I were able to visit Block C (new Prep building). We cannot wait to see it when it is finished in January 2023.



Family and Friends President Talithia and Secretary Radiance have been amazing in organising the Elections Sausage Sizzle for this Saturday. Please support them if you are voting at Monmia by buying a sausage. If you can help out with the BBQ it would be much appreciated. There has been amazing support from our families with donations. The Daley and Radojevic families have been very generous by providing essentials of sausages, drinks, various sauces. Thank you also to the Banis, Farrugia, Stone,

Lechevallier and Kalms families for their wonderful donations. We have also had a large donation of a huge roll of cellophane for our Christmas hampers from the Nguyen family who have a Prep child starting in 2023. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE LAST FORTNIGHT:

- Prep Orientation Session have been very successful and were completed last Thursday.
- Lunch orders from Taylors Lakes Secondary School have been a great success. Thank you for your support with this.
- Visiting Keilor Downs Kindergarten with school leaders was a fun, interactive session. Our leaders proudly read stories to the kinder children.

YEAR 3-6 CAMP

Only two weeks before Year 3-6 students will attend camp. Thank you to Merryn Auld for her organization of the camp venue. Thank you to all the Year 3/4 and 5/6 teachers for helping facilitate this organization. The teachers attending camp are Merryn Auld, Lisa Tate, Regina Koen and Peter Gartside. Thank you also to Mandy Peters and Leanne Anderson who have volunteered to attend to provide the necessary number of adults. Kate Belovitch will be running an alternative program for students not attending camp.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Classes for 2023 are now being finalised. Once these are finalised we are unable to make any further changes.

At Monmia, we are fortunate to have such wonderful teachers, who work exceptionally hard in collaborative teams to ensure all children receive the same high standard educational opportunities. As teachers are not allocated to grades until all students have been placed, it is **school policy that requests for specific teachers will not be accommodated. It is essential that if there are requests related to student's educational needs parents/guardians notify the school in writing and due consideration will be given to these.**

Parents/Guardians, you have entrusted the school to make the best decisions about their child and their learning all year. Please trust that we will place your child with his/her best interests considered.

STAFFING FOR 2023

We are excited to announce that we have successfully employed a Japanese Languages teacher for 2023. Tristram Jones will be joining our school community and offering our students experiences in learning both the Japanese language and culture. It has been challenging to find a Japanese Languages teacher and we are confident that our children will enjoy learning the Japanese language again.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate Kate Belovitch who has been successfully appointed to Thornhill Primary School. This is a new school opening up in 2023. Kate has been an integral member of the Monmia family since starting here as a graduate in 2010. This is an amazing opportunity for Kate and I know we all wish her a successful future at Thornhill Primary School.

Lorraine Bell

Principal



Taking all year level ENROLMENTS for 2023

School Enrolments for Preps – Year 6 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 Government 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

SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK

A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: **WHAT IS COURAGE?**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Showing courage is when you feel frightened about doing something scary or difficult but you are brave and do it anyway. Deciding to do the brave thing sometimes happens very quickly but sometimes you have to think about it for a while before you decide to be brave. However if something is dangerous or you or someone might get hurt, then it would be foolish to do it, rather than to show courage.

Everyday courage is when you have to do something ordinary but it makes you feel a bit scared or anxious. This might be trying to do something new at school when you are not sure whether you can do. It might be saying 'No, I don't want to' when someone else wants you to do something silly or mean.

Everyone has fears. When you feel scared it is because you feel unsafe and you realise that there may be a danger to yourself or to others. Do not ignore unsafe feelings and tell someone you trust if you are feeling unsafe. They can help you work out if there is any real danger. Sometimes you need to be brave and face your fear.

Some 'tough self-talk' is needed when you want to be brave and can be very powerful. 'Tough talk' is when you say things to yourself such as:

- *I can do it.*
- *Just do it.*
- *This is important.*
- *I will give it my best and I am sure I will be able to do it.*

Family Activity

Establish a check in circle at home and discuss when members have used 'tough self-talk' to demonstrate being brave.

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and I look forward to any feedback you may have.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Verpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK

A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: **BRAVERY HELPS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are community helpers who show responsible courage and bravery as part of their everyday jobs. Fire-fighters, doctors, paramedics all show acts of heroism but they have specific rules to follow in high pressure situations to ensure that everyone remains safe.

Being a hero is showing another kind of courage.

When someone is a hero it means that they do something brave so somebody else can be safe. Not many people are in situations where they can be a hero. Sometimes it is foolish to try to save someone else if you do not have the skills or resources to do it with and the danger level is very high. It could end up with both of you being hurt. Think carefully. The best way to help them is often to get help.

Being foolish is not the same as being brave or showing courage.

Being foolish is doing something scary and unnecessary that could seriously hurt you or someone else. It is a dangerous and silly form of courage because:

- the person doing it, is only doing it to impress someone else
- the person feels pressured to do it
- the person will gain something tangible from it but it is not worth the risk they are taking
- the person has not learnt the skills to do something safely
- the person could get seriously hurt or hurt others in the process.

Family Activity

As a family discuss every day, famous people or fictional characters you consider being a hero. Share why you think this person is a hero and what characteristics the hero has.

I hope you found this article interesting and useful and I look forward to any feedback you may have.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Healthy attendance facts!

- 1. It is vital that students go to school every day.***
- 2. It is crucial that you show your child that you value education even in the early years of primary school.***
- 3. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future and regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted.***
- 4. When students attend school they develop academic skills and important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.***



Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing





Student Pathways and Transitions

LEARNING BUDDY PROCESS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of year again where the school begins the long and complex process of developing new home groups for next year.

All staff members and students are involved in the process of establishing new home groups so that we establish the best possible learning groups for 2023. Some parents and guardians have written to the Principal, Lorraine Bell and have made requests for their child's placement for next year based on educational reasons.

In preparing a smooth transition from one year level to the next, the school implements a 'Learning Buddy Process' where each student nominates four learning buddies that they can work with effectively. During this process, teachers discuss with the class 'What makes an effective learning buddy?' An effective learning buddy can be the same or a different gender to themselves.

Teachers completed this process with students recently. Sometimes students select learning buddies that:

- *are in their current home group*
- *work with them during WIN sessions and may be in a different home group*
- *have been in a previous home group and they have worked well together*

This year students have provided evidence as to why students were selected as their learning buddy.

Teachers and students share the choices together and students know that they will be guaranteed one learning buddy from their list. Again this year parents/guardians will know which learning buddy their child has been paired with when communicating the 2023 home group details.

The teachers then begin to group students and ensure there is an even spread of students in each class to optimise academic leaning and social and emotional wellbeing.

To support students further we organise three 'Step up Days' and a 'Meet the Teacher and Classmates' session. These have been extremely successful in the past and we are currently in the final stages of confirming dates and times for these sessions.

When your child comes home from school, please continue to share positive experiences about beginning in a new home group next year and the transition program.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING

Introducing...



Bucket Fillers

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Monmia is a Bucket Filling School!

We fill buckets and we don't dip!

We use our lid to keep our bucket full and keep the drops in!

I love how the Bucket Fillers Philosophy has been embraced by our school community. I know that we can keep filling other people's buckets and make Monmia Primary School a warm, positive and caring place to be. When we all fill other people's buckets then all community members benefit from these acts of kindness.

There is so much to acknowledge at Monmia Primary School! Here are some 'drops' for you to read.

Remember that when you fill someone else's bucket, you fill yours as well so keep filling buckets Monmia!

Happy Bucket Filling!

Kind Regards,

Lucia Vorpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

I am a Bucket Filler

I would like to fill Lydia's bucket by saying:

thank you for picking

up \$2

From Mrs. Peter

He / She has been caught demonstrating the Monmia Primary School value of:

☐ Acceptance

☐ Caring

☐ Friendliness

☒ Honesty

☐ Respect



Bucket Fillers

I am a Bucket Filler

I would like to fill Vaiana (1/23)'s bucket by saying:

Thank you for helping out in the yard.
What a caring student you are!

From Mrs Auld

He (She) has been caught demonstrating the Monmia Primary School value of:

☐ Acceptance

☒ Caring

☐ Friendliness

☐ Honesty

☒ Respect



Bucket Fillers

I am a Bucket Filler

I would like to fill Gurbaaz and Tommy's bucket by saying:

(3/40)

Thank you for taking care of Melissa when
she was hurt. You were very kind.

From Mrs Auld

They He / She has been caught demonstrating the Monmia Primary School value of:

☐ Acceptance

☒ Caring

☐ Friendliness

☐ Honesty

☐ Respect



Bucket Fillers

I am a Bucket Filler

I would like to fill Cheng 1/2A's bucket by saying:

Thank you for donating your \$1-
from your lunch order to the
school.

From Daniela

He / She has been caught demonstrating the Monmia Primary School value of:

☐ Acceptance

☒ Caring

☐ Friendliness

☐ Honesty

☒ Respect



Bucket Fillers

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 4	2023 Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thursday 17 November – 2023 Prep Orientation 3 -9.30 am – 11.00am (Numeracy for families) ▪ Monday 5 December – Wednesday 7 December- Year 3 – 6 Camp Glenmore ▪ Tuesday 13 December-Year 6 Orientation Day ▪ Tuesday 13 December-last day for Canteen lunch orders ▪ Wednesday 14 December-School Council Meeting ▪ Thursday 15 December – Year 6 Graduation. 12.30 pm – 6.00 pm ▪ Monday 19 December- Semester 2 Student Reports- emailed to families ▪ 5/6 Excursion ▪ Tuesday 20 December- Last day of term 4, dismissal 1.30pm ▪ Online Orders for Book Packs must be placed. ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friday January 27 – Curriculum Day (Student Free Day) ▪ Monday January 30 Curriculum Day (Student Free Day) ▪ Tuesday January 31 – Term 1 Resumes <p>Year 1-6 Students start at 9.00 am</p> <p>Year Prep Students start at 10.00 am</p> <p><u>Term Dates</u></p> <p>Term 2- Monday April 24 – Student resume Friday June 23 – Last day of Term 2 Student Finish at 2.30 pm</p> <p>Term 3 – Monday July 10 – Students resume Friday September 15 – Last day of Term 3 Student Finish at 2.30 pm</p> <p>Term 4- Monday October 2 – Student resume Wednesday December 20 – Last day of Term 4 Students finish at 1.30 pm</p>

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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FABULOUS FRIDAY



PLAYGROUP
25th November
9.30-10.30am

Tomorrow is our last playgroup for the year! Bring your little one along for story time and play OR come over to give us your support!

State Election Day

26th November
10am – 2pm



Thank you to families who will be coming to help and families that have donated sausages and all the items we need for this event. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Please do come over to our stall to say Hi! if you are in the area! Thank you for your support!

2nd Hand School Uniform Shop

We won't be opening the shop onsite until further notice. You can still purchase second hand uniforms. All you have to do is to contact the school office and we will get your orders* ready asap.

Thank you!

(*subject to availability)

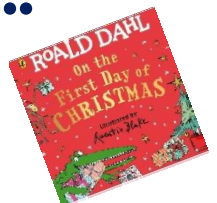
Donate

Do you have any Monmia uniforms that your child has outgrown or not in used anymore? You can donate them to the second-hand uniform shop by dropping them off at the school office.

Thank you!

Final event for 2022...

**Christmas Hamper
Donation**
Out of Uniform Day
9th December





Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have partnered with Maxim Office Group to ensure a seamless school start for 2023. Packs will be delivered to the school for collection. Book Pack pick up day 27 January 2023 9am-1pm and 2pm-6pm.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35 and press option 1.

Please note;

Orders must be placed by the 20 December to ensure delivery is on time, ready for collection from the school.

For collection date information, please contact the school office on 03 9364 1007.

1. Please follow this link: <http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au>
2. Your access code is: **MONMIAPS**
**Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter code as displayed in screen.*
3. Select the **year level required** for order.
4. Please ensure that the **student's name, your name and contact details** are given and correct.
5. Select '**Place order**'.
6. If purchasing **more than one booklist**, please select '**Add another booklist**' and follow the same procedure from step 3.
7. Select '**Proceed to payment options**'.
8. Your total **payment amount** required will display on **screen**.
9. Select '**Pay Now**'.
10. Please choose your check-out option – Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered.
11. You will receive a **payment receipt** and an order confirmation to the **email address you provided**.
12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school for collection. Book Pack pick up day **27 January 2023 9am-1pm and 2pm-6pm**

Many thanks for supporting Monmia PS with the online portal service.
Maxim Office Group



STUDENT AWARDS



PRA	<i>Jordan B.</i> <i>Archer K.</i>	For taking your time and showing care for your beautiful writing and drawing. For following the rules when playing maths games and for helping your partner.
1/2A	<i>Bailey C.</i> <i>Sophia G.</i>	For listening to feedback and making his writing great. For always using her author's voice. Well done, Sophia.
1/2B	<i>Vaiana M.</i> <i>Lucas K.</i>	For always showing kindness towards others. For writing an interesting recount about his visit to the cinema.
3/4A	<i>Nina L.</i> <i>Lyteasha M.</i>	For always displaying a caring attitude towards her peers. Well done! For always showing a high level of respect to her peers. Well done!
3/4B	<i>Callan T.</i> <i>DJ. Z.</i>	For always helping me as my 'second teacher' in maths. For coming to school on time -it's great to have you at school!
3/4C	<i>Storme D.</i> <i>Wynd C.</i>	For excellent work with his partner on figuring out angles. For excellent partner work on angles.
5/6A	<i>Geatana S.</i> <i>Aashna S.</i>	For always putting in 100% effort. Well done! For demonstrating learning growth in PAT.

5/6B	<i>Tíger C.</i> <i>Timothy B.</i>	For linking multiple strategies to discuss foreshadowing when reading. For showing great skills and understanding during our unit on geometry.
Physical Education	<i>Amar B. 5/6B</i> <i>Ayla S. 1/2A</i>	For being a great leader and for always putting in his best effort! For being a kind and inclusive classmate.
Performing Arts	<i>Katie S. 1/2A</i> <i>Elena M. PRA</i> <i>An D. 1/2B</i> <i>Anna A. 1/2A</i>	For always trying her best and working hard in the Performing Arts. Well done, Katie! For being a fantastic contributor to our Performing Arts classes. Awesome job Elena! For being an excellent classmate and always willing to help! Well done! For always being kind and caring in Performing Arts. Well done!
STEAM	<i>Sandra T. 3/4B</i> <i>Jessica T. 3/4B</i>	For always have a positive attitude. For always thinking of others.



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

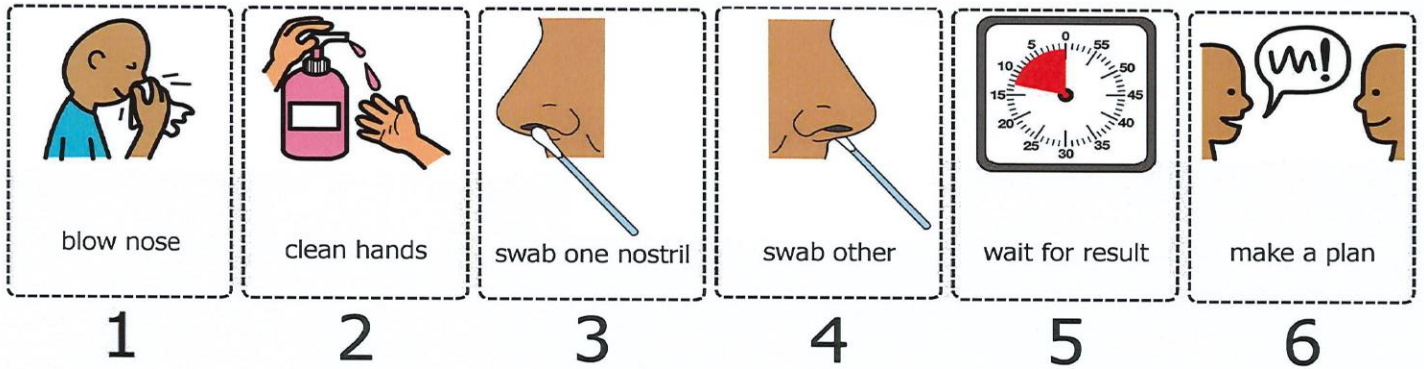
Skip
4 days a week
Miss 10 Years

Skip
5 days a week
Miss 12 Years



Rapid Antigen Test

Using a Nasal Swab test



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

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



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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.

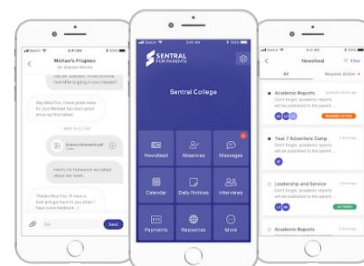
Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

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

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Just return your completed form to one of our libraries.

Family Name:

Child 1: Given Name: Date of Birth:/...../.....

Child 2: Given Name: Date of Birth:/...../.....

Child 3: Given Name: Date of Birth:/...../.....

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Languages read:

Guardian name:

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Sydenham	1 Station Street, Taylors Lakes	9249 4680



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Beanstack for the Big Summer Read

3 Borrow & start reading!
Discover our school holiday activities

4 Return your reading log to a Brimbank
Library or online with our Beanstack app

5 Keep reading to win!
Winners announced in feb



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Borrow
Box.
Libraries
Change Lives

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know our collection!

We have a fantastic range of resources to inspire and encourage young readers!



VOX Books

VOX Books combine stories and audio recordings to capture children's attention and make reading fun.



Comics

Comics help introduce children to the concepts of character development, humour, irony, and extend their vocabulary.



Audiobooks

Audiobooks are a great way to extend your child's vocabulary while also introducing them to fluent reading.



Novels

Discover new worlds with our range of children's chapter novels. Our books support all reading levels, from beginners to advance.



Books in other languages

We have books in 16 languages share your culture with your child.



Beginner Readers

Beginner Readers help to establish confidence and independent reading habits with simple, fun stories and limited pages.



Picture Books

Picture books for young readers are the building blocks of reading! They spark curiosity while increasing vocabulary.



Digital Collection

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