

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](http://www.monmia.vic.edu.au) Phone: 03 9364 1007



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Learn and Achieve -

## MONMIA MESSENGER



Dear Monmia Families,

*Dear Monmia Families,*

### **GREAT MOMENTS IN THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2022**

- ❖ Thank you to our families who have helped keep everyone safe at Monmia.
- ❖ Thank you to our current school leaders for 2022 for having demonstrated exemplary leadership skills throughout this year. We wish them all the best as they commence their secondary education. Thank you **School Captains: Cameron and Diellza** and **Vice School Captains: Yash and Megan**. They were amazing EMCEEs for the Year 6 Graduation.
- ❖ The School Council has been a wonderful group of volunteers dedicated to help make our school the exceptional school that it is. Thank you to **Amanda Deakin** who as the School Council President has led this decision-making body so well. Thank you to **Keen Chan** for his efforts and time as Treasurer of the Finance Subcommittee and **Renee Tonacia** for her contributions to finance as well. Thank you to **Briany Kalms** for assisting with the School Review process. Thank you to all the **school councillors** for all their efforts this year.
- ❖ Congratulations to all the teachers for the time and concentration they have spent in writing comprehensive Student Reports. We know you will read them and celebrate your children's achievements.
- ❖ We have an amazing group of Education Support Staff who work tirelessly, and they always have a smile. Thank you to Anja, Daniela, Leanne and Sitwat for all the work they have done this week to complete all end of year procedures and set up the school for a smooth start to 2023.
- ❖ Congratulations to all the students for their honest and well written comments about the successes with their goals and where they wanted to go next in their learning. If we can give some advice to

parents/guardians, it would be to start with reading the student reflection. They are so personal and a real cause of celebration.

- ❖ Year 6 Graduation has been a wonderful celebration for our senior students on Thursday night last week. These incredibly talented **Monmia Graduates** gave wonderful speeches, shared their memories, gave remarkable performances and entertained us all. Their proud parents/guardians celebrated their achievements with them, capturing moments of joy and success. The Year 5/6 teachers **Lisa Tate, Bianca Lonigro and Merryn Auld** are to be commended for their organization and careful preparations for a memorable event. Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022!
- ❖ Congratulations to our new **School Leaders for 2023. School Captains: Phoenix and Nicholas** and **Vice School Captains: Pepper and Jacob.**

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

I would like to extend my appreciation to the sponsors who provided named Year 6 Graduates with awards on their special evening:

- ❖ Ray White Taylors Lakes
- ❖ Lions Club Taylors Lakes
- ❖ Keilor East RSL
- ❖ Taylors Lakes Secondary College
- ❖ Keilor Downs Secondary College
- ❖ Family and Friends
- ❖ School Council
- ❖ Specialists

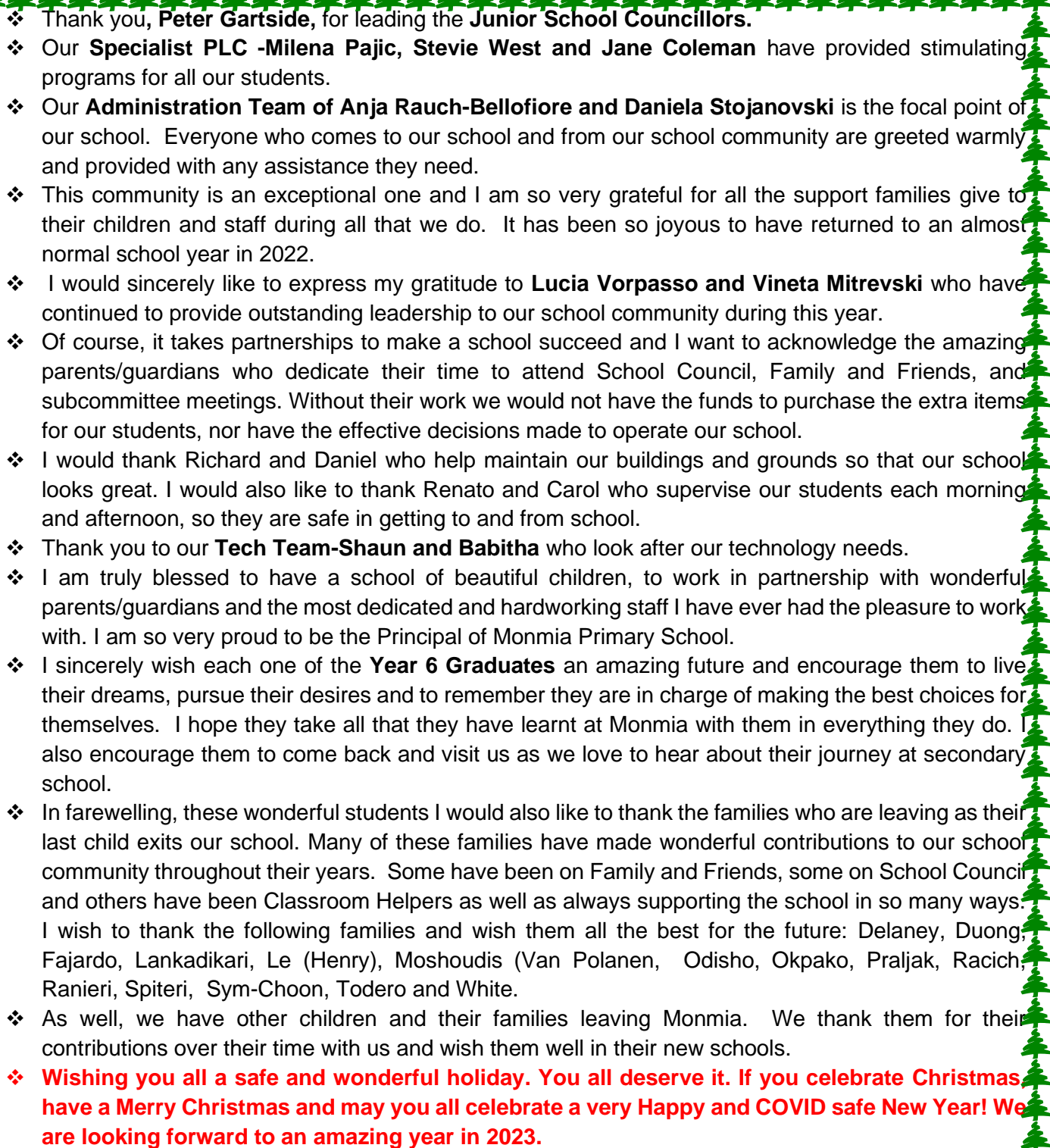
## 2023 SCHOOL ORGANISATION & STRUCTURE

On behalf of the school community, we wish to thank the following staff who will be leaving Monmia this year for their contributions to our school. We wish them all the best for their future.

- ❖ Congratulations to **Kate Belovitch** for her appointment to Thornhill Primary School. We wish Kate all the best for her next year. Kate started at Monmia as a graduate teacher and we are so proud of her achievements here and know she will have great success at her new school.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Peter Gartside** for his success at gaining an ongoing position at University Park PS.
- ❖ The school structure for 2023 will be published in the new year as we are finalising one of our positions.

## WITH GRATITUDE

- ❖ Every year I reflect on how fortunate I am to be the Educational Leader of such an incredible community. When I am asked about my work, I share that I am blessed to have a school of beautiful children, working in partnership with wonderful parents/guardians and the most dedicated and hardworking staff I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Words are easy to say however I want everyone to know how proud I am and the depth of my feelings for each member of this community. This is so true especially as we returned to a full year of being back onsite at Monmia.
- ❖ As co-leaders, the **Teaching and Learning Leaders-Kathryn Buttigieg, Lisa Tate and Jane Coleman** must be acknowledged for the leadership of their PLC where they and their colleagues place the children first when planning the curriculum. I am convinced that there are no other teachers who are as dedicated as Monmia teachers. We acknowledge our **Education Support Staff-Leanne Anderson and Sitwat Jaffri** who develop such caring relationships with the children they work with every day. We were fortunate to have **Mandy Peters** as the **Literacy Tutor** to support children in their literacy.
- ❖ The **Instructional Leaders-Natalija Caridi, Merryn Auld and Kate Belovitch** were instrumental in assisting with the School Review Process.
- ❖ Thank you to **Karen Slatterie and Cathy Swanson** for providing 1/2A students with great learning and developing students as independent learners.
- ❖ Thank you to **Bianca Lonigro** for organising a successful **Multicultural Lunch**.
- ❖ Thank you to **Regina Koen** for making sure we are all safe in our school environment as the **Health and Safety Representative**.

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- ❖ Thank you, **Peter Gartside**, for leading the **Junior School Councillors**.
  - ❖ Our **Specialist PLC -Milena Pajic, Stevie West and Jane Coleman** have provided stimulating programs for all our students.
  - ❖ Our **Administration Team of Anja Rauch-Bellofiore and Daniela Stojanovski** is the focal point of our school. Everyone who comes to our school and from our school community are greeted warmly and provided with any assistance they need.
  - ❖ This community is an exceptional one and I am so very grateful for all the support families give to their children and staff during all that we do. It has been so joyous to have returned to an almost normal school year in 2022.
  - ❖ I would sincerely like to express my gratitude to **Lucia Vorpasso and Vineta Mitrevski** who have continued to provide outstanding leadership to our school community during this year.
  - ❖ Of course, it takes partnerships to make a school succeed and I want to acknowledge the amazing parents/guardians who dedicate their time to attend School Council, Family and Friends, and subcommittee meetings. Without their work we would not have the funds to purchase the extra items for our students, nor have the effective decisions made to operate our school.
  - ❖ I would thank Richard and Daniel who help maintain our buildings and grounds so that our school looks great. I would also like to thank Renato and Carol who supervise our students each morning and afternoon, so they are safe in getting to and from school.
  - ❖ Thank you to our **Tech Team-Shaun and Babitha** who look after our technology needs.
  - ❖ I am truly blessed to have a school of beautiful children, to work in partnership with wonderful parents/guardians and the most dedicated and hardworking staff I have ever had the pleasure to work with. I am so very proud to be the Principal of Monmia Primary School.
  - ❖ I sincerely wish each one of the **Year 6 Graduates** an amazing future and encourage them to live their dreams, pursue their desires and to remember they are in charge of making the best choices for themselves. I hope they take all that they have learnt at Monmia with them in everything they do. I also encourage them to come back and visit us as we love to hear about their journey at secondary school.
  - ❖ In farewelling, these wonderful students I would also like to thank the families who are leaving as their last child exits our school. Many of these families have made wonderful contributions to our school community throughout their years. Some have been on Family and Friends, some on School Council and others have been Classroom Helpers as well as always supporting the school in so many ways. I wish to thank the following families and wish them all the best for the future: Delaney, Duong, Fajardo, Lankadikari, Le (Henry), Moshoudis (Van Polanen, Odisho, Okpako, Praljak, Racich, Ranieri, Spiteri, Sym-Choon, Todero and White.
  - ❖ As well, we have other children and their families leaving Monmia. We thank them for their contributions over their time with us and wish them well in their new schools.
  - ❖ **Wishing you all a safe and wonderful holiday. You all deserve it. If you celebrate Christmas, have a Merry Christmas and may you all celebrate a very Happy and COVID safe New Year! We are looking forward to an amazing year in 2023.**

*Warm Regards,*

*Lorraine Bell*

Principal

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

## TERM 4

- **Tuesday 20 December** - Last day of term 4, dismissal 1.30pm
- Online Orders for Book Packs must be placed.

## 2023 Dates

- **Friday January 27** – Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- **Book Pack Day**
- **Monday January 30** Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
- **Tuesday January 31** – Term 1 Resumes

**Year 1-6 Students start at 9.00 am**

**Year Prep Students start at 10.00 am**

- **Tuesday February 21** – TRIPLE THE FUN!!!!!!

**Annual BE YOU Twilight Getting to know you Picnic 5.00 – 7.00 pm**

**Family and Friends School COLOUR Fun Run – Crazy Colour Day**

**Prep – 2 Colour Fun Run 6.00 pm – 6.20 pm**

**3-6 Colour Fun Run 6.25 pm – 6.45 pm**

**Presentation of the badges for the Student Leaders 5.45 pm 6.00 pm**

- **Tuesday May 23** – School Photo Day

### Term Dates

#### Term 2-

**Monday April 24** – Student resume

**Friday June 23** – Last day of Term 2

Student Finish at 2.30 pm

#### Term 3 –

**Monday July 10** – Students resume

**Friday September 15** – Last day of Term 3

Student Finish at 2.30 pm

#### Term 4-

**Monday October 2** – Student resume

**Wednesday December 20** – Last day of Term 4

Students finish at 1.30 pm



EVERY  
DAY  
COUNTS

IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY

**Congratulations to the following 28 students who achieved a 100% attendance record for Term 4 2022!**

**YEAR PREP STUDENTS**

Melika D PRA	Aylin H PRA	Marah I PRA	Ayla S PRA	
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**YEAR 1/2 STUDENTS**

Wave C 1/2A	Mia L 1/2A	Dillon S 1/2B	Lindsey E 1/2B	Kayden S 1/2A
Stephanie T 1/2A	Anson T 1/2A			

**YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS**

Aurora P 3/4C	Diaz S 3/4C	Cyrine E 3/4A	Lucas P 3/4B	Aliyah R 3/4A
Jessica T 3/4B				

**YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS**

Vlad B 5/6B	Phoenix D 5/6B	Anna L 5/6A	Jacob L 5/6B	Jayla R 5/6A
Alina R 5/6A	Dion S 5/6A	Damon S 5/6A	Elma O 5/6A	Trina O 5/6A
Diellza S 5/6B				

*Congratulations to the many students who received a 100% attendance record in Term 4.*

Warm Regards,

*Lucia Vorpasse*

Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing

# FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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**THANKYOU!**

A big thank you for all your donations and support and special thanks to the Daley family, Craig family, Todero family, Carol (our crossing supervisor) and families who dropped off their very generous donations to the office.

We would like to thank our helpers who have helped with the hamper wrapping and distribution – Talithia Diessel, Nicole Daley, Emma Lechevallier, Angelina Borg, Karli Bebbington and Radiance Chan.



## **Second Hand Uniform Donations**

The [Monmia Uniform Donation box](#)

outside the school gate (*weather permitting*) from 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 9am – 3pm. If you have any uniforms no longer in used, you can drop them off in the box.

**THANK YOU!**



*Thank You for your Support!!*

Family & Friends would like to thank our Monmia families for your tremendous support and encouragement throughout 2022. As a result of all your support towards all the events organised this year, we managed to raise a total of **\$10, 379.56** in 2022!

We would like wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! See you in 2023!