

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



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MONMIA MESSENGER*Merry Christmas*

Dear Monmia Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, amidst the anticipation of the upcoming holidays, it is with a heavy heart that I share some sad news within our Monmia community. Recently, we have learned of the passing of Jane Coleman's father. During this difficult time, our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to Jane and her family as they navigate through this loss.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST FORTNIGHT

- Swimming, Swimming and more swimming! This has been such a successful program for Foundation to Year 4s. The children love it and are so excited. Thank you to Cathy Swanson for organizing this for our students. Thank you to our staff who attended the swimming sessions. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers who helped students to get ready for their return to school.
- Foundation to Year 1/2 Fun Friday highly successful with plenty of fun activities for these young students to do. Thank you to Natalija Caridi, April Feng, Chrysanthi Demetriou, Chris Muscat for their organization and planning.
- Lucia Vorpasso, Vineta Mitrevski and I had another preview of the administration block. It is really taking shape and will be such a magnificent entrance for our school community. We cannot wait until it is all completed.

EARLY AND LATE ARRIVALS

School Office hours have changed. They are from 8:30am until 4:30pm.

Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:45 am. Learning spaces are open at this time and students can prepare themselves to start the day with the morning routine. Students should not be at school before 8:45 am. The school gate on Willys Avenue is temporarily the front gate to the school, allowing

parents/guardians to access the student administrator and or the school business manager and allows for early deliveries of goods. Teaching staff and Principal Class are not required by the Education Department to be in attendance prior to 8:30 am. **Office staff are not permitted to supervise children.**

We understand that parents/guardians need to go to work and we provide the Camp Australia program for families to access. This is a user pay service and they have Before School and After School Programs available to families. Please contact the school should you require further information about Camp Australia. Please note your child/children will not be supervised before 8:45 am if they are dropped off at school. It is unsafe to have your child/children stand outside the school gate.

The same is true for after school. Please arrange for your children to be picked up on time or access the Camp Australia service. **Office staff are not permitted to supervise children.**

Please help us to keep your child/children safe.

END OF TERM AND CURRICULUM DAY

Students will finish the year on Tuesday 19 December at 1:30pm. We ask that children are picked up on time as the office will be closed for planning and organisation for 2024.

Wednesday 20 December is a Curriculum Day for staff planning and preparation for 2024. There will be no students at school on this day.

Warm Regards

Lorraine Bell

Principal

SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2024

School planning for 2024 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 attached 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 2024. Please spread the word with your friends and family if they too have a school age child ready to commence in 2024. Parents/Guardians can contact the office for an appointment to collect an enrolment form or a soft copy can be emailed to you.

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

Planning for 2024 School Year is now underway.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Year Level in 2023: _____

New School in 2024: _____

Reason for transfer: _____

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 4	2024
<p>Wednesday 13 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Hamper Raffle <p>Monday 18 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Graduation @ 4.30pm (New STEAM Collaborative Learning Space) <p>Friday 15 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to order Book Packs Late orders will incur a late fee of \$15. School Helpers Morning Tea @ 11.00am – 11.30am in the staffroom. <p>Tuesday 19 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Term – Students Finish @ 1.30pm. <p>Wednesday 20 December – Curriculum Day (No students).</p>	<p>Monday 29 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day – Student Free Day Book Pack Collection Day <p>Tuesday 30 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Day – Student Free Day <p>Wednesday 31 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1-6 Students start at 9.00am Foundation Students start at 10.00am <p>Tuesday 27 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour Fun Run / Be You Twilight Getting to know you Picnic. <p>Tuesday 27 February – 29 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Education Program (Healthy Harold) Years F-6 <p>Monday 11 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day – Public Holiday <p>Thursday 28 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1 – Students finish at 2.30pm <p>2024 Term Dates</p> <p>Term 2</p> <p>Monday 15 April – Students Resume Friday 28 June – Last day of Term 2 Student Finish at 2.30pm</p> <p>Term 3</p> <p>Monday 15 July - Students Resume Friday 20 September - Last day of Term 3 Students Finish at 2.30pm</p> <p>Term 4</p> <p>Monday 7 October – Students Resume Friday 20 December – Last Day of Term 4 Students finish at 1.30pm</p>





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How to online order with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many thanks for supporting Monmia PS with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2024. Packs will be delivered to the school for collection.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35 or if you need help ordering please contact the office.

Please note:

Orders must be placed by Friday 15th of December 2023 to ensure delivery is on time, ready for collection from the school.

Any orders after this date will incur a late order processing fee of \$15.

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

To order your Backpack:

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 students' 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

Thank you,

Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd



RESILIENCE
RIGHTS &
RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS



The Royal Children's
Hospital Melbourne

CASEA PROGRAM

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

THE SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING SKILL FOR THIS WEEK IS FROM THE:

[v] BOUNCEBACK PROGRAM

[] RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM

[] RCH CASEA PROGRAM

THE SCHOOL-WIDE FOCUS IS: SHOWING GRATITUDE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In positive psychology research, gratitude is **strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness**. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, appreciate good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. The benefits of practicing gratitude are nearly endless.

People who regularly practice gratitude by taking time to notice and reflect upon the things they're thankful for like having somewhere to live, food to eat, fresh water to drink, having a family and even having access to technology. When you have an attitude to for Gratitude you experience **more positive emotions**, feel more alive, sleep better, express more compassion and kindness, and even have stronger immune systems.

When we are grateful we can appreciate and celebrate the accomplishments of others. A grateful child exhibits these actions and attitudes which lead to improved self-esteem overall. For many people gratitude is expressed, verbally by saying "**thank you**, You mean a lot to me or I feel so loved by you," These phrases of emotive gratitude is likely to mean more than a gift would. For others, gratitude is shown by scheduling quality time together, planning a day together or writing a thank you note to say you are grateful.



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

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



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THE SCHOOL-WIDE FOCUS IS: BIG MESSAGES FOR 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For the final weeks of the year we would like to review the big messages from the BounceBack Wellbeing and Resilience Program, Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships and from the CASEA Programs.

Do you know what the BounceBack acronym stands for?

The BounceBack acronym describes the strategies and helpful thinking that we can use when something goes wrong in our lives that cause us to feel sad, frustrated or scared. It is very important to trust yourself to BounceBack and to help others to BounceBack as well.

Bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

Nobody is perfect, not you and not others.

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances.

Accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.

Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

I hope you found this article interesting and I look forward to any feedback you have. Sending you all the best of wishes for a safe festive season and a happy and healthy 2024.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing





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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY

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 Vorpasso Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing



EVERY DAY COUNTS





STEP UP DAY A DAY IN THE LIFE...



Dear Parents and Guardians,

In preparing a smooth transition from one year level to the next, the school organises STEP UP SESSIONS where students spend time with different groups of students in the learning space area they will be in the following year.

This Year we are going to trial a new idea successful in other schools. We are planning to have a whole day where students spend time experiencing what it is like to spend the whole day in the year level and learning space they will be in 2024.

The date selected for this exciting experience is TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER.

During the day, students will participate in wellbeing games and learning opportunities that focus on cooperation, team building and making new friends. Students will be told which student has been selected as their learning buddy, from the list composed by each student.

On Tuesday 19 December, your child will meet his/her teacher and classmates in their learning space for 2024.

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

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



School Helpers Morning Tea



Thank you for all your help and support within our school this year. As a gesture of our appreciation, we would like to invite you to a special morning tea.

**When: Friday 15 December
Time: 11.00 am – 11.30am
Where: Monmia P.S Staffroom**

Remember to sign in through the office.

FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



2nd Hand School Uniform Shop

If your child needs more school apparel, please remember that you can contact the school office to purchase second hand uniforms:

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



FRIDAYS!!!

Thank you for all your support!
ONLY 2 FRIDAYS TO GO!
DON'T MISS OUT!

Note: Each student is only allowed to purchase a **MAXIMUM of 2** Zooper Doopers.

Thank you to our helpers – **Angelina, Heidi, Kristie, Shai, Kylie, Tya, Nicole, Karli, Tal, Emma and Radiance**. Parents are welcome to help at the stall!
(1.15pm – 2.30pm)



Second Hand Uniform Donations

If you have any uniforms no longer in used, you can drop them off in the **Monmia Uniform Donation box** outside of the school office.

THANK YOU!



Coming Next

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER
RAFFLE Out of Uniform Day
13TH DECEMBER**



**BE part of the Monmia
Family & Friends team!**

It is **FREE** to join!

You will be in the loop of all the fundraising news and events organised by Family & Friends. It is also a great way to get to know families and form great friendship within our Monmia community.

Membership forms are available at the school office.



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Australian Government
Department of Health

'BE YOU TWILIGHT GETTING TO KNOW YOU PICNIC'

SAVE THE DATE

Dear Monmia Families,

*Monmia is proud to be a 'BE YOU' school. In bringing the community together to celebrate the start of the 2024 school year, we are having the annual **'BE YOU TWILIGHT GETTING TO KNOW YOU PICNIC'**. An invitation is extended to all Monmia families to attend the picnic to meet the staff and other families in a friendly and relaxed way.*

Please put the date in your diary and come along and join in the fun.

DATE: TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

We hope that you and your family will be able to join the rest of the Monmia Primary School Community for a fun family night.

Kind Regards

Lucia Vorpasso

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal





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MONMIA'S ANNUAL COLOUR FUNRUN TWILIGHT PICNIC

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the Monmia's Colour Funrun Twilight Picnic as a major fundraising on Tuesday, 27th February 2024! We're doing it to raise much needed money for playground upgrades to our school.

About the Day

Monmia's Annual Colour Funrun Twilight Picnic is a highlight of our year. Not only do you get to meet our amazing staff, but our children get to make a colourful mess. It is one of the most exciting days on our school's fundraising calendar.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

All fundraising is done on an online platform. Fundraising opens when school starts in 2024. We will supply all the details including the website and how to setup your child's in later correspondence.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than door knocking and you don't have to worry about handling money!

Getting Involved

Not only can you support Monmia and it's students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the our exciting twilight picnic. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on the details below.

I can't wait to see you at our event!

Tal - President Family and Friends
talithiadiessel@gmail.com

STUDENT AWARDS



PRA	<i>Mya A.</i> <i>Shamish S.</i>	For your self confidence when you talk to your classmates and work with other students. For your courage at swimming lessons. You are trying new things and listening to the swim teacher.
PRB	<i>Aleena R.</i> <i>Alliyah B.</i>	For an excellent labelled diagram of her penguin. For working hard on her writing.
1/2A	<i>Wave C.</i> <i>Ayisha R.</i>	For putting a high standard into her learning tasks. For putting a high standard into her learning tasks.
1/2B	<i>An D.</i> <i>Elena M.</i>	For always being helpful and kind to others. For always working hard and with a smile.
3/4A	<i>Díaz S.</i> <i>Anshul K.</i>	For continually striving to do better. You have a great attitude Diaz! Being organised in the morning to complete his morning routine activities.
3/4B	<i>Anna A.</i> <i>Ayla S.</i>	For being courageous in the swimming pool and putting in her best effort. For showing great bravery in swimming when she jumped in the deep end.

3/4C	<i>Brook L.</i> <i>George T.</i>	For trying her best during swimming lessons. For giving
5/6A	<i>Lene V.</i> <i>Teona Z.</i>	For being brave and stepping up to read student awards. For her efforts and arguments in her debate: "video games are harmful to children".
5/6B	<i>Vlad B.</i> <i>Mariah K.</i>	For always using his best effort in everything you do. For a mature and well thought out student comment for your report.
Physical Education	<i>Lukas C.</i> <i>Janina T.</i>	For your amazing catching and throwing during our dodgeball game. Well done! For working hard in every P.E. session this year. Well done!
Japanese	<i>5/6B</i> <i>Madelene C.</i> <i>Sarah N.</i> <i>Lydia P</i>	For a fantastic year's work! For consistently excellent effort and creativity in Japanese! For consistently excellent effort and creativity in Japanese! For consistently excellent effort and creativity in Japanese!
Performing / Visual Arts	<i>Tommy F.</i> <i>Alicia L.</i>	For working really hard on his artwork this week. Keep it up! For creating an amazing artwork this week. Well done!
STEM	<i>Leon C.</i> <i>Xavier B.</i>	For your focused work in STEM when creating a digital story. For your focused work in STEM when creating a digital story.

