

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,

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE LAST FORTNIGHT

- Thank you to the Daley family for donating more books for our library.
- Thank you, Family and Friends, for raising \$5,284 from the Colour Fun Run.
- Congratulations Victoria for being the highest fundraiser for our school with \$430.
- Congratulations to 3/4B for being the highest fundraising class with \$950!
- Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 5 students for completing NAPLAN Reading and Writing. We are proud of you for putting in your best effort.

INTRODUCING OUR 2023 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PART 2)

3/4 PLC Jane Coleman, Regina Koen & Bethany Buijs



ESS Sam Fisher, Leanne Anderson & Sitwat Jaffri



Administration Staff

Heidi Bridger & Daniela Stojanovski



Volunteers

Teresa, Michelline & Chrysanthi



SPECIALISTS CURRICULUM SUPPORT

Japanese
Tristram Jones



Visual & Performing Arts
Milena Pajic



Physical Education
Stevie West



MONMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

School Council nominations closed on Monday 6 March. Congratulations to Pragya Srivastava, Briany Kalms and Sabah Abdulwahab who have successfully nominated and been accepted as school councillors for 2023. **We still have one vacancy left in the Community member category. We need to have a full complement of members on the school council. WE NEED YOU-PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**

School Council meetings are held once a month and will be on Webex. Nomination forms are available from the office. You can nominate a parent from the school or self-nominate. **The first meeting as the 2023 School Council will be held on Tuesday 4 April at 6pm and will be on Webex. Office bearers will be elected at this first meeting**

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack school bags the night before
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

PLEASE HELP US

Our school policy reads that students are required to bring a water bottle to school filled with water to keep themselves hydrated during the school day. We also ask that children bring pieces of fruit or vegetables for Fruit Break which is taken at 10am. Some children have been bringing PRIME drinks or PRIME bottles filled with water. These drinks are **NOT RECOMMENDED** for children **UNDER THE AGE OF 18**.

Prime energy contains 200mg of caffeine. These drinks or other energy drinks which include caffeine are not healthy for children.

Please do not send these **PRIME** drinks to school and we ask that the bottles are also not sent to school. Some children are using these as a status symbol and are even trading these bottles. If we see them at school staff will take the bottles, contact family members and return the drink or bottle to a responsible adult. Thank you for your help in trying to keep all our students healthy.

Warm Regards,



Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 1	TERM 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wednesday March 15 – 27- Naplan Year 3 and Year 5▪ Monday March 27 – Bookings Close at 4 .00 pm for the Meet, Share Celebrate Conversations.▪ Tuesday March 28 – Meet, Share Celebrate Conversations 2.30 pm – 7.00pm▪ Thursday March 30 – Out of uniform Day (Bring an item for the Easter Hampers)▪ Tuesday April 4 – 6- Life Education Van▪ Thursday April 6 – Last Day of Term (Early Finish at 2.30 pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monday April 24 – Student resume▪ Tuesday May 16- Curriculum Day- Pupil Free (No School)▪ Tuesday May 23 – School Photo Day▪ Friday June 23 – Last day of Term 2 Students (Early Finish at 2.30 pm)

<u>Term Dates</u>	<u>CURRICULUM DAYS- Pupil Free</u>
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 1.30pm	<u>Term 2</u> Tuesday 16 May- Curriculum Day- Pupil Free <u>Term 3</u> Tuesday 1 August - Curriculum Day- Pupil Free

SPOTLIGHT ON BOUNCE BACK!

A WELLBEING AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM

THE FOCUS FOR THIS WEEK IS: *RESPECT FOR YOURSELF*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week I would like to continue with the Core Values that underpin the Bounce Back Wellbeing and Resilience Program.

What is a value?

A value is a belief that you have that is important in your life. A value is a principle or standard that guides your behaviour and choices. Our values form our 'moral map' which we consult every time we have to make a value-based decision or we face a moral dilemma.

It is very important to respect our physical self. Here are some ways we can respect our bodies:

- *make sure we drink lots and lots of fresh water to keep our skin and insides hydrated and healthy and ready for leaning*
- *make sure we have adequate and nutritious food to eat that includes lots of fresh fruit and vegetables*
- *make sure we wear appropriate clothing to protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays which definitely includes wearing a sunhat, sunglasses and applying sunscreen*
- *make sure we have enough rest and sleep every day to keep our batteries charged*
- *include regular exercise in our daily routines*

It is also very important to respect our emotional self. It is crucial to be kind to ourselves and use positive self-talk when thinking and talking about ourselves. People that respect themselves, use positive talk and are more likely to be happy and successful. They can stick up for themselves when necessary and don't have any trouble protecting the lids of their buckets! Respectful people also acknowledge the strengths and achievements of others.

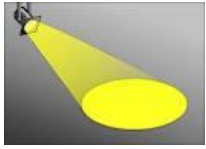
Family Activity

As a family, you might like to discuss, what respect means to you and to identify the ways you all show respect for yourselves and each other.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



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Values that underpin Bounce Back! **RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

*This week I would like to continue with the Core Values that underpin the Bounce Back Wellbeing and Resilience Program. The Core Value that we will look at this week is **RESPECT FOR OTHERS**.*

Respectful people are liked by others. Respecting others' opinions helps group members to get a task done with good will. Everyone has the right to express different ideas without being put-down. If people believe that you will respect what they say and that you will not put them down, they will enjoy being with you and talking to you. They will feel safe around you because they know that you will respect their feelings. If you respect others when they say things you do not agree with, they in turn will respect you when they disagree with you.

Here are some behaviours that demonstrate RESPECTING others

DO

- ☐ *Use a respectful tone of voice.*
- ☐ *Use manners particularly 'please' and 'thank you'.*
- ☐ *Look for the good things that other people do and say them aloud to them...fill their buckets and remember not to dip in their buckets!*
- ☐ *Ask before borrowing something that belongs to other people.*
- ☐ *If you break or lose something, own up to it by apologizing then repairing it or replacing it.*
- ☐ *Listen to other people's point of view and try to understand what they are trying to say and avoid interrupting.*
- ☐ *Maintain the privacy of others and keep private information to yourself.*
- ☐ *Understand that they are SOMEBODY!*

Family Activity

As a family, you might like to make a poster and illustrate all the ways we can show respect for other people.

I hope you find the articles useful and I look forward to any feedback.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasse

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

EVERY DAY COUNTS: *School attendance is important!*

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

Missing school puts them behind. Model the importance of going to school everyday!

Lucia Vorpasso

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 Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing

I am a Bucket Filler


I would like to fill Alyssa, Amanda, Serena, Alysha W's bucket by saying:

Thanks for teaching the 1/2s how to play Volleyball! So kind!

From Miss West

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

☐ Acceptance ☒ Caring ☒ Friendliness ☐ Honesty ☐ Respect

 **Bucket Fillers**

2023 Meet Share Celebrate Conversations.

The parent/guardian/teacher/student conversations will be on **Tuesday 28 March from 2.30pm-7.00pm**. All families will be able to book a 10-minute appointment via Sentral Management System. The meetings will take place at Monmia Primary School in your child's classroom.

Attending this event is a great way to share some important information with your child's teacher for 2023. Every child will have come home with a form for the **3 VERY IMPORTANT POINTS** for you to complete with your child. Please bring the completed form **with you** on **Tuesday 28 March** where you will be able to share and discuss key information with your child's classroom teacher.

Please note that if you **cannot attend the evening, your child's teacher would still require the 3 VERY IMPORTANT POINTS** form to be completed and returned.

To make your booking you must:

- download the Sentral App
- If you do not have the Sentral app, please contact the office to request instructions on how to support you to do this.

If you require an interpreter, please indicate on the Sentral Management System or contact the office by **Tuesday 21 March**.

Bookings will close on Monday 27 March at 4.00 pm.

If you are having any problems booking, contact the office as soon as possible.

Let's work together to support the learning of your child.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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SCHOOL FUN RUN



Highest Fundraising Class - 3/4B

Highest Fundraising Student - Victoria F (1/2B)

THANKYOU!

2nd Hand School Uniform Shop

If your child needs more school apparel, please remember that you can purchase second hand uniforms for a fraction of the price:

Polo tshirts/School dress - \$2

Jackets/jumpers - \$5

Shorts/Pants/Skorts - \$1

School Bag - \$5

Hat - \$1

How? Contact the school office or contact any of the Family & Friends committee members above.



Easter Hamper Donation Out of Uniform Day! 30th March



Japanese (Nihongo) 日本語

Konnichiwa students and families!

We have had an amazing first term in Nihongo with the students learning many new things.

All children from Prep to Grade Six have worked on their writing in Japanese. With three different ways to write this has meant we have been busy! Everyone has worked hard on their hiragana (including the Preps!), while all other year levels have also made a start on writing Kanji - the more complex characters that originally come from China. Upper grades have also looked at how to write their own names in Katakana - the writing system used for loan words from other languages.

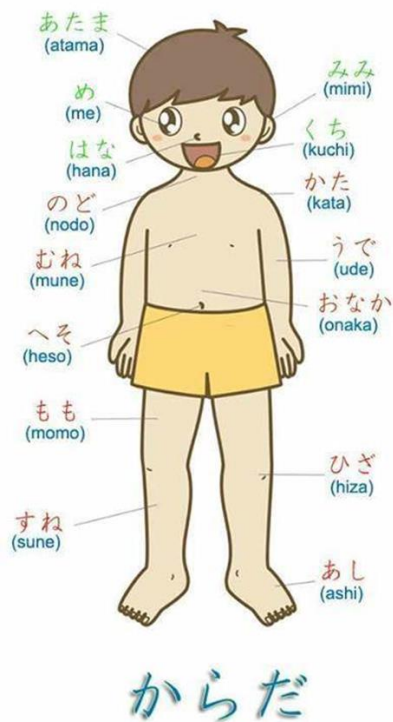
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 MochiMochi - Learn Kanji

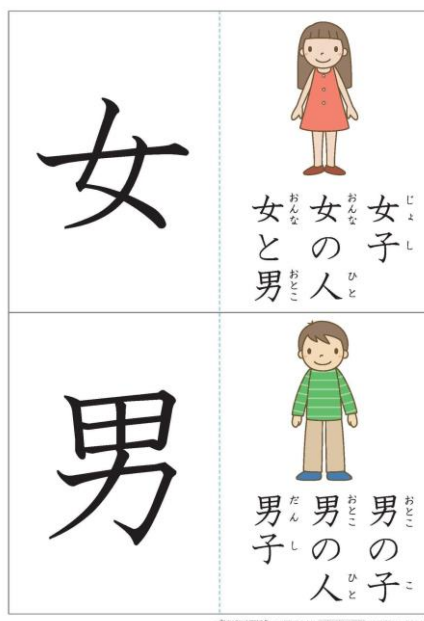


In addition to working on our writing the children have also been working on counting, self-introductions, naming parts of the body and identifying colours.



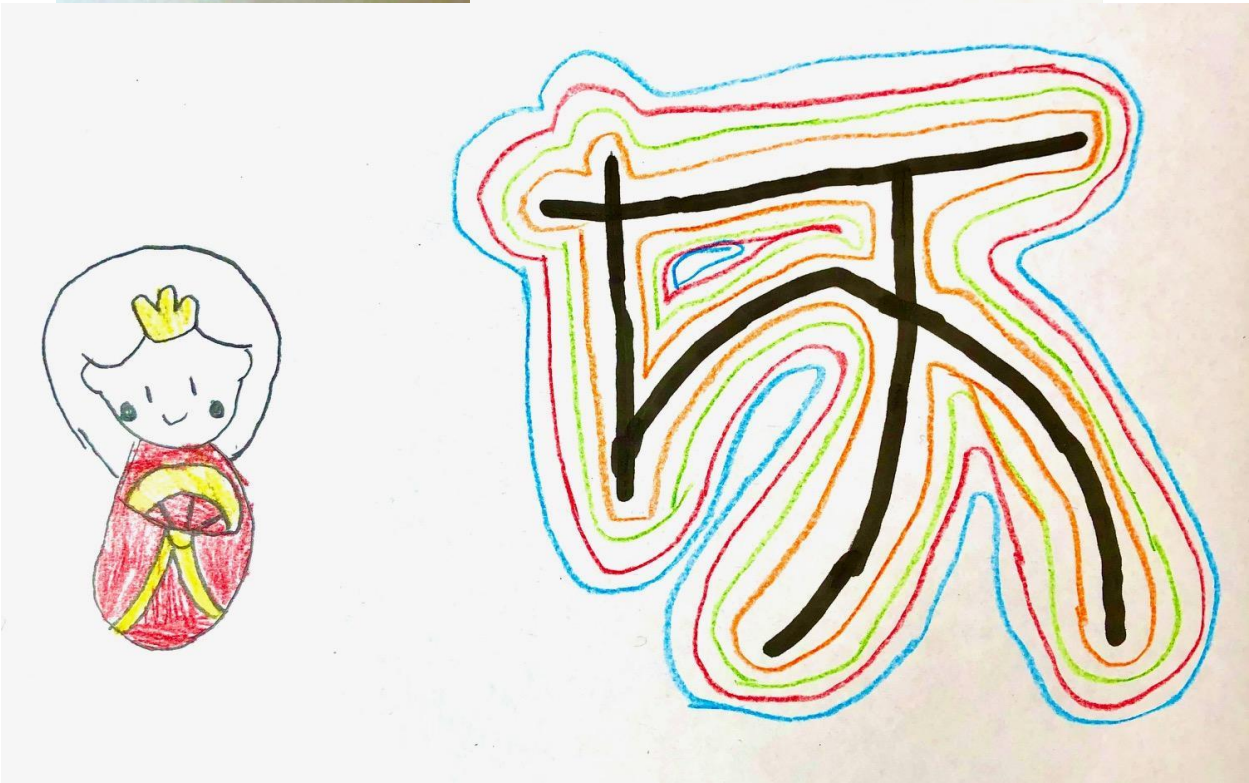


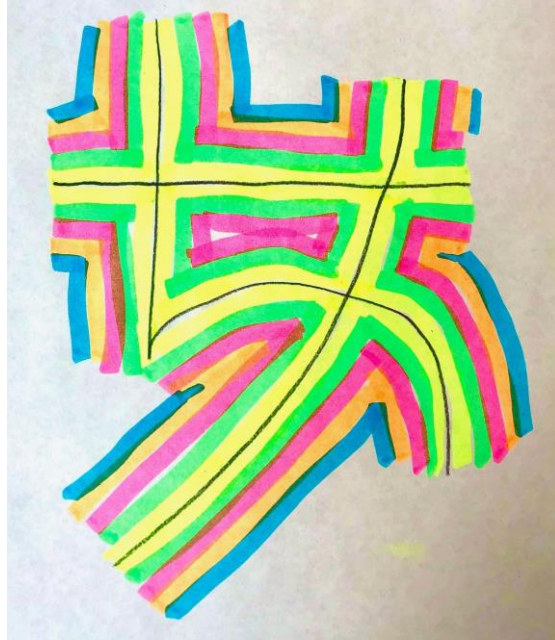
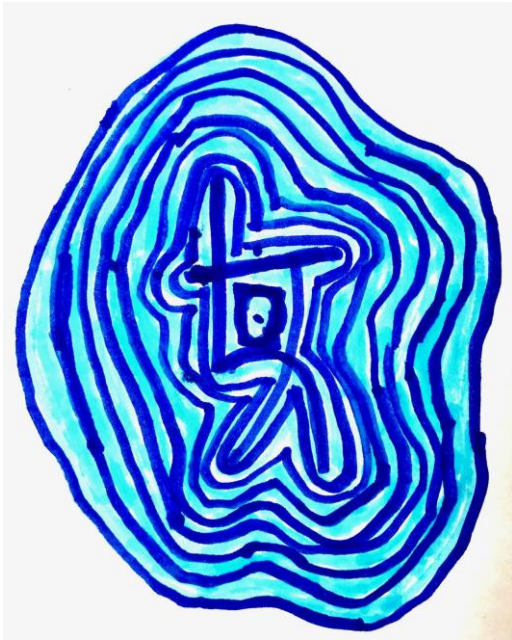
A big part of our work this term has also been to look at traditional icons, events and celebrations in Japan. These have included New Year's (the year of the rabbit), Setsubun, the 'Maneki-neko' and, most recently, Hina Matsuri (Girl's Day) together with International Women's Day.





Grade 5 / 6 Kanji Writing for Women's Day



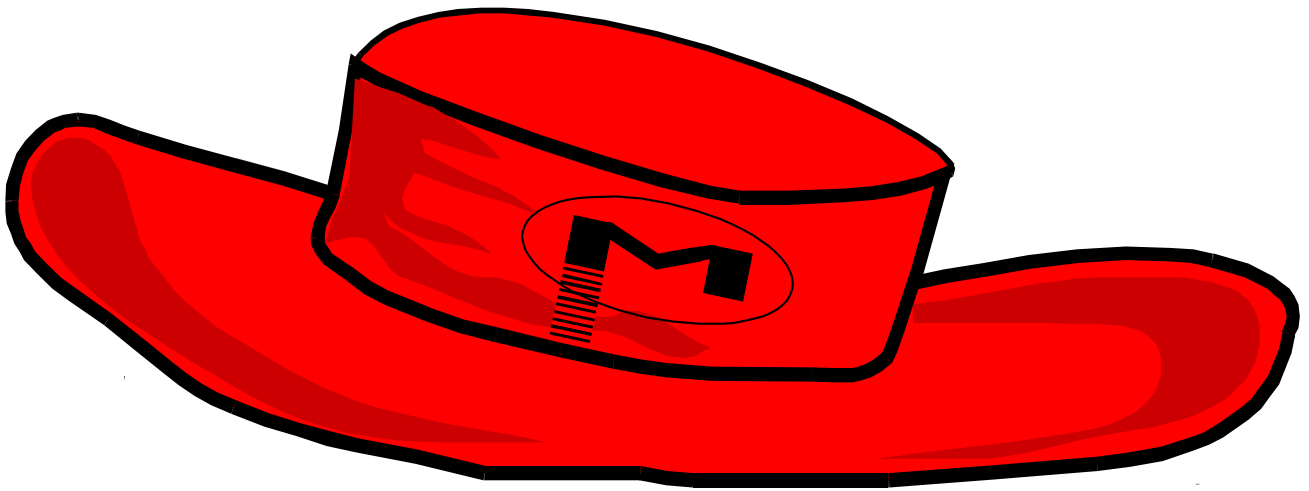


A big thank you to all of the students, staff and community members for making me feel so welcome at Monmia Primary so far this year!

ありがとうございます!

Trist Sensei

NO HAT



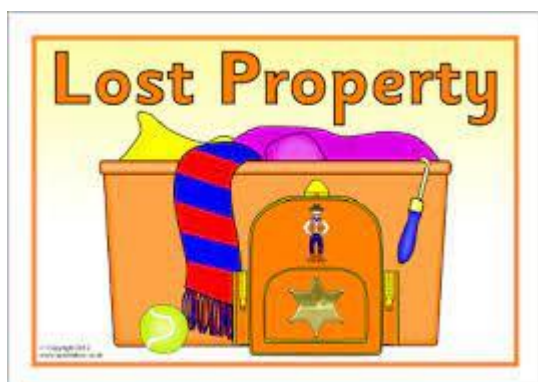
NO PLAY

*Start of September until the
end of April*

Reporting Absences



If your child is absent, please update Sentral, ring the office or send through a message by email so we can update our records. It is important that we have a reason for each absence.



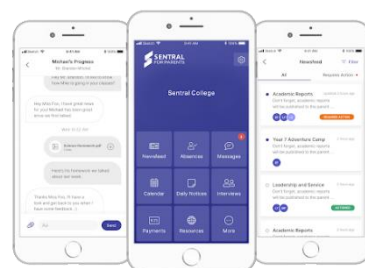
There is quite a lot of uniform in the lost property box. The lost Property box is located in the Gym. The best time to check is either before school starts or afterschool at 3.30 pm.



Empowering parents to track their child's education

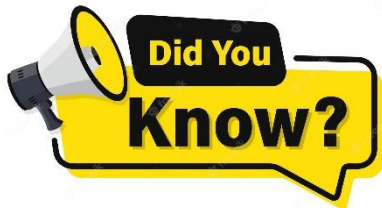
Monmia Primary School uses the platform Sentral to engage with parents. The Sentral for Parents App allows families to:

- 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.

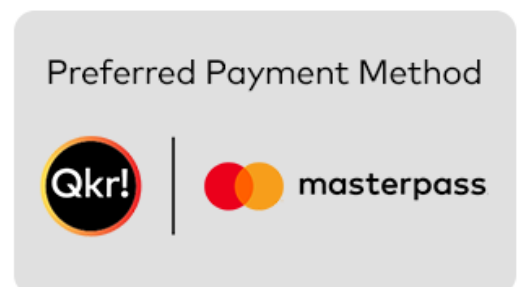


How to Access:

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. If you did not receive, please contact Daniela in the office to provide you with your personal access key.



You can make payments with the QKR! App. An easy and convenient way to pay for Voluntary Contributions, excursions and order uniform.
Contact Daniela and Heidi in the office for instructions.



RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS AVAILABLE

We have RAT tests available for any families that would like some. They can be collected from the front office.



STUDENT AWARDS



PRA	<i>Amelia B.</i> <i>Gabriel L.</i>	For sharing her understandings about the Pig the Pug books with the class. For showing friendliness and caring towards the children in Prep A.
PRB	<i>Sophie K.</i> <i>Aleena R.</i>	For her improved listening and good attempts with her reading, writing and maths. For being a kind, gentle and nice friend to other students.
1/2A	<i>Kayla B.</i> <i>Meharjot B.</i>	For her amazing efforts in reading and writing. Keep up the amazing work. For always being friendly to her classmates and lifting others up.
1/2B	<i>Erofili T.</i> <i>Lucas K.</i>	For her amazing effort in math tasks this week. For doing his best to complete his tasks this week.
3/4A	<i>Vaiana M.</i> <i>Larelle P.</i>	For her great attitude to her learning- Congratulations Vaiana! For making a great start to your learning at Monmia.
3/4B	<i>Sebastían S.</i> <i>Katie S.</i>	For always having a go before asking for help. For making a great effort with her writing.
3/4C	<i>Sahara S.</i> <i>Jack T.</i>	For always sharing in class discussions and showing kindness and friendliness to all. For always being willing to help others in the classroom with their work.
5/6A	<i>Nicholas B.</i>	For presenting an excellent oral presentation to the class.

	<i>Phoenix D.</i>	For writing and presenting an engaging speech.
5/6B	<i>Cassidy D.</i> <i>Jacob L.</i>	For sharing the main idea when exploring texts about myths and legends. For suggesting many different topics when planning for data collection in maths.
Physical Education	<i>Nicholas B.</i> <i>Link C.</i>	For one of the best tennis rallies Monmia has ever seen in P.E. For always following the P.E. rules and instructions with a smile on his face.
Languages -Japanese	<i>Rize M.</i> <i>Muhammad M.</i>	For fantastic work in Japanese! For outstanding writing.
Performing / Visual Arts	<i>Evie N.</i> <i>Link C.</i> <i>Stephanie T.</i> <i>Oscar A.</i>	For trying her best in all tasks and showing enthusiasm while learning in Performing Arts. For being a kind and caring student who is always enthusiastic about learning in Performing Arts. For being kind, polite and always inclusive. Thank you for always trying your best. Working hard and listening carefully in Performing Arts. Keep it up!



Respectful Relationships



SAFE+EQUAL
safeandequal.org.au

Standing strong
against family
violence

**safe
steps** | Family Violence
Response Centre
1800 015 188

queerspace
our health in our hands
<https://www.queerspace.org.au>

**the
orange
door**



www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/e/molovcond/Pages/famviolence.aspx



1800RESPECT
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE
1800 737 732

**MensLine
Australia**
1300 78 99 78



**VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL
HEALTH SERVICE**
Caring for the Community
Fitzroy – 9419 3000
Epping – 8592 3920
Preston – 9403 3300



Essendon Keilor College

28 March 2023



Campus Open Day Tours

**10:00am and
1:30pm** at all
campuses by
appointment

Term 1 Weekly School Tours

College Open Night

6:00pm
Essendon Campus

Please contact the
appropriate campus
to book in a tour.

EAST KEILOR Campus
(Years 7-9)
82 Quinn Grove,
East Keilor VIC 3033
P 8331 0109

NIDDRIE Campus
(Years 7-9)
19 Peters Street,
Airport West VIC 3042
P 9375 8400

ESSENDON Campus
(Years 10-12)
286 Buckley Street,
Essendon VIC 3040
P 9319 1300

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College Tours 2023

ONSITE TOURS: March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th; April 5th & 26th;
May 3rd, 10th & 17th 9:30am - 11:00am
Register at the College on 9390 3130 for details



**LEAP
2024**

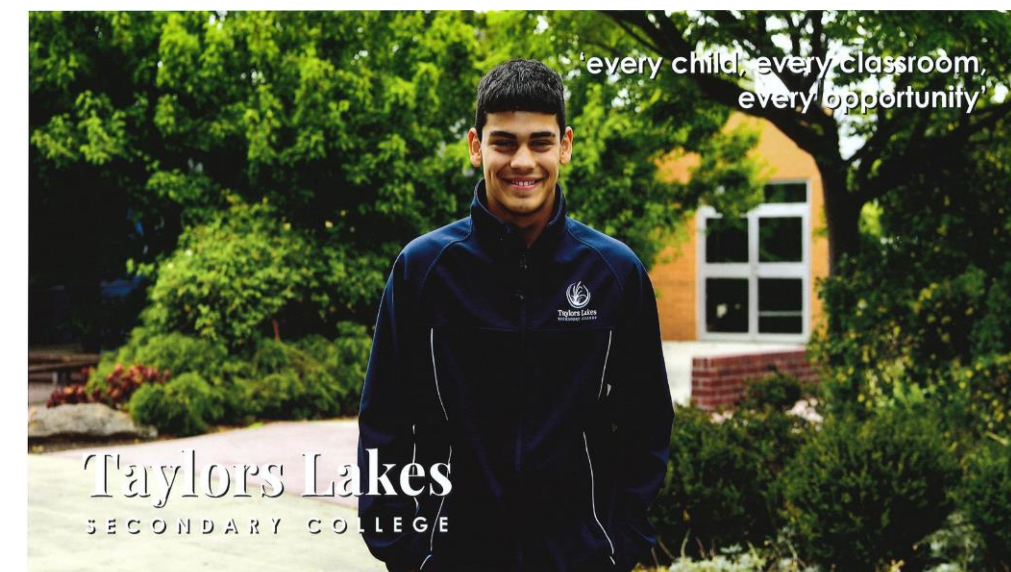
Learning Enhancement & Advancement Program
ensuring the learning of high achievers are met

Taylor's Lakes
SECONDARY COLLEGE

*every child,
every classroom,
every opportunity.*

LEAP Information Evening 2023

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7pm
Register at the College on 9390 3130



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every opportunity*

Taylor's Lakes
SECONDARY COLLEGE

College Discovery Evening 2023

Monday, 1st May 2023 5:30pm - 8:00pm



Taylor's Lakes
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Football Academy Information Evening 2023

(Australian Rules & Soccer)

Tuesday, 4th April 2023 at 6pm
Register at the College on 9390 3130





Copperfield
COLLEGE

Discover Copperfield



Discovery Night 2023

Thursday
23rd March
from 6pm

There is more to Copperfield College than you know

Copperfield is in the top three schools in Brimbank for student outcomes. This exciting event will illustrate why Copperfield has the largest student population in the area.

Learn about:

- Exceptional VCE study scores, particularly in Maths, English (EAL), IT, Economics and Music
- The widest range of subject offerings in the area
- Dedicated literacy and numeracy programs for extension and support
- Outstanding music program
- Comprehensive academic and vocational pathways
- Award winning vocational program
- Student leadership opportunities
- Our safe and orderly learning environment
- Our wrap around service personnel

Registration and tour booking for this evening is highly recommended.

Scan the QR code for registration



Register here
Sydenham



Register here
Kings Park

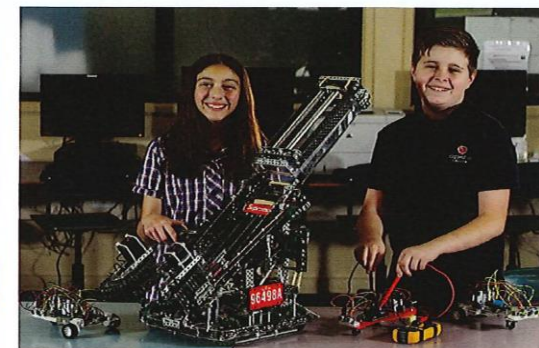
For more information and to register your
attendance scan the QR code or visit

<http://copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au/discoverynight>



Copperfield
COLLEGE

Discover Copperfield



EMPOWERING EVERY STUDENT TO ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

Copperfield's wide range of subject and course offerings provide multiple pathways for students so that every student can achieve success.

We empower students to maximise their options and ensure our staff are applying the most up to date educational research to create a truly aspirational learning environment.

Our two junior campuses at Kings Park and Sydenham for Years 7 – 10 students and our VCE/ VCE VM campus for Years 11 and 12, provide age-appropriate learning environments for all.

In the junior years, small teams of teachers work collaboratively to know, understand, and support the learning needs of each student, thus promoting positive relationships with students, families and carers.

I invite you to our Discovery Night to see why there is more to Copperfield College than you know.

Pip Griffiths - College Principal

<https://copperfieldcollege.vic.edu.au/discoverynight>

DISCOVERY NIGHT

THURSDAY 23rd MARCH
From 6 pm

Delahey Senior Campus

Goldsmith Avenue
Delahey
9307 5555

Sydenham Junior Campus

Community Hub
Sydenham
9361 3888

Kings Park Junior Campus

Kambalda Circuit
Kings Park
9365 4111