

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 what can we say ... Monmia PS never disappoints! We have had an amazing start to Term 2. A warm welcome back to students, staff and families.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST WEEK

- Rejuvenated staff commenced on Monday and shared learning programs with their students.
- Articulate school leaders delivered a whole school moving ANZAC Day speech. Congratulations to Nicholas, Phoenix, Janina and Jacob.
- Efficient Education Support Staff assisted students in their learning spaces.
- Friendly students greeted staff so warmly and told them they missed school.
- Excited and confident Foundation students (formally Prep) arrived back as eager learners.
- Punctual students arriving to school with a smile.
- Settled students engaged in their learning during classroom and specialist sessions.
- Significant progress has been made in the new Foundation Learning Space, STEAM Centre and soccer field. The STEAM Centre now has a roof!
- Commencement of the STEAM Program at Monmia this week with Alina Pung. YEAH!
- Commencement of the new canteen provider Queen Baker with students and staff ordering their delicious lunches.
- Committed Family and Friends preparing for Mother's Day. What a team?
- Reintroduction of the very popular 'Happy Place' during lunchtime.
- Sun smart students and staff wearing their sunhat whilst outdoors during this final week of April.
- Passionate volunteers returning to assist our students with such enthusiasm.
- Smile Squad returning to service all the students with teeth health checks who have parent/guardian consent.
- Detailed PLC Term Overviews emailed to families via Sentral.
- Communication of Year 6 to 7 Transition information emailed to families with children in Year 6.
- Commencement of the virtual Victorian High Ability Program (VHAP) with great success. Congratulations to Storme, Callan and Filip.

NAME CHANGES

1. **The first year of primary school is now called Foundation at a Government Primary School.** This name change is to create consistency at schools across the country. Most Department of Education documents now refer to Prep as the Foundation Year. We are now making the change to using the term 'Foundation' instead of 'Prep' with our language and school documents. In addition, we will be naming the new building 'The Foundation Learning Centre'. The names for the current home groups PRA and PRB will remain the same for 2023. This name change will take some time to feel natural but together we can develop a common language moving forward.
2. For the past many years, we have been implementing the Bounceback Program as our main program to teach students social and emotional learning skills. Over the years we have added other programs such as the Royal Children's Hospital CASEA Program and this year we have added the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR). **Therefore, our articles**

will now be under the heading of Social, Emotional Skills. Each article published will indicate which program the focus is from and identify the key messages from the unit of work. Look out for this new article in this newsletter.

For the first 5 weeks of Term 2 we will focus on the following RRRR topics:

- Week 1: Identifying Emotional Literacy
- Week 2: Identifying Personal Strengths
- Week 3: Using Personal Strengths
- Week 4: Positive Coping Strategies
- Week 5: Positive Coping Strategy of Positive self-talk

UPDATING FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Each year we send out a copy of the family details that were provided to the school upon enrolling your child. Details can change over time, and it is essential that the school has the most up-to-date details. This is particularly important in case of an emergency or an illness where we need to contact either the family or a listed emergency contact to collect a student.

It is essential that all families:

- Update all addresses and phone numbers.
- Provide a minimum of 2 emergency contact names and phone numbers.
- Provide correct details of current Parental Occupation Group Codes for both parents/guardians.

When you receive a copy of your initial enrolment form, please look over all the information and cross out any item that is incorrect and write the correct information. **If you have more than one child, please only change the details that need to be changed on one copy.** If there is a change on one of your children's form such as medical information, mark the changes on that child and return that form. These forms will be printed on green paper which indicates they need to be returned to school by the due date on the form.

It is crucial that families continue to inform the school of any changes that occur to family details.

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- Queen Baker is our new Canteen Provider. To order please download the QKR application. All orders must be placed using this application the night before. There is now a Gluten Free tab for students and staff with intolerances.
- Please look out for communication from the school to home via Sentel SMS messaging. It is important that families make a habit of reading these as they come through.
- Any notices that go home on green paper requires that note to be returned to school. Please organise a system with your child so you receive the notices and communicate effectively between the school and home.
- There will be a whole school assembly on Monday 1 May at 3pm in the school gym. It will be wonderful to see as many families attend this assembly.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

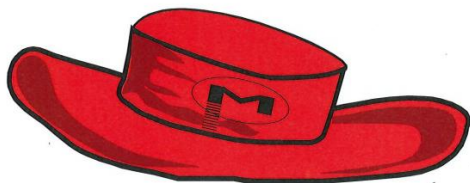
Lucia Vorpasso

Acting Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 2	Term 3
<p>Thursday May 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Stall All Gifts \$7 <p>Monday May 15 – 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education Week <p>Thursday May 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 <p>Friday May 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walk to School Day and Breakfast <p>Tuesday May 16-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curriculum Day- Pupil Free (No School) <p>Tuesday May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Photo Day <p>Monday June 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Holiday -King's Birthday (No School). <p>Friday June 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last day of Term 2 Students (Early Finish at 2.30 pm) 	<p>Monday July 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students resume. <p>Tuesday 1 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curriculum Day- Pupil Free (No School) <p>Friday September 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last day of Term 3 (Early Finish at 2.30 pm)

NO HAT



NO PLAY

*Mid-August until
the end of April*

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

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 1.30pm

CURRICULUM DAYS- Pupil Free

Term 2

Tuesday 16 May- Curriculum Day- Pupil Free

Term 3

Tuesday 1 August - Curriculum Day- Pupil Free

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

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

[] BOUNCEBACK PROGRAM

[v] RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM

[] RCH CASEA PROGRAM

THE SCHOOL-WIDE FOCUS IS: BUILDING EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we will begin a **Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships** topic of **BUILDING EMOTIONAL LITERACY**.

The **key messages** from this unit are:

1. Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others.
2. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy to others.
3. Emotions can change depending on other people, situations or events.

This week staff will be designing tasks that will expand student's vocabulary to describe a range of emotions beyond happy and sad. These words will vary across year levels and can be arranged along a continuum from happy to ecstatic or angry to exploding and anywhere in-between. An example has been provided for you to discuss with your child/children.



Creative Expressions Consulting Blog by Art Therapist Lynn Cukaj, ATR-BC

I hope you enjoy these updated articles and please discuss the focus as a family each week.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal - Student Engagement and Wellbeing



EVERY
DAY
COUNTS

IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY

Congratulations to the following 38 students who achieved a 100% attendance record for Term 1 2023!

YEAR PREP STUDENTS

AMELIA B PRA	LINK C PRB	SOPHIE K PRB	ALANA N PRA	AMITEJ S PRA
SHAMISH S PRA	GRACE T PRB	MILA T PRB		

YEAR 1/2 STUDENTS

MONTANA B 1/2B	MARAH I 1/2A	AYLA S 1/2B	ALBION B 1/2A	AN DO 1/2B
BRANDON H 1/2B	AYISHA R 1/2A			

YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS

ALETEIA A 3/4A	KIARA C 3/4B	LEON C 3/4C	STEPHANIE T 3/4C	MINH T 3/4C
AYESHA C 3/4B	MAX N 3/4C	DIAZ S 3/4A	HUMAIRA R 3/4C	

YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS

WYND C 5/6B	LUCAS P 5/6B	CALLAN T 5/6A	JESSICA T 5/6B	SANDRA T 5/6B
JACOB L 5/6B	SAAD R 5/6A	DION S 5/6A	AARNA S 5/6A	SAHAR HAKIMYAR 5/6B
AASHNA S 5/6B	CAROLINE T 5/6A	JANINA T 5/6B	ELIAH Z 5/6B	

Congratulations to the many students who received a 100% attendance record in Term 1.

Warm Regards,

Lucia Vorpasso

Assistant Principal: Student Engagement and Wellbeing



School photo day is on **Tuesday 23 May**. Students will come home with an envelope for individual photos. If you require a family sibling photo, please ask at the office for a separate envelope. Every student will have their photo taken on the day. Payment can be made by cash, and online. Envelopes to be brought back to school on the day or earlier if you wish.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Prioritise Primary School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education. The building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future.

- ***A student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.***
- ***By Year 10 they will have missed more than a year of school.***
- ***There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.***

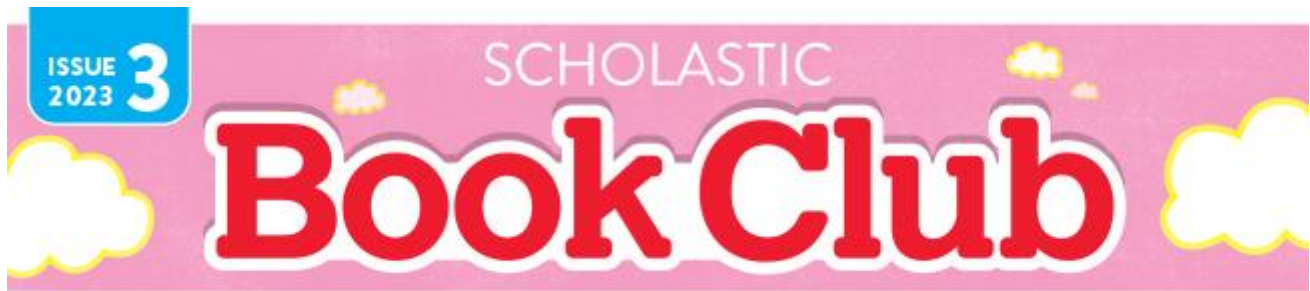
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Student Engagement and Wellbeing Assistant Principal



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Issue 3 is here!

We've been working hard to make Book Club the best it can be to capture the imagination of your child and encourage leisure reading.

Check your child's school bag today and browse the new catalogue. Orders placed before Friday can **get \$5 off*** with promo code **MAGIC**



\$5 OFF*
Orders of \$25+
Use Code: MAGIC

**Ends
Friday!**

ORDER NOW

**Haven't received your catalogue yet? Keep
checking your child's bag.**

BROWSE INSIDE HERE

*** \$5 Offer Terms and Conditions:**

- Use the promotional code: MAGIC at the checkout for \$5 off your order.
- Discount valid for orders placed on any titles on Book Club Issue 3, 2023 using the LOOP platform.
- Discount valid for orders placed before midnight, Friday 28 April, 2023
- Discount voucher valid with minimum spend of \$25.00.
- One discount can be used per transaction.
- The discount voucher may not be shared with any other parties.
- Unless stated otherwise, discount vouchers are not valid in conjunction with other promotions or discounts.
- If you save your order, please remember to re-add your gift voucher promotional code.

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ORDERS DUE BACK BY: Thursday 11 May



**Monmia has
an exciting
new lunch
provider for
our students.**

**Queen Baker will be
taking lunch orders
starting in Term 2.**

**To order lunches you
must order via the QKR
app (see flyer).**

**There will be no service
from the canteen.**

**Lunches cannot be
ordered through the
school. No late lunch
orders can be processed.**



**DON'T MISS OUT
ON LUNCH...**

PRE-ORDER VIA THE Qkr! App

~ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 8:30AM THE SAME DAY~



FAMILY & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER



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.

Join us at the
next meeting!



Date: 4th May 2023
Time: 9.15am
Venue: Community
Room

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to all Monmia students, parents and staffs to Term 2. We hope everyone is settling well back to school.

Mother's Day

We have our always popular Mother's Day stall coming up on **Thursday, 11th May**. We have a wonderful selection of gifts this year for students to select and take home to Mum or Grandma. Each item only costs **\$7.00** and your child is welcome to buy as many items as they wish.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Mother's Day Stall Helpers

We are asking for helpers to help on the day of the stall to help sell items (Thursday, 11th May morning) and stall pack up the following day (Friday, 12th May morning). Everyone is welcome.

Respectful Relationships



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1800 015 188

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

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NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
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