Principal’s Report

Since our last newsletter there have been a number of highlights and celebrations here at Montague, while the students continue to be diligent and enjoying their learning.

It has been so pleasing to welcome an array of visitors and guests to Montague and their overall comments are ‘a vibrant and exciting place of learning’.

Duke awards

On Tuesday 14th August we hosted the Regional Awards Ceremony for Awards Victoria where 44 students from 5 different schools/colleges received Bronze and Silver awards, with 100 guests present in our newly renovated hall. Our students were a credit to themselves and ably demonstrated why they are recipients of this prestigious award. Our sincere thanks go to Cathy for all her hard work and dedication to the Duke program. Cathy sang the National anthem accompanied by Cameron on the didgeridoo to open the ceremony, which certainly impressed all. Students also prepared and served a delicious afternoon tea to top off this successful event.

Animation video

Dave has completed his 4 weeks with the students and now we are all eagerly awaiting the premiere on Tuesday 4th September at 1.30pm. All are most welcome to attend. Invite attached

Mindfulness

Please read separate page regarding this program we are trialling for 5 sessions with the students and also offering a session for parents/carers. Dates for sessions are – Teachers only:3.30-5pm Tues 7 Aug Teachers & Students:

1.30-3pm Mon 20 Aug
Mon 3 Sept
Mon 17 Sept
Mon 15 Oct
Mon 22 Oct

Parent Session: 3.30-5pm Mon 17 Sept
Run Around the World Challenge
Please read separate page, this is for all students and staff. Our 'boys' group on Thursday afternoons have been in training and I believe a few are expecting to do PBs on the day!

Upcoming Camps
Two camps have been organised for term 4, one to Canberra and another to Rubicon. Students have had notices for these camps. Payment for both camps needs to be finalised by the end of this term.

Principal for a Day Program
On Wednesday Cr Judith Klepner visited our school as part of this program. I was very pleased to welcome Cr Klepner to our school and I believe she gained great insight into the learning environment at our school and particularly enjoyed sharing 'community lunch' prepared by the students. It was delicious and nutritional as always.

Review
On Thursday 16th August our reviewer Julie Hardiman spoke with students, and discussed with the panel, Peter Molloy, School Council president, Peter Smith, Lee Russell and myself the outcomes of the past 4 years and the recommendations for the Strategic Plan for the school in the next 4 years. Julie will present her report to the school council meeting on the Wednesday October 24th.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 23rd October.

The school formal will be held at MSAC on Dec 13th

Past students Visits
It is great to see past students when they visit us and hear their news. Sam, Michael and Kate dropped by today........

School Phones
Staff have school phones so they are contactable between 8.30am and 4.30pm on school days. I would like to ask students and parents to refrain from contacting staff out of these hours except in the case of emergency. The school phone has an answering service and messages of absences etc can be left on it.

Enjoy reading many articles by the students

Kind regards
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VCAL Term 3

Update

What a fantastic term it has been in the VCAL room. Students in VCAL have been learning new skills to help them achieve their outcomes for 2012. I would like to thank the students for attending class on time, bringing the correct workbooks to class and having a positive attitude towards all class activities. This term students have been set regular homework to reinforce what they have learned during class time. This has been fantastic to see that students want to improve their skills outside of school. I hope this continues into the next term.

Numeracy: Money, Fractions and Banking

With the help of the Mathletics program students have been working on a variety of maths challenges on a weekly basis to improve their understanding across VCAL Numeracy. In class students have been working on understanding fractions and how it is used in their daily lives. An excursion has been planned to visit Commonwealth bank in South Melbourne to learn about bank accounts, accessing money, using an eftpos card and learning about their rights and responsibilities as a customer.

Literacy: Lockie Leonard, writing letters and improving sentence structure.

On Monday’s students have been reading the classroom novel “Lockie Leonard Human Torpedo” and having discussions about the book. This book has been used as a stepping stone to help students understand the different types of writing styles that are used in writing letters, poems and journal entries. This term is our classroom debate. Heavily influenced by the London Olympics the students debate topic is “Should drugs be allowed in sports?” Congratulations to Allan and Khushboo for being selected as team captains for this debate. I cannot wait to see what evidence they will use to support their cases.

Classroom Project: CBD in a day

This term VCAL students will be hitting the CBD to learn more about what this wonderful city has to offer them. Students have chosen an iconic land marks that they want to visit, create questions and activities for the big day. The students have nearly finished planning this wonderful event and I look forward to a fantastic day out with them.

Lee
My Traineeship By Jayden Bell.

What can I say about my Traineeship? Well... I have been doing a Certificate 2 in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations). I've been doing the course for about a month and a half. In the course I do 15 hours work in the kitchen at 'The Point' and every 4-6 weeks I have a trainer come in and help me with my study for 30 minutes.

While I am working, I do all sorts of jobs like peeling potatoes (BORING, I know what you're saying that I have to put up with it) make mash potatoes, clean prawns to name a few. The chefs and I scrub down the benches, stoves and clean the fridge when we finish lunch service. I work 7 hours on the Wednesdays (9am-4pm) and 6 hours on Thursdays (9am-8pm). After working, I sit down in the café and have lunch. Some of the delicious foods that I get include Salmon with parsnip purée, Lamb with mash potatoes and pork with apple cider sauce to name a few.
This term a group of students on a Friday head down to Kangan Tafe in Broadmeadows and they are doing Fashion, Media, Engineering and Horticulture. The students love their courses.
Toni and Tommy are in Media class and they learnt how to use Photoshop and they are using their computer skills to design bookmarks and posters and they love their media class. Their teacher’s names are Mike and Kirsten and once in a while they have another teacher named Paul.
Kate, Khushboo, Tannara and Billy are in Fashion and they have made a pillow and scarfs and they are making more things in the weeks ahead. They have a teacher named Liz. Alan, Jalal and Cody are the Engineering boys and they recently made a dustpan and they made that with metal and they are learning the basics in the special machines and tools. In Horticulture there is Samuel and Rachael and they are learning how to plant herbs and they learnt how to use the trolley and wheel barrow.
My Work Experience At Coles

Samuel Belden

On Thursday for 5 weeks I was working at Coles for Work experience in Port Melbourne. I had a good time learning how to work there and what they do there. I learnt how to sort goods, shelve items, fix shelves, sorted stock by barcodes and sorted stock in the fridge like milk and freshen foods.

I also like using the trolley to move the items to there aisle and the box crasher. They gave me a box cutter but I did not use it because it was much easier to do without one. I needed help at first to find where everything was but I soon worked out a routine and where to go and what to do. I hope to get a job at a Coles near me soon or in the future. I had a very good time working at Coles.
During terms 2 and 3 a handful of students have been doing animation with Dave Jones. We have been doing stop motion animation which means this been done with photos. We made puppets and different mouths to look like they are talking. You have to take a photo, change the mouth and take another photo and so on. We went in small groups to work with Dave.

The short film is about how students get to Montague on public transport and what they want to do in the future. The opening of this film is on Tuesday 4th September at Montague. Everyone is welcome to come.

By Billy
I really, really, really enjoyed myself today at the Rotary BBQ at Bunning’s in Port Melbourne. I was serving people and giving them change. One guy usually buy his dog a sausage but as he didn’t’ have him with him today he decided to give us a three dollar donation. Jayden cooked sausages but I was in charge of serving customers. I gained a lot of confidence. I couldn’t talk to people who I don’t know but know I do. It was a really good experience for me. Grant who runs a catering business said I may be able to go in and do some work experience on a Tuesday for him.

Thanks Rotary for having me and I Hope to be able to do it again soon.

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Run Around the World Challenge

Montague Continuing Education Centre will be participating in the Run Around the World challenge as part of National Health & Physical Education Day (H&PE Day) celebrations.

We’re pleased to invite you to join us on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 as we cheer on your children for taking part in this exciting event! The event will be held at The Royal Botanic Gardens and all are welcome to attend.

Come and help us make history as we set a new Australian record for the largest number of students running on the same day! The world’s circumference spans approximately 40,000km and the goal for H&PE Day is to run a ‘lap of the world’ together as a nation. To achieve this, we need 40,000 students across the country to walk, wheelchair, jog or run at least 1km each. Students at Montague Continuing Education Centre will be aiming for at least 3km each.

The focus of the day is to get outside, active and having fun as a school community, therefore we encourage YOU as parents and friends to also bring along your running shoes!

The Run Around the World challenge is a healthy, fun and active way to ensure we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved... we would love to see you there!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
The Royal Botanic Gardens
CORNER OF ALEXANDRA AVE AND ANDERSON STREET

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM. STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE GROUNDS AT 3PM.

Regards

Lee Russell
Work Experience

By Jalal Merhi

On Wednesdays I go to South Melbourne 65 Moray Street for work experience and I would help count the stock. I start work at 9 am finish 4 pm and I get two breaks during my break I would go for a walk sometimes.

I help out when one of the workers when he delivers electrical or data suppliers to other companies so they can use it for when they are working.

I would work in the back of the warehouse clean the floor pick up rubbish and make it look like a neat warehouse.

I also go upstairs to get the boxes that would have the equipment in it and bring it down stairs and after that I would put it on the shelves for stock.

I would even use a cable winder sometimes to see how long the cable is so they can sell it to people in the shop. I like working at my work experience and if they gave me a job there I would be really happy.
Mindfulness at Montague School

Mindful Meditation cultivates the skill of present moment awareness, leading to effective, kind choices for the self, others and life in general.

For children, this skill builds self-knowledge. Working through a variety of mindful practices culminates in a ‘License for Life’, paving the way for self-efficacy, resilience and independence.

The 5 session course for students includes:

- Understanding relaxation, meditation and self-awareness
- Positive choices for the body: basic physiology, alignment and breathing
- Stress: understanding triggers and reactions
- Connection to the senses: fine tuning focus skills
- Discovering the inner quiet, calm centre

Facilitated by Janet Etty-Leal

Janet’s Consultancy ‘Meditation Capsules’ has for over a decade provided Mindful life-skill programs for Corporate, Health, Sport, Community and Educational groups.

Her key focus is to provide services to the Educational Sector. Creative mindful meditation programs developed and taught by Janet have enhanced curriculum for thousands of students from ELC to Year 12 in Government, Private and Special Schools. Janet also conducts Training Workshops for teachers, parents, therapists and youth workers.

In 2010 Janet published ‘Meditation Capsules: A Mindfulness Program for Children’

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Montague Continuing Education Centre invites you to attend the premiere of On Track, a stop motion animation made by students and animator, Dave Jones.

Tuesday 4th September
1pm for a 1:30pm start and concluding at 2:30pm
To be held at Montague Continuing Education Centre
Afternoon tea provided

"Artists in Schools – A Victorian Government Initiative"

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Please rsvp to togni.natasha.a@edumail.vic.gov.au by August 28th

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Disability Services
Wesley Mission Victoria

How does it work?
Young people with a disability attend a range of activities throughout the year, including day activities, overnight camps and family camps. The camps and outings are led by trained volunteers with a leader to camper ratio of 1:2.

How do I get involved?
As a young person, you can be involved with activities such as:
- Surf camps
- Snow trips
- Sovereign Hill
- Camps in cabins
- Museums
- Movies
- Horse riding
- Zoos
- Farms
- Swimming
- Mini golf
- Bowling

Referrals are made via your service providers, case manager, hospital/health care worker, self-referral, or through your local council.
All Abilities Lawn Bowls is back for 2012-13

The All Abilities Lawn Bowls program at Black Rock Lawn Bowls Club has been running successfully for over 10 years due to the commitment of club members and volunteers. The summer program is due to start in September and they are looking for participants for the 2012-13 program. Lawn Bowls is a great way of being physically active, giving participants the challenge of competition, while also enjoying spending time outdoors and interacting with others in a low impact sport.

When: Commencing Sunday 2nd September 10am to 12pm
(Following dates: September 16th, October 11th, November 13th and 25th, December 9th, January 27th, February 10th, March 4th and 17th, April 7th and 21st)
Where: Black Rock Lawn Bowls Club, 8 Fern Street, Black Rock
Age: All ages and abilities
Cost: $5 Includes training and morning tea

You can register or just turn up on any of the dates listed above. If you would like to register, or would like more information, please contact Bill Richardson at the club on (03) 9533 5338 or email at billrichardson@live.com.au.