Principal’s News

It has been a busy start to the year and we are happy to welcome back all of our families. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

We have welcomed Ella and Jodie to the Montague team. Ella is teaching and leading the Duke of Edinburgh Program and Jodie is our new Business Manager. We wished Erika well with her retirement from Montague at the end of January.

We thank you for the prompt returns of forms at the start of the year. Sue may be in touch with a couple of families for outstanding documents.

Staffing for 2016

In the Classrooms:
Lee Russell
Mon to Fri
Sotiria Hatzi
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
David Stewart
Mon, Tues, Wed
Peter Smith
Thurs, Fri
Argentina Ortiz
Wed, Thurs

In the Office:
Jodie Geri
Mon to Fri
Sue Batchelor
Mon & Wed

Please remember to call the office if your child is going to be absent or late to school 9690 3535.

I encourage everyone to try their very best this term and make it a great start to 2016!

Geri

School Census Review

As part of the biannual review of the school census, we have audited the records we hold on file for our current students. As part of the requirements for full enrolment we are required to hold a copy of each child’s birth certificate and/or current passport as proof of identity on file. For families on a visa, we also require a copy of the visa.

Please bring in either of these documents and we will make a copy of them for you at the Office.
Families have been given a nomination form for completion for our School Council Election. Nominations are due back at school by 4pm Monday 7th March 2016.

The declaration of the poll will be Tuesday 15th March 2016, which coincides with our next school council meeting.

Meetings are generally on a Tuesday evening, commencing at 6pm and concluding at approximately 8pm.

School Council Elections

The fund was initiated in 2015 by the Victorian Government to ensure all students had access to school camps, activities and sports.

A form went home for applications for the 2016 CSEF.

If you qualify for the funding, please return the form to the office as soon as possible.

We also require a copy of your Health Care Card or Concession Card to be supplied with the form. CSEF is paid directly to the school, and may be used for camps, excursions and sporting activities at the school.

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Reminders for forms due for return

Student Support Services Consent Form

There are some families that have not yet returned these forms to the Office.

This form allows the school to act on your behalf to provide professional services such as social workers, education support staff, psychologists, guidance counsellors, etc. If you have not returned your form, or have misplaced the forms, please contact the Office.

Payments for VET, school fees and Duke of Edinburgh Camp

We understand that every family has individual financial circumstances. If you are having difficulty making payments for any of these charges, please contact the Office or Geri to arrange a payment plan.

All financial discussions are strictly in-confidence.

You may contact us at any time to request a statement of your account. We can email these or your child can pick them up from the office (in a sealed envelope).

With the cost of postage increasing dramatically, we are endeavoring to switch as much as possible to email.

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Jai, Brady and Kailup proudly display our school grown pumpkins!

Mack and Ash on a break on their bike ride

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

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School Activities

**Mindfulness**

Students have participated in two sessions of Mindfulness already this year with the lovely Janet Etty-Leal. The students have been working on their time clocks for past, present and future during these sessions and have provided positive feedback on the time spent with Janet.

**Basketball**

Montague students have been participating in basketball this term, and with their pre-game practices have made great improvements, while having lots of fun!

Students have also been out riding in their bright Montague polo shirts and showing the Community our “You Can Do It” attitude.

**Duke of Ed**

There have been lots of fun activities for Duke of Ed including bike rides, archery and cooking.

Everyone has been participating well and learning new skills along the way!

**Pancake Day**

We had a lot of tasty toppings going onto delicious pancakes from the Healthy Eating Centre. Our cooks Abby, Mack, Hari, Liv and Scott worked hard to make a great stack of pancakes enjoyed by many. Donations were being taken for UnitingCare.
Waiting
Ashley

Waiting for school to end.
I want school to end so badly.

Waiting to get my learners
So I can learn how to drive.

Waiting to be 18
So I can go to the casino and win money.

Waiting for no more train delays
Because no one likes them.

WAITING
Nick Kelly

I am waiting to play in
A basketball championship.
Because I have come close.

Well second in the last four seasons.
So I would like to win this season.

I’m waiting to go to an NBA game.
I would like to see Stephen Curry
Because he is a beast.

WAITING
Josh P

I don’t have to wait for dinner to be cooked
Because I cook my own.
I’m waiting for some Jim Bean
Because I think it’s very nice.
I’m waiting for mum to go on holidays with the kids
Cause I want to throw a big party.
I’m waiting to have fun
Because I just do.

I’m waiting for nothing in particular
Except for a mansion.
I’m waiting for my brother to come because
We have lots of fun driving in his car.
I’m waiting to go to Mackas to get a frozen coke.
I’m waiting to get a lamborghini
So I can get the girls.
I’m waiting to get a strip pole
For my house.

I’m waiting to grow up
So I can party all night.
I’m waiting for girls
So I can make money.
I’m waiting for fun, fun, fun
So I can make new friends.
I’m waiting to go to nightclubs
So I can check out all the hot chicks.

I’m waiting to be sexy
Because I’m already really cool.
I’m waiting for my mate Jai,
To come and party with me.
I’m waiting for my principal to go to Queensland.
So I can be Principal Jai.
I’m waiting for Jesus to come to my house
To take me to heaven.
Heal the World
*By Abby Prentice*

Why can’t everyone
Come together to make our world better?
We need to see the sun.
We are a great and wonderful race of people.
We should not live in the past.

What changes can we make fast
That will happen fast.
Why must our world be bad?
Man is just a creation,
Man is nothing else.

We must bring to our world to salvation
Before all the world melts,
Let us work together.
Heal the World.
Do not wait.

Waiting

*Kia*

Waiting. Waiting. Waiting.
I am waiting for a poem idea to pop into my head.
I am waiting for something.
I do not know what, but I am waiting.
Maybe it is pizza,
Maybe it is the train...
Who knows how long I have to wait.

WAITING

*Mackenzie Star*

I am waiting for the day that my life changes forever.
But it’s only just began,
My journey is yet to come.
Growing up is hard and
I am only 15.

I have my whole life ahead of me.
As a kid, I could not wait to grow up.
I wanted to go out late, go drinking, and drive a car.
For the past 15 years of my life, I have been waiting...
Waiting for my life to change.

It is not until I look back now.
I realise how much more I have to live.
I have learnt that you should not put your life on hold,
Do not let anybody bring you down,
Live your life the way you want
And just keep WAITING!
On Monday Janet came to do mindfulness with us. I made a now, future past, joy plate to show feelings & thoughts.

Nicholas Di Genova

On Tuesday, 8th of February, we made pancakes to raise money for a charity that helps with people living in crisis. We had raised $10 for the organisation and had charged people $1 for a stack of pancakes. It was great knowing that the money we raised was going towards people who need more help than ourselves.

By Abby Prentice
Sam and I
Hi my name is Harrison foreshew. Today im going to
tell you what I did this week in Buckhurst street.

I cleaned all the rubbish. it was yuck. I also raking all the leaves
and dirt on the foot path.

I tipped all the rubbish in the bin.
By Harrison foreshew.

My Work Experience
Josh H

On Monday and Wednesday, I do my work experience at the beach with Ashley Mackenzie.
We sign in and do orders on the beach to see how much rubbish there is on the beach and how much
build up on the beach. We also hand out drink bottles and Frisbees and sunblock and leaflets. The
leaders are Kathrine and Gabriel.

On Tuesday I do my warehouse course and we are learning how to lift boxes and other items like
pallets and crates. We are learning to wear high visibility clothes and gloves. I'm thrilled for next
week.
FREE Event for Parents

Brought to you by a dedicated group of Elwood College Parents, the Elwood Hub (Elwood College, Elwood Primary and Port’s Grove Family and Children’s Centre) and City of Port Phillip’s Youth Services.

Parents of Port Phillip bring you

Creating Amazing, Confident & Happy Young People

with Andrew Fuller

Resilience contributes more to career and life success than academic intelligence.

Join Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller in an interactive information session about building resilience in your young people.

Topics include:
- The ten most powerful ways to build resilience,
- Reducing stress,
- Creating happiness,
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs.

When: Tuesday 1st March 2016
Time: Arrive at 6.30pm, session 7 - 8.30pm
Where: Elwood College VCE Centre, 101 Glenhuntly Rd, Elwood
Bookings: Call Elwood College on 9531 9668 or email elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

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