Principal’s News

Term 3 is always a busy time in schools with much happening here at Montague—visitors to our setting, new students commencing, work experience, VET programs and preparation for our school review. Not to forget catching Pokémon, they seem to be visiting our historical school grounds quite a bit!

Thank you to the parents who have returned the Parent Opinion Surveys. We do appreciate you taking the time to fill this out and your opinions are certainly valued.

As stated in a letter that was sent to all parent this week I will be working 3 days in the school this term. Peter Smith will be acting Principal on Thursdays and Fridays.

We would like to thank the MFB for their generous donation of a defibrillator to Montague. We hope we never need to use it, but it is comforting to know that we have immediate access to one should the need arise. During our recent First Aid training we covered the use of defibrillators, and now we have a wonderful donation to support the training.

Ella has organised exciting and challenging camps for Bronze and Silver Duke groups in the coming weeks and it is so pleasing to see the students involved in their preparation and excited to achieve this component of their Duke Awards.

This term students will participate in the substantiality program that Bonnie from Port Phillip Eco Centre is coordinating. Last year this program under the guidance of April from the Eco Centre instigated the planting of our Urban Food Forest in the garden bed facing Montague Street. While some of the fruit trees have borne fruit and some herbs have thrived this garden is in need of a revamp. If any family/ friends have contacts for a load of free mulch some students would love to shovel it around the garden I’m sure and hopefully it will stop weeds.

A number of students and their families have been ill during this cold, wet winter. Hope all recover quickly however, if your child is unwell, the best place for them is home in bed!

Please take care, rest up, eat healthy and stay well.

Best wishes,

Geri

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Don’t forget...

Wednesday
3rd August
Curriculum Day

No students at school
Teachers will be off-site participating in a professional development session at Officer Specialist School.

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Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other

Randy Pausch
Sara Molloy Visits Montague

We were thrilled to have Sara Molloy visit the students last week. As you may recall from the March newsletter, Sara is a former Montague student.

Sara has been selected for the Australian Winter Special Olympic Team for Alpine Skiing in Graz, Austria 2017.

She came to talk to the students about her achievements since leaving Montague. Sara works for Coles in Bentleigh during the week and on the weekends is busy as a volunteer for animal welfare. Amongst all of this she finds time to train for the Special Olympics!

We are so proud of her and wish her every success in following her Olympic dream—what an achievement!

Sustainability Gardening Project

Bronnie,

We spent the first gardening session out in the garden. We looked at all the planter boxes and the garden and worked out what needed to be done.

The group decided that we needed to make some changes.

Such as using some fertilizer and pest repellent.

Planting some new plants.

Weeding the boxes and garden.

Trimming some of the plants.

We had a look in the sheds to see what we might need to do this. We think we have everything that we might need, except for bug repellent and seeds.

Thanks,

Nikki, Ash, Harrison, Abby, Kailup, Jarryd and Daniel (and David).

Dear Bronnie

How’s it going?

Today was a nice day so we got out into the garden. We did some weeding. We took weeds out of the beds. We put a lot leaves in the compost and chopped up the big weeds from last week and put them in as well.

We got rid of the nails sticking out around the beds so that we wouldn’t have an accident like Nikki had last week.

We took a photograph of the stinging nettle so that we can make an awareness poster for the rest of the school to learn to stay away from Stinging Nettles. And tell one of us if they see one, so we can glove up and get rid of it.

We also made lots of terrible puns “nailed it” “leaf me alone” “That’s a fence ive” “It’s all punbelievable”

Thanks, Abby, Ash, Daniel, Jarryd, Kailup, Nikki.
WEARHOUSING
Nick K

On Tuesday the 26 of July Ash, Kailup, Jai and I were involved in a warehousing course at Montague. It runs all year until the Christmas holidays. We have recently gotten a new teacher and he is a very good teacher because he actually teaches us work and explains it very well. I am a lot happier about because it is easier to understand.

The past couple of weeks he has been telling us that we are going to go on a lot more excursion and hands-on experience work which is really good. The last two terms we were learning about occupational health and safety or for short OH&S.

Kai’s Work Experience

Every Friday I go and work with my parents in their Japanese restaurant called Satsuki Japanese Café, I normally just make sushi, bento boxes (pretty much means lunch box in Japanese) and clean the windows, dishes and tables, but today I also got to make chawanmushi (which is like a savoury egg custard). Making sushi always hurts my neck because I always have to look down. I don’t hate working with my parents but it sure can get boring after a while but it’s all worth it because I get to work 3 hours (9am to 12pm), get 20 bucks and my home is very close to the shop, so I can go home immediately.

BY KAI

BENTO BOX

SUSHI

Satsuki Japanese Café

WORK EXPERIENCE
Mackenzie

On Tuesday for the next two weeks I’m doing work experience at Zuccala homes. It is a family business set up by the Zuccala family. This week I stack stickers on books and put pamphlets together. I did 3 boxes full. Joe my boss also wanted me to do gardening but I was too sick to do it. Before I went to work we got Subway and coffee pods at Point Cook.

As it’s a display home business Joe and all his other colleagues work out of the homes. Joe is currently working from the display homes in Point Cook. The houses are just gorgeous. Every time I walk into them I tell my mum that she should buy that exact one.
WAREHOUSING
ASH
On every Tuesday week Kailup, Josh, Jai, Nick and I do the warehousing course. We learnt about safety in the warehouse.
We also watched videos to get a good idea of what we are learning about.
The bad thing is we can’t sit near the heaters as the aid teacher is a bit bossy.
Soon we will be going to a warehouse to see the site and to get a really good example of what it is like. If we are going into the warehouse even to visit the site, we may have to wear safety gear.

My media course.
Josh.D

In my media course, I’m learning about Photoshop, illustrator, and flash player at Swinburne
Photoshop went alright, I found this one to be the easiest of them all, because it wasn’t so hard mentally, like, I could understand most of what was being said.
Illustrator though, was a sudden jump in learning curve, a majority of it I couldn’t understand. I just kind of fell apart, I just didn’t know what was going on. It just was so confusing.
Flash player though, some of it made sense at the beginning, but near the end, I just was in a huge ball of confusion, and I just fell apart mentally.

CAFÉ CULTURE
Olivia
On Wednesday I learnt how to make froth at the cafe culture course. We met at the library Rosanna the teacher took us a classroom and she told us what we will be doing for the seven weeks of course. We had to then go in a lift to the café room. The coffee machine has had many parts and buttons. She showed us how the group head works. That’s the part you put the coffee into. Some people made espresso coffee. I made the froth. I had to use the froth. I turned the knob on and held the milk container to the froth the milk. It was loud. We all took turns to turn it on the and off we then did a work sheet to find the different part of the machine I enjoyed the class Nikki and I were from Montague. There were others students from other schools, and then it was home time.
Jonathon’s Report

Topic: Code Combat
What did we do this week?

Above is my current map from Code combat. Code combat is a game where you have to use code to fight in missions. There are 16 different types of code: java, python, and some others. This game uses python. To win you often have to figure out a code to accomplish what the game asks you to do. Every time you complete a level you get gems as well as experience and sometimes new items depending on what you did in the level. You use the gems to buy items that increase your speed, get new code blocks, improve your health and upgrade your damage and defence. The game gets trickier as the game goes along giving you less hints and harder to deal with. There are six worlds in the game: Kifithard dungeon, Rockwood Forest, Swanwatersew, Cloudtop Mountain, Kelvinash Glacier and a mystery world that looks like a black castle with a lava waterfall off to the side.

Name: Jonathon E.D
Favourite Subject
[6:6]
Favorite Colour
[Red]
Favorite School Day
[Friday]

If you were in charge of the school what is the one thing that you would change?
I would make the school play games all day.

Personal Motto:
If at first you don’t succeed
Try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try.

Delicious berry muffins
for Open Family

Josh H at the rope skills course

Liv sewing

Nikki & Josh H sewing

Abby’s Report

Topic: This Week’s Reflection

This week, I had participated in several Duke of Edinburgh activities. On Monday, the bronze duke group had walked 8 laps at Jay Park for our Physical session this week. Instead of doing Bike Maintenance or Mindfulness. I was put in a group with Kallup, Nikki, Ash, Daniel and Harston. We had all been told that we would be starting a Gardening session every second Monday during the final session. The class had been put together by Bronny, a person who is part of an environmental expert group and is coming to teach us everything we need to know about gardening.

On Wednesday, I had participated in the Open Family kitchen with Ella and Argentia, who had helped me and my classmates make lemon biscuits and berry muffins, which we had delivered to the Open Family bus. I had worked with Olivia, who had been elected as the Head Chef for this week’s session. Everyone in the class all put in an amazing effort into the food we’d baked and delivered to the business.

On Thursday, it was a special day for me, since it was my birthday on July 14th. The Bronze Duke group were talking about the Gold Rush Era during the middle session, and it was great doing some history work, since I hadn’t done that in a long time. After that, at 1:30, my granddad picked me up from school early so that I could celebrate my birthday with him and I look forward to seeing my family this weekend.

Name: Abby P
Favourite Subject
Visual Art
Favorite Colour
Gold
Favorite School Day
Friday

If you were in charge of the school what is the one thing that you would change?

Personal Motto:
“Whatever you believe, you become.” ~ M.J.
We’re Planning our Bronze Adventure Camp!

**Camp at a glance**

**What:** Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Adventurous Journey camp – Bronze ‘practise’. Camp is themed on ‘Gold fever’ and invited students learn about the gold rush in a hands-on way

**Where:** 1 night at Montague, 1 night in Maldon

**When:** Tuesday 9th August – Thursday 11th August

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Professional Development—Employability

At Montague professional development is of paramount importance to staff to best meet the needs of students. One such program was the ‘leadership program’ which focused on developing skills for people working in Victorian specialist schools to become more resilient in their working environment. I felt I really benefited from the 2 day workshop and the project I completed from this program.

Students at Montague have many skills and one of our aims at Montague is to provide students with as many opportunities in their quest for a future career pathway. ‘Shaping Futures Careers- highlighting employability skills in young people’ was a useful workshop that I attended advising us of updates regarding the employment prospects for young people. It is important to get young people excited about work. By engaging in meaningful employment or work experience, they see substance, feel better and raise their self-esteem.

As teachers and parents, we can facilitate this through discussing our own positive experiences in the workplace, and demonstrating an enthusiasm towards work.

Some websites to look at include:

- [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)
- [www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs](http://www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs)
- [www.alife.net.au](http://www.alife.net.au)

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Events on the Website

Upcoming events of interest:

- Autism Health & Well Being Expo
- Disability Respite & Recreation Expo
- Myths & Legends Scarf Festival 2016
- The Other Film Festival
- Life After School—Creative, positive post school options for students with disabilities

Visit the Montague website for further details.


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