It has been a busy month, and now the holidays just around the corner. Firstly, I would like to thank all of the teachers and staff who stepped up to keep the school running smoothly in my unexpected absence. I would also like to thank families for their thoughtfulness.

School reports will be given to the students on Thursday 23rd June. We will be sending home an appointment letter for Parent / Teacher interviews that will be held during the first week in term 3.

Hygiene Check

With colds and flu playing a big part at this time of year, and in preparation for our food handlers certificates students participated in a “Hygiene Check” activity. The activity demonstrated that washing your hands is not just a matter of holding them under water, you need to use soap and rub your hands together! See page 6 for further details.

Food Handler’s Certificate

Many students participated in their Food Handler’s Certificate last week and the trainer was very happy with the attention and skills that Montague students displayed. Congratulations to all participants!

eSmart Status

We are working towards accreditation for our eSmart status. This initiative provides support to ensure our school community becomes safe, smart and responsible online users and consumers.

eSmart includes managing relationships in cyberspace and developing skills to be cybersmart. We have included a link on our website if you would like more information on eSmart schools.

Staff Professional Development

While the students were enjoying their school free day this month, the staff were busy working and preparing for our School Review. The review training day was invaluable to help us prepare and begin the process of developing strategies and goals for the next four year period.

Final week of Term

We have some great activities planned for this final week of term, culminating in our trip to MSAC on Friday for some end of term fun and celebration for the hard work the students have put in this term.

We trust you enjoy the newsletter, and hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Best wishes,

Geri

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Principal’s News

Celebrate what you have accomplished but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed

Mia Hamm
IELLEN Awards

We are very proud to have won the Partnership of the Year category in the recent IELLEN awards.

We received this award for our collaboration with Open Family Australia to run “teens2teens” a program involving Montague students preparing and cooking food for young homeless people.

Argentina accepted the award on behalf of Montague. As part of the award we were also presented with a $100 cheque. This was used last week to treat the students involved in the 2015 “teens2teens” program to a lovely afternoon tea.

Work Experience

My Myer work experience

I do things for Australia post like E-parcel and express post to ship off to customers all around Australia. I also put stock on their shelves in Myer. I also help customers if they’re looking for something. The location of my work experience is in Elizabeth street mall.

Joshua H
Mack and Liv have been working on their textile skills. Their project included cutting out their patterns, stitching, stuffing and creating these cute soft toys.

The students have been working on paintings of real-life objects including packaging and plants—exploring colour and form.

Podcast Update

The Podcasting students have been hard at work to bring you two new episodes of their show. 'Episode 2: Work' is now available on the Student Work section of the Montague website. The last episode themed around health will also be available to listen to in the coming week. Congratulations to Olivia, Abby, Mackenzie, Daniel, Josh D, Nikki, Noah, Nick DM and Brady for a great term of work.
**Sport report – 3rd June**

Today we played our friends at Berendale in soccer and we won 8 goals to 6 goals. Our coach was consistently proud of all players in our team and their sense of fair play in what was a neck-a-neck struggle. The players who scored were Nick (1 goal), Mackenzie (2 goals) and Brady (5 goals). This was made possible by the brilliant teamwork of all players involved. Our team now approach the final carnival day with much confidence. Well done Montague!

**Sports report – 10th June**

It is hard to believe that the end of sport for term 2 finished today. We played 4 games of soccer, winning 3 and losing 1. The teams we played were Heatherwood, Naranga, Rossbourne and Berendale. It was a very cold day and we had to work hard. It was good to get into the semi-final. It was a very successful term for Montague and we look forward to joining Berendale for football and netball in term 3.

*Photographs by Josh D—Great work!!*
Brady: On Friday the 17th of June we went to Dandenong Rangers to do 1000 steps. It took 45 Mins to get to the top and it was an great experience to achieve. The hardest part was the really big steps and afterwards I felt proud of what I did and I would do it again.

Ashley: On Friday I went swimming at MSAC with the silver Duke group. My goal was to do 5 walking laps so I did it. It was actually pretty easy to do. After that we all went in to the waves pool.

Kai: Today I made some scones. They were pretty simple to make, all you need is flour, milk and butter, then you knead it together until you get a dough and just use a cookie cutter and place the dough on the baking tray. My scones turned out great! I thought I over kneaded it but it was fine. Then I got jam and whipped cream and put them on the scones.

Abby: In Open Family this week we had made three different recipes: Chocolate Chip Cookies, Mac & Cheese and Honey Joys. I was elected as the Head Chef and I had gotten Nick and Yash to make the Honey Joys (some which ended up badly burnt) while I'd worked with Liv on the cookies and we'd added cranberries into the recipe along with the chocolate chips. Also, Ash had made Macaroni & Cheese for the whole class to eat. The cookies turned out well, with no burn marks whatsoever. Afterwards; Argentina and Ella dropped off the food we'd made, handing it over to the Open Family bus.

Harrison: My week at school Hi my name is Harrison. Today I’m going to tell you about my week at school. In Duke this week me and the class walked at Albert Park oval. We did 4 laps at the oval. We could not walk at Jay park because there was a movie screen. There was a film crew at Jay park. I had fun when I was walking at Albert Park. On Thursday we did Archery at Moorabbin Archery club we shot at a new distance which it 15 meters. The original distance was 10 meters. In class this week we have done English. We did spelling words is English. Yesterday we had a guest speaker at school. The guest speaker talked to us about getting jobs I shot a compound bow. The new distance was 15 meters. I felt nervous.

Nick K: Last Thursday the bronze Duke tried to assemble and make tents. The tents were very old and smelly! There was also a problem with the making of the tents it was raining outside so we had to bring them inside and set them up in the hall. Yes it was a disaster. We did give up halfway into them. I think I was better at packing them up haha.

Mackenzie: Today we made scones. We walked down to 7/11 to go get milk, butter and cream. When we got back we started cooking them. They weren’t very hard to make and they didn’t take very long. The best thing I’ve made this term was probably the Mickey Mouse Cupcakes and the worst was probably the Tea Cake.

Josh H: On Friday the 17th of June we went 1000 steps in the Dandenong it took us 35 mins to get to the top and it was hard because it was slippery. The hardest part was me slipping on the steps. Once I finished I was sore. I would do it again because it would awesome to do again.

Kailup: On Wednesday my circus class are going to Circus Oz. We are getting there by tram, train and feet. We need to bring our bag with our lunch and myki. Before the show starts we need to go to the toilet. People will direct us to our seat they are called ushers. Four things we shouldn’t do when we are watching the play are talk, have our phone out, go to the toilet and eat. We should clap if we enjoy the show. We will be dismissed at Southern Cross at 3:00.
As part of our preparation for the Food Handler’s Certificate and to try to minimise the spread of colds and flu at this time of year, we had a session on good hygiene and washing your hands.

Using a special lotion we squirted our hands and rubbed it in, like a moisturiser. Then we washed our hands as we would normally.

Geri shone the UV torch onto each pair of hands. The UV torch illuminates all of the lotion that hasn’t been washed off. This shows how well (or poorly) the staff and students have washed their hands.

Events on the Website

As part of improving the lines of communication with parents we have updated many pages on the website.

One of the improvements is including outside events on the Events page. These are talks, forums, presentations, etc that are have relevance to our families and students. Many are held by local Councils or Support Groups.

As we often have short notice about these events, we feel the best place to inform parents is on the website.

Upcoming events include:

- JCAAA Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) Teenage Holiday Program
- Myths & Legends Scarf Festival 2016
- The Other Film Festival

Visit the Montague website for further details.

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