Montague Continuing Education Centre

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2015

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Principal’s Report

Since our last newsletter there have been a number of highlights, camps and celebrations here at Montague. Our students have worked diligently to complete their Literacy, Numeracy and Personal Development units and are a real credit to themselves with the support of our wonderful teaching staff.

On Friday 11th December at the MCG, we will have a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our students’ year and I look forward to catching up with friends and family members of the students.

Students will be dismissed from the MCG at 11.30am.

Table tennis

Last week Yash and Brady took part in the Pan Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Yash and Brady were selected to join the Table Tennis Victorian Team in the para section. During the week long games Yash and Brady played against students from all Australian states and international students.

We are very proud of both boys, representing Montague CEC and our state Victoria. Brady won a Bronze medal in his section. We would like to acknowledge the support and encouragement we received from School Sports Victoria in the lead up and during the games, it was fantastic.

Staffing for 2016

Cathy is taking leave in 2016, Cathy has been a wonderful staff member, her passion for teaching, her understanding of our students, her sharing of ideas/resources not to mention her sense of fun will be missed by us all.

Erika is retiring early next year and I will certainly miss and thank her for her expertise and her dedication in keeping the finances in order and of course we will all miss her talking about her beloved Cats.

Thus we will be welcoming Ella and Jodie to replace Cathy and Erika in 2016.

As we have a number of part time staff I have listed below all staff and their days.
Peter  - Thursday and Friday
Lee   - full time
Soutria - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
David - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Ella  - full time
Argentina - Wednesday, Thursday
Jodie - full time
Sue - Monday, Wednesday

**Start Date for 2016**
Staff return Wednesday 27th January, students return Thursday 28th

We will be posting information and forms before this in January and would appreciate it if students could bring them in on the first day.

**Art Exhibition at Federation Square**
Tuesday December 8th at 11am is the official opening of the ArtAbility exhibition where works by students with ethnic background will be on display. Students and staff will be attending, you are most welcome to join them, please see invite attached.

**Duke of Ed**
Students who have completed their Bronze Award will be given the opportunity to do the Silver Award in 2016. New students to our school will be completing the Bronze Award. The Duke Edinburgh’s International Award is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development. Seven students successfully completed their Bronze Award this year, congratulations to all.

**Mindfulness**
This program that a number of students and staff benefited from, will continue in 2016, which is very exciting as Janet Etty-Leal, the facilitator, forms a great rapport with students. As a final session for this year Janet and the Duke group will be visiting the Mindfulness facility at Bentleigh Secondary school on Tuesday 15th December from 12 – till 2pm.

**Camps**
Both Rubicon and Blackwood camps were a success and I’m sure students gained a lot from these experiences. I would like to thank and acknowledge the time and effort that staff put in, firstly organising these camps and being on the job 24 hours for a week.

**Sport**
This year our participation in the South –East Special Schools Sports Association was a great success and student had many opportunities to play competitive games in basketball, soccer, hockey, AFL cricket and netball. We will continue this sports program in 2016 in partnership with Berendale.

Enjoy reading many articles by the students

Kind regards

Geri
Yesterday we started making a movie. We haven’t decided on a name yet so we are calling it “working title”. So far, we have learned how to operate the tri-pod and we also shot some footage for the beginning of the movie. I also made my first blooper. Blooper is the name used to describe when an actor makes a mistake in a movie and are often funny. Bloopers got their name from when the people editing the movie cut the mistake with a “bleeping” sound at the end of the scene when the director yells “cut”. The movie that we are doing is about the school as an introduction for new students as well as any staff that may be looking for part time jobs when the permanent teachers are away. The movie will go through all the areas of the school from the front sign to the hall we will also have a virtual tour of the school.
You are invited to ArtAbility®s 11th annual art exhibition.

Please join us as we celebrate the creative flair of local artists of all ages, living with or caring for someone with a disability from culturally diverse backgrounds around Victoria.

At Federation Square’s Atrium (corner Swanston Street and Flinders Street, Melbourne).

Exhibition open for public viewing: December 7th to 17th 2015.

Official Launch for artists and sponsors: Tuesday, 8th December from 11 am to 1 pm.

R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, 1st of December 2015

Guest Speakers include: Ron Gauci - Interim CEO, Federation Square,
Miranda Bruyniks - Deputy Disability Services Commissioner,
Lynne Coulson Barr - Mental Health Complaints Commissioner.

The event includes exciting performances by Van Cana and others and will be fully catered by Beer Deluxe.

Phone: (03) 9480 1666 Email: artability@adec.org.au
Website: artability.org.au
Remembrance Day 2015

We went to the Remembrance Day service at the Shrine of Remembrance. We sat down and focused on what the man was saying. The navy and army were marching; the air force flew over the shrine. We listened to two war poems being read out and a speech by the Lieutenant Governor. The cannon started the minute of silence and went off again to end it. Everyone nearly jumped out of their chairs. The Premier Daniel Andrews was there.

We went to the service to pay our respects for the people who have lost their lives in war. Remembrance Day is held on the 11th day of the 11th month because World War One officially ended on that day in 1918.

Amina and Mackenzie put a wreath down on the steps of the Shrine that they made the day before.

By Jai, Ash, Noah, Josh and Blake.
My media course

In term 1 and 2 Ashley and I went to our media course in Melbourne. The people that taught the course were Layla and Laura they were good teachers. We made a movie about zombrex spray for zombies at a place called V.A.C.
21\textsuperscript{st} November we went to Adelaide for Pacific School Games and next day we had one match and after the opening ceremony for our game then we had good food. After we went to Adelaide Shores Resort then we went to sleep then we had five games next day we went Adelaide zoo it was small. On the 28\textsuperscript{th} we had a closing ceremony for our table tennis it was very boring. On the next day 29\textsuperscript{th} we flew back to Melbourne.

Yash

On Tuesday me and all the boys went to clip and climb in Richmond. I climbed on lot of obstacles.

It was a great experience. After clip and climb we had pizza for lunch. It was very yummy.

My favourite bit of clip and climb was the leap of faith. I think it was good to meet Mel.

Mel talked about lose of her legs. I thought what Mel talked about was interesting.

After Mel talked about the lose of her legs we played wheelchair basketball.

I got a 3 pointer in swish. Thank you for such a great day out from Harrison foreshew.
This year I have been attending CERES in East Brunswick every Friday for a year. I would go there to learn how to cook food and learn about hygiene. I attended the course with students from Warringa Park. I really liked my course because I got to wear casual clothes, everyone was nice and I would definitely recommend the course to other people.
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$5-10 Shoes

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My challenge to myself yesterday was learning how to deal with being in a wheelchair. And learning how to play basketball in a wheelchair. Before we did it I was nervous and scared because I didn't know what I was doing but I got the hang of it after that. After we did that I felt like dropping and sleeping and I felt sore.

Jai Andrew Summers sagor
25/11/15
The story of the lost dog.
Written by Jarryd Mcgillivray.

Once upon a time there was a boy named James and is canine companion Scruffs. James and Scruffs liked to play all day in the backyard. When it was time for lunch they both went inside. Also if it was time for dinner. When it was time for bed Scruffs had to stay outside in his dog hut. Scruffs woke up in the middle of the night to
hole like he all ways does. When James woke up he got dressed and went outside he called out “scruffs come here boy!” but scruffs didn’t come. So James looked around and saw a hole near the fence. James ran back inside to tell his mum. “Scuffs is gone!” so his mum went the computer to get some photos and print them off. When that was done they stared to put up the posters on the walls. A day had passed since they put them up around 10:30pm they got a phone call saying that they found their dog. So James and his mum got in the