Montague Continuing Education Centre

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Last Thursday afternoon all staff attended a stimulating forum with four other schools. The theme of the forum was ‘Making Transition Work’. Issues raised included – the current Australian profile on disability employability which is very low and rates poorly against other countries; Parents perspectives; Ticket to Work model for School Based traineeships; Programs that have had proved successful in transitioning students to part time employment; and we were fortunate in hearing from past students from our schools who are gainfully employed part time in a variety of fields, from magician to gardening.

At Montague CEC one of our key goals is to ensure a smooth transition for students transferring from other schools, at ages 14-16 years. Then support students to gain confidence and build skills to transition into the workforce.

Each week we welcome visitors to Montague, often past students return to ‘check out what is going on’ and tell their stories which is so heartening. Current students are always so interested.

Yesterday we had some VIP guests, please see article from today’s Herald Sun newspaper below, and some of our volunteers who give so generously of their time, skills and patience to work with our students.

It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors to our school and I am pleased to offer them the opportunity to meet the inspiring students who attend Montague CEC.

Geri
RECOGNISING OUR PREMIER VOLUNTEERS

NOMINATIONS have opened for the 2016 Premier’s Volunteer Awards to honour Victorians making a difference to the lives of others.

Premier Denis Napthine said he was inspired by the efforts volunteers made across the state, and that it was "important that we continue to recognise the outstanding efforts of our volunteers." "I encourage all Victorians to consider nominating someone that is doing exceptional work as a volunteer in the community and making a real difference to the lives of others," Dr Napthine said.

Awards include the regional and metropolitan volunteer of the year and the Premier’s Victorian Volunteer of the Year — the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award.

The Premier toured the Montague Continuing Education Centre in South Melbourne with the chair of the Herald & Weekly Times and the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch’s granddaughter, Penny Fowler, and chairman of the volunteer committee, former premier Jeff Kennett. Dr Napthine praised the centre’s volunteers, who give up their time to support young adults with an intellectual disability.
SPECIAL GUESTS AT MONTAGUE

Cody Keer

Today was a special day at Montague. It was raining, the Seda students led us through four new set of eight new steps. We finished the whole routine. Now we need to polish it off. The former Hawthorn President Jeff Kennett came to visit and joined in the Hip Hop.

Denis Napthine the Premier of Victoria also came. I was nervous about taking the photo for the Herald Sun because I was standing next to Denis Napthine. We all got a photo taken in Hip Hop class when they came to visit. We finished off our dance. Mr Premier was clapping while Jeff was dancing with the group. I was the photographer took photos of all our guests while they were all enjoying a cup of tea and muffins made by Montague students.

Billy, Noah, Kai, Josh H, made muffins. Gluttonfree, sugar free and healthy ones, banana and chocolate chip ones to. Sam and Amina were the student representatives. They got to go on a tour and show the visitors around our school. There were about 25 visitors to the school this week. There were also lots of our volunteers who we must thank like Rotary, Katrina and the Men’s Shed to name a few.

Who will surprise us with a visit next week? We love having visitors. Thanks for coming.
The Premier visits Montague

I met the premier of Victoria today, Denis Napthine. Jeff Kennett also came so did the lady who I've seen on TV and barracks for the Western Bulldogs like me. She is the daughter of Dame Elizabeth Murdock. They asked me questions about the activities I do at school. I told them about my school based apprenticeship and about this school and how long I've been at this school. I'm happy he likes our school. He thinks it's a good school. I've heard they are going to build a train station around here. It's good that the Premier came to look at the school.

I liked it when the students who are at the men's shed made a car. They were amazed that I go to Moorabbin for my apprenticeship and I live in the West. He asked me were students are living. They loved the Hip Hop. The Premier was talking to them. They were wrapped with the skills and how SEDA kids are showing us the dance. They wished they had more time to spend with us. I'd like to invite the Premier to our end of year Formal.

He was nice man and I hope he talks to the Government about continued support for student and schools with students with disabilities. We now have more hope for the future now that the Premier knows about our school after visiting our school. Thanks for visiting and hope you enjoyed the visit.

Sam Belden
We were lucky this week to be visited by a number of Montague students.

Nick did many courses since leaving Montague.

He completed an IT, O.H.S, Retail and customer services courses. He’s now got job working for Masters.
Nick is enjoying his job.
He said he had to work hard and
his advice to students is to never give up.
Nick said he always tried something when he
was at Montague even, if he didn’t feel
comfortable doing it like cooking. Nick got to
meet some of his old friends and some of the
new students and give them some good
advice.

Congratulations to Nick. SEE YOU NEXT TIME
HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR NEW JOB.
On Tuesday we went to the RYDA driver education program so we learnt about the risks, hazards and distractions about driving. When we got there we were in coloured groups our school was the yellow group, there was also another group. There were also six activities, the first one was to design our own car and what was in it that was to keep us safe and the other bit was luxury. Later we did the star ratings of the car. Then we compared the difference between a five star car and one star car and the safety of the car.

The second activity was we had a go in one five star car. The man named Neville took us in the car and we drove at different speeds in each group. The point of this activity was to see how far we can brake at each speed. And when we all finished having a go Neville gave us a chance to see what would happen in an accident.

After the first two activities we had a ten minute recess break.

The third activity was we talked about fines and laws and also how much it would take to get your licence suspended. And we also watched about how two friends were in a car crash.

The fourth activity was we were talking about medicines (including drugs) and alcohol and fatigue. And how to have a plan b when the first plan doesn’t succeed. And also the labels on the medicines. It tells you when you take a tablet don’t drive at all get someone else to drive you. And then we talked about drinking alcohol and how much should be in your body and there should be 0%.
Then we had a twenty-five minute break for lunch.

The fifth activity was a lady came and she told her story of how she had survived a car crash and told us her friends left her because her life now has changed. She now has a disability and a tumour in her head which means she isn’t able to walk straight and speak properly. She told us how she misses doing the little things like making herself a snack when she is feeling peckish.

The sixth activity was about distractions, hazards and risks. The lady that took us showed us video clips about a hazards and risks while driving on the road. And then we made a list of them and then we crossed out the ones that we should do while we are driving.

And then we all got on the bus and most of us were dropped of at the train station. While the others went to school.

By: Amina and Toni
Scarf Festival

2014: Divinely Wicked or Devilishly Good

This is the must see craft event of the year!

Hundreds of handcrafted scarves on display, most are available for purchase.

Craft demonstrations daily 10am - 4pm.

6th June to 7th September

26 Moorabool Street, Geelong
Open: Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.00pm
Sat & Sun 10.00am-5.00pm
www.nwm.vic.gov.au
I moved to Melbourne last month. I miss my old friends but & make new ones to live with my mum & sister. I look at people when I get to know them. I enjoy drawing and art.

This scarf represents me in some way as I go through much charge. The fear I fell could be classified as wicked because there is nothing to be scared of. The dots same are full, some not because every day is different.
Geelong wool museum scarf festival.

Gavel Madness

Hussain Alkabi
Madness

I love drawing comics mainly ‘Animo’. I collect comics and good some are bad I like them all. I go to Montague CEC and we are doing measurement and Design for Maths. So we did this scarf in class.
Art centre

Geri took us for a cultural trip to the city | enjoying some of sculptures.

We see typewriter, telephone, old TV, photo booth By Khushboo Roy and Yash
Hilton Visit

We went to the Hilton for a tour. I enjoyed the excursion. I liked the building. The bedrooms were nice. I helped make the beds. I enjoyed doing that. I am used to making my bed at home. The other students all helped also.

We were given a tour of the kitchen. It was very well organized. It was bigger than dad’s kitchen and had a lot more people.

I liked the art work in the lobby they had a piece made of sponge to look like the coral reef. They also had rope art. All the art had marine theme.

We had hamburgers and chips for lunch it was really nice. Some of the people then came and talked about their job. They were very interesting.

Written by Kai Everett
THE BORING CULTURE TRIP

After snack we when for a long and boring walk. The things we did was walk along the Yarra River and Geri took a lot of boring places. We took lots of photos and then we when to an art gallery. I fell down some stairs and got lost. It was the lift that was the best part of the trip. Then we got back on the tram and when back to school and the was the really boring trip.

By Noah and Josh
My Culture Day

Today Gerri took us on a culture adventure. We walked around looking at the artwork and sculptures near the Yarra River and then we went into the art centre. My favourite part was seeing The Beatles section in the art centre. There was an old jukebox full of The Beatles songs and all kinds of cool things there it was fun.

Trinda Chapman
Today Geri took us to the art centre. It was really good because there was a Beatles exhibition. There. We were looking at all the Beatles memorabilia. Tommy and I really enjoyed it!
Johnathon’s poem

Horticulture is fun for me.
On Monday and Tuesday you will see.
Ride on mower on the oval you’ll see me.
Ticket to work is giving me a future for me.
I love doing the course you see.
Certificate II in horticulture is for me.
You can do it you will see.
Learning is what’s it’s all about for me.
Raining it is easy for me.
You learn to use all the equipment safely.
Reading, writing if fun you see.
Education is for me.
Every Monday and Tuesday I do a horticulture course in Moorabbin with Sam. It’s fun to do. Last week I was using the ride on, mower on the oval. When using any equipment you need to wear protective gear glasses and ear muffs. This Monday we are going to garden world to look at different plants.

We also do a lot of bookwork every week. There are 12 other students from different schools also doing the course. This is a great opportunity for me. I am enjoying it and learning so much I am doing Student Based Apprenticeship Traineeship.

Johnathon
Happy Birthday Josh

Josh is a really nice guy. He’s funny and I just get along with him. He never asks me for anything. He just accepts me for who I am. He sees the person that I am. I saw Papa Smurf and thought of him so I bought it for him for his birthday. He looked at me strange when I gave it to him and said thanks. Happy Birthday Josh. He is a good kid.

Tommy
My experience of the café course

Billy, Toni, Tanrra and I went to a school named Berandale to learn how to use a coffee machine. It’s quite simple to make a coffee but what I find hard is frothing the milk because the teacher practically took over so I couldn’t fully understand what I was doing wrong.

Now Billy, Toni and I go to an old people home and we have shifts. There are 2 groups which is Toni, Billy and Tanrra are group 1. I am in group 2. I am with Isabell and Alicia. Alicia writes down the order and takes the money and also gives change. Isabell makes the coffee and I prepare the saucers and lastly I give them the coffee they ordered.

By Daniel Warrick
I don’t know

I feel sad.

I feel confused.

I feel grumpy.

I don’t know how to feel.

I don’t know what going on.

He wants to hospital on Monday.

He died on Tuesday night.

They won’t tell me anything.

I don’t know why.

He was a good bloke.

He was my uncle.

He was good to talk to.

He was a good brother and mate.

Kids don’t know yet.

How am I going to tell them?

What am I going to say?

Why me? I don’t know.

Cody Kerr
HEALTH
July Holiday Activities Program

> Lots of different activities.
> Hang out with friends and meet new people.
> Nutritious lunches provided.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
In conjunction with Kingston City Council and Bayside Council, Beyond the School Gates is once again running holiday activities for students aged 14+. The program runs over three days, and you can choose how many days you attend.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Secondary school students aged 14 – 18 years
- A recognised Learning Difference (e.g. Autism, Severe Language Learning Disorder, intellectual disability)
- Live or go to school in the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston or Port Phillip region.
- Supervision is provided but not one-on-one care, so students must be able to participate independently.

DATES, TIME AND LOCATION
- Dates: Mon 7 July, Wed 9 July, Thu 10 July
- Time: 10.00 – 3.00 pm.
- Location: Berendale School (2 Berend Street, Hampton East).

DRESS CODE/COST
- Comfortable clothing that enables movement is essential. Runners/trainers are highly recommended.
- The cost of this program is $20 per day, payable in cash on arrival on each day of the program. Lunch on each day is included as well as fruit for morning tea.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
During the program, students will get the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities, including dance, drama and cooking, facilitated by experienced staff.

BOOKINGS
Please book online and download permission forms at www.beyonddtheschoolgates.org.au
Select “Health.” Select “Healthy Teens School Holiday Program Day 1”.
Select “Health.” Select “Healthy Teens School Holiday Program Day 2”.
Select “Health.” Select “Healthy Teens School Holiday Program Day 3”.
Please note you will need to book separately for each day you would like to attend.
Places are strictly limited and bookings are required.

www.beyonddtheschoolgates.org.au
WORK SKILLS

Exploring TAFE

> Not sure what to do when you leave school?
> Interested in exploring different careers?
> Interested in finding out what TAFE is like?

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
• Age 16rs – 18yrs
• A recognised learning difference (e.g. autism, severe language learning disorder, intellectual disability)
• Live or go to school in the Bayside, Kingston, Glen Eira or Port Phillip regions
• Able to attend all six sessions and enrolment
• Able to get to Holmesglen (Moorabbin campus)

TRAINING MODIFIED TO SUIT STUDENTS OF ALL ABILITIES
All classes are taught by experienced VCAL Foundation and Certificate 1 in Transition Education teachers. Weekly sessions focus on the following industry areas:
• Photography
• Hospitality
• Sport and Fitness
• Textiles
• Horticulture
• Multimedia

COST
There is no cost for eligible students. Exploring TAFE is fully funded by Beyond the School Gates.

TIME COMMITMENT
Dates: Mondays – 28 July, 4, 11, 18 and 25 August, 1 September
Time: 1.30 – 3.30pm

INFORMATION SESSION
Please note there is also an information and Induction session – students are required to attend this session, parents are welcome to attend.

Date: Monday 21 July
Time: 4.00pm

Students are required to bring two forms of ID to the Information session, one of which must be photo ID (e.g. passport, birth certificate, student card). Students must also have a current email address

LOCATION
Building 4
Community and Transition Education department
Holmesglen, Moorabbin campus, South Road

HOW TO BOOK
To find out more about the Exploring TAFE program or to register your interest in participating, please email info@beyondtheschoolgates.org.au.

www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au
What I love about the Hilton was having four hamburgers and having four soft drinks and having nearly all the chips.

My favourite thing is food of course. That’s what I liked the best when we went to the Hilton. The hotel is Ok. The views are Ok.

The rooms are ok. The tour and talk was ok but the food, now that was great. Hamburgers and Chips went down well. Thanks for the tour, thanks for the food.
Working in the kitchen would be good only if I could eat I’d like to stay there and just have room services.

The art work in the Hilton has a sea theme. The rooms were big and beds comfortable. I liked the kitchen. They weren’t very big. They didn’t store much food but they did a lot of cooking and meals. They get deliveries and day and these are checked by one guy.

We saw the behind the senses. They are not as flash as the lobby, halls and rooms it’s pretty dearly in among all the corridors. We enjoyed the baggages trolley and tried to sneak in as luggage. We didn’t get very far.
On Monday and Tuesday I have been doing an SBAT which is a School Based Apprenticeship. The SBAT I have been doing is Horticulture. I get up at 6.15 so I can get to the train at Newport by 6.50 to go all the way to Moorabbin by 8.30 at Berendale School.

The things I do in a day at school is mowing, using the whipper snipper and the blowing, weeding and using the ride on mower. We use it to mow the oval of the school. I think it so fun and good that they use the kids of the school do the gardening at the school and not a maintenance man. Kids like to get on the mower and do a figure of 8 on the grass. It looks really bad but the teacher fixes it up later.

We all so get payed $90 for the two days. Some of the time we do book work so we get a certificate 2 in Horticulture. I think it so much fun learning about plants, gardens and how to use the machines and tools, needed for Horticulture. At the end of all this I hope to get a job in Horticulture.
The art work in the Hilton had a sea theme. The room were roomy. They showed us how to make the beds the bedroom all had good views. The windows were huge. They took us to the basement to see the loading docks. It was interesting. The deliveries just kept on coming. The behind the scene stuff was pretty plain compared to the lobby hall & rooms. The kitchen was good and well equipped. They had lots of fridges. They gave us hamburgers and chip for lunch. Everyone enjoyed them. Various employees talking about their jobs had to touch everything I saw because I thought things were interesting.

By Blake Perkins
**Hip Hop and Magic Show**

Before the Seda class an ex student from Montague called David is an amazing magician. The things that he did were so unbelievable.

He got thumb chains and dislocated his fingers to get them out. We could hear the cracks from the back of the hall where we were.

On Tuesday the Seda students are teaching us dance moves. They are very helpful and energetic. We learn a new lot of 4 sets of 8 counts every week. We will be performing on the 17th June. After the lesson we talk about the class and how we did.
The pregnant teacher called Natalie was so flexible for a pregnant lady. We have fun playing basketball and have a great chat and recess and lunch time.

By Brady Bomber Harrison
HIP HOP

For the past couple of Tuesday’s we have been taught by SEDA performance students different types of hip hop moves. There are eight counts to each section, which has eight different moves. We are all having fun. Getting to know other people is exciting. I can’t wait til we get it all together and show everyone on the 17th of June.

Toni Pezzimenti
ENGINEERIN KANGAN TAFE

Metal craft this term Sam and I are doing metal craft at Kangan TAFE. I’m enjoying using the tools to make a tool case, dust pan and other metal craft objects. You have to be careful with the machinery and wear all the right safety gear.

Cody
On Friday the 2nd of May I went to Kangan in Broadmeadows with other students. I do Sport Recreation. I met new people including Kaleb, Jai’s best friend and I hang out with him most of the day. I learned new skills about basketball. We watched a video about the old and new players and skills like slam dunks.

We talked about the five basic main rules of basketball. We then went to the gym and played a game. I’m so glad I went and really enjoyed it.

By Brady Bomber Harrison