Montague Continuing Education Centre

NEWSLETTER 13th February, 2015

Dates for your Diary

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Principal’s Report

It’s great to be back at Montague. I hope you all had a relaxing break from school. An especially warm welcome to the new students – Jarryd, Jonathon, Anne-Marie, Zac and their families to our community.

Many thanks for the prompt return of all forms that were posted to all families in January; this has certainly resulted in a smooth start and also ensured that most students have 2015 concession and Myki cards already.

Staffing for 2015

Lee Russell - 5 days per week
Soturia Hatzi - 4 days per week
David Stewart - 3 days per week
Cathy Northey - 2 days per week
Mark White - 2 day per week /
Cameron Waldon - 2 days per week
Argentina - 2 days per week

All staff have teaching roles in their expertise/interest fields, thus the students benefit greatly from their professionalism and dedication to meeting the needs of each individual student. Erika Beattie is our Bursar and Sue Batchelor is our administration officer 2 days per week.

Please feel free to contact any staff member with any queries or concerns you may have at all times. School number is 9690 3535. I also can be emailed on charles.geraldine.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

Activities Organised to Date

- Duke overnight Camps – 27/28 April, 7/8 December
- Around the Bay Bike Ride - 50 klm 11th October
- Dental Clinic visiting 23rd March
- Mindfulness sessions - 3 this term
- Sustainability program as part of Numeracy program every second Tuesday
- School formal – MCG 11th December
School Times

All students should be at school by 8.45am to commence classes at 9am and school finishes at 3.00pm.

VCAL/ VET

All students have made a great start in their Literacy and Numeracy units for VCAL, these outcomes are integrated across all areas of the curriculum. 7 students are doing Bonze Duke with Cathy. All students are doing an art/woodwork class with Mark on either Thursday or Friday. Students have started writing poems for Write for Fun and creating scarfs for Geelong Wool Museum exhibition. A number of students have also started their certificate courses at various TAFEs RTOs. Lee and David delivering Cert 1 IT here on Wednesdays to group, 2 boys doing Horticulture SBAT, 2 students doing Media program, 2 students Hospitality, 2 students Horticulture, student completing Office Admin SBAT. Other opportunities will be available in term 2 and 3. Work Experience placements are being organised for the older students.

Photos

Southern Cross Photographers have assured us that photos that were taken at our end of year celebration at the MCG will be posted early next, so those families who paid and ordered photos please let us know if you have not received photos by the end of the week.

Information Night

All parents and students are invited to attended a “Get to Know You BBQ and Information evening” on Tuesday 24th February 5pm - 7pm

I do hope you are all able to join us.

Geri Charles

Invitation
Tuesday 24th February

5pm - 7pm
The Montague Sports News

**What did we do for sports?**
We prepared and learnt different skills playing basketball, and we are going to be joining the Berendale basketball team.
We practiced our shooting, passing and defence combined with different drills.

**Where did we go?**
We started at the Montague basketball court and then went to the South Melbourne full court. In the future, we might be able to use the indoor courts at MSAC, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, we will also be playing in other stadiums.

**What did we practice for?**
Starting soon, we will be participating in an interschool basketball tournament.
We practiced to work together as a team which is really important in basketball.

Ashley - “I liked playing the sport and learnt good defence”

Yash – “I enjoyed playing basketball and learning new tricks”

Brady – “Firstly I would like to thank Cameron our coach for teaching new drills and games. I enjoyed the training and I think everything that Cameron taught me and the others was great. I love basketball!”
“It Can Happen If”...... Creating Positive Change for Parents with Intellectual Disabilities

A Free Forum organised by Powerful Parents Self Advocacy Group from Reinforce Inc. and supported by Healthy Start

Guest Speakers:
- Prof. Gwynnyth Llewellyn, Director, Disability Research and Policy, Sydney University
- Susan Arthur, leader of Powerful Parents Self Advocacy Group
- Colleen Pearce, Victoria’s Public Advocate
- Silvana and David Gant, Parents from Adelaide
- Sue Smith, Coordinator, Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

What: A forum presenting information about current research and the lived experience and personal stories of parents with intellectual disabilities. The day will inspire conversations between parents, child protection workers and government and will shed more light on the myths versus facts related to parents with disabilities.

“IT can happen if” will look for creative solutions and explore partnership opportunities and best practice solutions for the future.

When: March 12th 2015, 10.00 to 3.30pm

Where: Hayden Ray Smith Room Ross House Level 4, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne

Who: Health Professionals, Child Protection Workers, Service providers and Parents with an Intellectual Disability

RSVP: Please Register by March 2nd 2015 by email to sw@reinforce.org.au

For more information please contact Susan Arthur at Reinforce on 03 9650 7855 or see www.reinforce.org.au and www.healthystart.net.au
Trip to CERES Environmental Park

Today I went to CERES in East Brunswick with Noah and Nicholas.

We took two trams the 109 to crown casino then took the 96 to the Brunswick.

At CERES we saw chickens a bike repair place. They sell organic fresh vegetables. They have a coffee shop were you can get water.

It was a very hot day when we got off the tram we had to walk for 10 minutes to CERES. Students were doing a hospitality and gardening courses there.

I don’t know if I could get there by myself.

Olivia
Wake me up!

When I’m tried I can’t think.
When I’m tried I just want to sleep.
When I’m tried I sleep and sleep.
When I’m tried I sleep though anything.

I get tired when I play sport.
I get tired travelling long distances.
I get tired when it’s hot.
I guess, I better drink more water.

I get tired when you do something for so long.
I get tired when I think it’s over but it’s not.
I get tired and yawn a lot.
I get tired so wake me up.

By Brady Bomber Harrison
GOULBOURN

GOULBURN IS LOT OF FUN.

OF COURSE IT HAS THE BUSIEST RAILWAY STATION.

UNDER THE BIG SHEEP'S BALLS.

LOTS OF PEOPLE TAKE GOOD SHOTS.

BELMORE PARK IS THE PLACE TO BE.

UNDER THE RAILWAY BRIDGE THERE IS A HOMELESS MAN.

ROUND THE CORNER THERE IS THE BIGGEST POLICE ACADEMY IN NSW.

NOW ISN'T THIS INTERESTING.

PHILLIP
Pickles.

Pickles are green long and bent.
Igloo are pickle freezers.
Chickens shoved with pickles are tasty.
Kookaburras fly with pickles in their mouth.
Lamas can be painted green like a pickles.
Eagles can sit on pickles.
Slausages don’t like pickles.

Josh H
Today, the Montague sports students travelled to Dandenong / Knox Sports Centre. Our group was split into four teams which consisted of three boys teams and one girls team.

Students joined Berendale School to make up full teams and played against other special schools. Today they played against Marnebek who is a school from Dandenong and they had some really great players.

Nearly all of our players from Montague scored team points, with really good shots. They also played good defence but all had very close games without winning. The ‘A’ team lost by only one point.

Amina played for the girls team, and scored all six of their points, Jai and Brady also played very well in the A team. Kailup scored for his team and will play next week with the B team.

We want to practice some more, improve our shooting and team playing. Next week we will win!

Well done to; Amina, Ashley, Kailup, Yash, Jai and Brady!
India

Indian weddings are boring.
Not that I like standing around for long or,
Dancing and having a good time.
India food is so good and spicy.
Away on a plane I fly.

Yash
On Friday the 6th of February I Had Jaw Surgery.

In 2011 I got hit by a car and fractured my jaw so the surgery was to reline my jaw but also why I was in there they took out my 4 wisdom teeth. I was in surgery just under 2 hours. As I was laying on the operating table I was telling mum to get me away and slowly I started going to sleep. When I woke up I was dizzy, I had blood all over my mouth and I looked like a chipmunk. I spent a night in the hospital because I needed very strong pain killers. I’m not allowed to eat anything except for mush foods so I dint hurt my jaw. I’ll be glad when it’s all over!

Mackenzie Star
16<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for Montague Continuing Education Centre School Council Election**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Montague CEC

Nomination forms are enclosed and must be lodged by 4 pm on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**.

If required, ballot papers will be prepared and distributed on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014**. The close of ballot will be **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at 4pm with the declaration of poll being **Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Geraldine Charles

Principal
School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

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Name:

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Residential address:

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Contact phone (mobile or landline):

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Email:

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I am the parent/guardian of ................................................................., who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate .......................................................................... Date ............ / ............ / ............

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ..........................................................

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
School Council Elections 2015

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.
What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.