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School Newsletter 2019

Term Two, Newsletter

Welcome to Term two.

Once again we've had a busy start to the term. Our enrollments continue to increase and classes are growing. Several students are attending VET courses and completing Structured Place Learning (SWL). Many students have also started work experience.

A reminder that students can access work experience at any time throughout the school year. Students have the opportunity to complete a maximum of ten days in one term with the same employer, additional days must be organized through the school with written permission from the Principal.

In Term one and term two all staff participated in Professional Learning with a focus on reading and writing, both being student goals for 2019. We have created a small library using the books the school purchased and those families have donated. The books will be used in class, but students are also welcome to take them home to read.

We are continuing to improve the school building and grounds. In Term one we installed picture rails to display student work throughout the walkways. Over the next several weekends we are having the internal walls painted, it's long overdue!

At the end of Term two reports will be written and all VCAL Outcomes will be recorded. A full report will be sent home outlining details of what has been completed and what your student is still working on.

As our curriculum is 100% personalised, it is a reminder that all students are at different points in their learning. If you have any questions I encourage you to contact the office.

Montague School focuses on learning while engaging students through personalised learning curriculum. Our Sports and Arts programs also have a learning focus by meeting VCAL outcomes. We encourage students to participate in as many different programs as they can.

I would like to congratulate the students on a brilliant first term, all students worked really hard and achieved excellent results. During the Anzac Day Memorial visit, Sports competition, Eco Centre program, and Career Expos, the students represented the school to a high standard. They were respectful and showed maturity in the community at all times. Well Done!

Regards,

Paul Newson
Principal

Important Dates

CIRRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day	Monday – June 3 rd
Queen's Birthday – Student Free Day	Monday – June 10 th
Melbourne Cup – Student Free Days	Monday – November 4 th Tuesday – November 5 th

Daily Timetable

8:30am	School opens
9:00am	Period 1
10:00am	Recess
10:15am	Period 2
11:15pm	Period 3
12:15pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Period 4
2:45pm	School Ends

Please note:

Students are to arrive from **8:30am** and be prepared and ready to start class at **9am**.

Term Dates 2019	Start	Finish
Term 2	23 April	28 June
Term 3	15 July	20 September
Term 4	7 October	20 December

ECO CENTRE:

As part of our students Personal Development in Term 2, we have been participating in weekly excursions with the City Of Port Phillip Eco-Centre.

The sessions are run by Sharron Hunter from the Eco-Centre and our students have been involved in activities that promote biodiversity, environmental sustainability and community action.

For many students it was their first time seeing Penguins. At St Kilda pier, they learnt about their habitat and what it takes to sustain it.

Students had the opportunity to taste local indigenous plants found around our environment. They also learned about our waterways and the impact plastics and litter is having on the animals that use our rivers as their homes.

Students write a reflection and answer some questions based on information learned on the day.



Week 2: Ngargee Tree, Albert Park



Week 3: West St Kilda Beach



Week 4: Yarra River



Week 5: Botanical Gardens, St Kilda

School Council Dates: 6PM
Tuesday 7 th May
Tuesday 11 th of June
Tuesday 13 th August
Tuesday 10 th September
Tuesday 12 th November
Tuesday 10 th December

SPORT:

This term, the SSSSA sport group will be participating in 5-a-side, football.

Five-a-side football is a variation of regular soccer, in which each team fields five players, four outfield players and a goalkeeper. The game is played on a smaller pitch, with smaller goals and a reduced game duration of 20 minutes.

The official competition starts this Friday at Knox Regional Football Club. Our students have been busy preparing for competition, with weekly training sessions, held by the always enthusiastic, Chris (Cristiano Ronaldo) Walker. They have been honing their foot skills in front of goal, and learning how to direct a ball with their heads, to where they want it to go.

The team sport program enables our students to achieve learning outcomes from the Personal Development Skills unit. The interpersonal skills that they develop through participation in the team sport program; are learning to work together, active listening, patience, leadership and dependability, to name just a few. The program also enables them to interact and participate as members of a wider community and at the end of the day; they achieve all this and have a lot of fun doing so!

CAREERS

This term, Montague students have been lucky enough to have two Career Workshop sessions with the Inner Easter Local Learning and Employment Network (IELLEN). Tom and Dennis from IELLEN spend their time finding employment placements for senior students and have a vast knowledge when it comes to employer expectations in the workforce. The sessions focus on Employability and Job Readiness skills and the students had plenty of time to ask questions about resumes, cover letters, employer expectations and job interviews. All of the students, from those who are actively seeking work, to those who are only starting to think about employment, participated and really benefitted from the two hours.

<http://iellen.org.au/>

ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday 24th April, Montague School attended a special ANZAC Day Memorial at the Shrine of Remembrance.

One of our Foundation students organised the trip as part of his Independent Learning Plan (ILP).

We travelled to and from the memorial via a tram and were lucky enough to attend a private service, in which Montague were the only school to take part. Also present were The Western Bulldogs AFL team.

The students were able to lay a wreath they made during the service, along with poppies they were given before the service began. After the service, the students were invited to look around the war museum, which they really enjoyed.



