From the Principal ….

School Entrance Update
Our new entrance is looking great! The stonework is complete and the wrought iron gates and archway are being made over the next few weeks. These should be completed by the school holidays.

On Saturday 04 June from 7.00am til 11.00am we have planned a working bee to finish off the stone walls.

Jobs will include:
• Laying bricks for garden edging (cementing in as well),
• Mulching new garden beds,
• Removal of seats (behind wall),
• Removing old bricks,
• Turfing of new lawn along path,
• Planting plants,

If you are able to assist with the pickup of bark and turf, please contact Geoff in the office.

Smart Choices Updated
Smart Choices is a policy created by Education Queensland with which all school’s and P&C’s are required to comply by the end of this year. “Smart Choices, the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to students in Queensland schools and its implementation is mandatory in all state schools.” Smart Choices applies to the supply of all foods and drinks in the school environment including tuckshops/canteens, vending machines, school excursions, school camps, fundraising, class rewards, school events such as celebrations and sports days, and the use of food in curriculum activities.”

As a school this will essentially affect our Tuckshop, Homebaking on Friday afternoon teas and our Kitchen Garden Program. Fortunately, at Montville State School we have long had our own policy of no artificial colours or flavours as well as preservative free wherever possible, so these ‘Smart Choices’ guidelines shouldn’t have a huge impact on us.

The P&C will work with our Tuckshop Coordinator (Maddie) to ensure the delicious food she prepares in the Tuckshop meets these guidelines.
**School News....**

In terms of Homebaking, firstly we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the families for the beautiful treats that are brought in every Friday. In order to continue with Homebaking that the kids enjoy so much (and which is also a good, regular fundraiser for the P&C) we do need to consider a few things, such as limiting items with icing not adding lollies or choc chips etc on top of or into baked goods. Maybe we opt for savoury items such as muffins or mini quiches etc.

For the full policy please use this link http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/docs/smart-choices-quick-guide.pdf

**Under 8's Day / Prep 2017 Open Day**
What a great day. It was great to see so many new faces and be able to support our local community. Thank you to everyone who supported our annual under 8's Day. This year, we invited more of the wider community. Thank you to the following volunteers:
- Gavin Hodgkins - Bricks 4 Kidz
- Shirley Wells, Andy Wells, Loma Spencer and Gillian Kerr - Blackall Range Care Group
- Jenny Hawke, Chris Atkin - Montville Rural Fire Brigade
- Montville P&C Executive
- Vicky Hockey - Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Mapleton Playgroup

A big thank you also to Pia Boschetti for her kind donation of the face painter, to our wondering P-2 staff for helping organise, support and run the day and to all the students and children who attended.

**Winter clothes**
As we are getting into the cooler weather, I ask that parents check to ensure that all jumpers and jackets are labelled with student names. If you are missing some jumpers, please check out our lost property box.

**Chess Tournament**

Hi everyone, there will be a chess tournament at first break in weeks 9 and 10. Every student is welcome, there will be a prize and an entry fee of $2. There are 16 places so if you want to be in the chess tournament, go to the office with $2 and nominate. Nominations close next Friday (3rd June). The competition starts on Monday, week 9 (6th June) - If anyone is able to help out be bringing a chess board, it would be greatly appreciated.

Aurora Kirkman, Library Captain

**THE YEAR FOURS HAVE GONE TINNY!**
The Year 4 class would like to announce that they have formed their own company, “The Hot TINPOT Plant and Design Company.” We have enlisted the help of a Graphic designer, Miss Emma, who is working with the students to produce ict works for advertising and marketing. Through integration with Math, English and Art we are working on producing quality products for sale, with the proceeds going towards the 2017 Canberra Trip. On the Yr 4 verandah is a tin collection container where any aluminium cans can be left for our use. Our special series include: The Hot Chive Pot, The Cool Mint Pot, Hot Horizons and Cool Creations, as we are studying these varying colours and combinations. Be on the lookout for further information and please BRING IN YOUR TINS……….by the Montville 4s.

**Regional Cross Country - 31 May**
This year, we have to excellent runners attending the regional cross country carnival at Maroochydore Cricket Club. We wish Lily and Jed all the best.

**Band Dress Rehearsal - 31 May**
This year the Hinterland Combined Schools Concert Band will be performing at FANFARE 2016. Our performance will be held at Chancellor State College, Sippy Downs on Tuesday 31 May.

We hope the students attending, have a great time and enjoy their performance at Fanfare.
Our school will be offering parent teacher interviews at the end of term two. In the next few weeks parents requesting a formal interview with teachers will be asked to make an appointment directly with their teacher. Parents are under no obligation to meet with the teacher, but may want an update, more information or clarification around report card grades or comments.

**P&C News….**

**General Meeting**
It was wonderful to see some new faces at the last P&C meeting, thanks for taking the time to join us. The conversation and flow of ideas was funny, lively and worthwhile. Please have a look at the minutes to see what is going on with your P&C.

**Parent Reps & Class Fundraising Events**
With the aim of encouraging greater involvement from the Parent body for P&C organised events, we have decided to nominate specific events for each class to be responsible for and also to have a Parent Rep to help coordinate these events per class. Thanks to those parents who have stepped up for the Parent Rep positions.

**Permaculture Garden**
Are you free on Thursday mornings? How about heading over to the garden up behind Razorback House to share a cuppa and have a chat?? There might also be a bit of weeding and digging involved!! The Permaculture Garden is a big part of our school (we all know gardens need a constant bit of love and attention) and Gina can always use some help to ensure the garden is at its best.

**Business Spotlight: Little May**
We are so fortunate to have many families and local business who support our school and P&C. So let’s
P&C News….
check them out: this week it’s ‘Little May’, located halfway down the hill on the IGA side. As parents of Montville students, owners Hannah and Rich are strong supporters of the P&C. The Kitchen Garden donation can at their cafe is often full to the brim from donations; there is almost always a prize in the volunteer’s raffle from Little May’s range of treats and this week they are kindly donating cups to use at the Under 8s Day. Now just for something different, here’s a little poem Peta scribbled down about Little May’s.

When your morning has been a bit of a haze, head on down to Little Mays. The coffee and teas are the best around, up and down this mountain town. Grab yourself a delicious treat or some humble and real food to eat. The couch is there to sit and share. The friendships flow as locals and strangers get to know. Hannah, Rich and their fine staff are always up for a good old laugh. So the best thing to do these days, is to head on down to Little Mays.

There is a secret in Montville, a treasure for all to discover and enjoy. A place of quiet beauty with pathways leading through rainforest at the headwaters of Skene Creek with spring-fed lagoons providing sanctuary for local fauna and flora.

Community News….

The Montville Village Association began this process 15 yrs ago wanting to create a parkland within the Village, ensuring their rainforest heritage was protected. They wanted open spaces for the community to meet in and places for children to play. They also wanted a bit more parking for visitors!

Council bought this land in 1998 and extensive community consultation saw a Masterplan released in 2001. Environmental neglect had allowed huge weed trees to grow; Camphor Laurels, Privet, Celtis, and serious infestations of Lantana, Raspberry and Wild Tobacco. All tough work to remove and without Council support initially little happened.

Cllr Jenny McKay, got this moving in February 2008 and a small band of local people started work. Council allocated funds each budget for removing weeds and building required infrastructure. Rainforest revegetation on the Western side of the 2nd lagoon was the starting point, and then onto the rainforest walk on the northern side.

Community and school groups get involved with plantings several times a year and the first rainforest trees planted are now young giants. Frog habitats have been developed, butterfly plants are in place. The increase in birdlife is amazing, and frogs and lizards abound.

A small group of passionate people gather early mornings on 1st & 3rd Sundays, and 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. For an hour and a half they remove weeds, plant, and weed, then share a cuppa and plan the next plantings. Eric Anderson, Diana O’Connor and Alan Felmingham are the on-going heroes of this adventure.

Perhaps you would like to join in as there is still much to do adding further value with educational information, identifying trees and explaining the interdependency between fauna and flora. But now it is time to show what has been done and introduce our Range Communities to this Iconic Place.

On Sunday 12th June, at 3pm in the Montville Village Hall, we are celebrating this treasure and we would like you to come along. Local biologist Eric Anderson will give a digital presentation, walking us through each stage of this amazing project.

Artist Jim Cox, inspired to paint some of the wildlife now to be seen in Russell Family Park will Launch an exhibition of these latest works. These will be hung in the Luncheon Room of the Montville Hall from 11th June to 8th July.

Please come along on Sunday June 12th at 3pm for a Presentation and Exhibition Launch. The MVA will crank up their new wood-fired Pizza Oven.

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