Montville News

Montville State School

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From the Principal ….

Cross Country

Well done to all students who participated in our Annual Cross Country last week at Russell Family Park. Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2016:

9 year olds - Hamish Mitchell & Sienna Duncan
10 year olds - Jed Glover & Felicity Butterworth
11 year olds - Asher Bulling & Jasmin Duncan
12 Year olds - Max Veit & Lily Glover

A big thank you to Brian from the estate for mowing the track, Miss Sheree for setting up and ensuring the event was well organised and to all the parents who helped set up and pack up.

A team of 32 students will be attending the Small Schools Cross Country tomorrow at Kenilworth Community College. These students have been practicing every morning and are keen for the challenge of the Kenilworth Hill. We wish you all the best.

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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.

Update your details
Thank you to those parents who have returned and updated the student details forms. For those who are yet to return them, we ask that these be returned as soon as possible.

Student Welfare Worker
Just before the recent holidays, our Student Welfare Worker resigned due to family commitments. I have been negotiating with United Synergies since then to find a suitable replacement. I am pleased to introduce Christina Scattini to the role and to Montville State School. Christina will begin working next week on Mondays and Thursdays.

A message from our Behaviour Specialist

Is failure really all that bad?
I’ve been thinking about the way children today are raised and have been wondering whether we are doing them any favours. In our world today, we often protect our children from their mistakes. We ensure that they aren’t let down or that they achieve or do or get the things that they want. We put things in place so that they are completely prepared and won’t need to worry or feel the discomfort that comes with not achieving what it is they desire. But again, are we doing them any favours???

Maybe our definition of failure is all wrong. Maybe we have to begin to see failure as a way to inspire, to motivate our inner self, to understand that with hard work and effort we learn so much more about who we are. We build resilience and tolerance from making mistakes or failures so that we are prepared once again with the inner strength of getting back up and trying again.

In history, there have been so many famous people who were told that they would never achieve their dreams or goals however they didn’t give up or listen to this idle chatter the way some of our children today would. Instead, they had the strength and motivation to keep on fighting for what they wanted no matter how many set-backs they encountered. Abraham Lincoln tried running for the president of the United States eight times in which the first seven he was continually told that he didn’t have what it takes to be the president of the United States. However, during the eighth election he became the 16th president of the United States. Henry Ford was not an instant success. In fact, his early businesses failed and left him broke five times before he founded the successful Ford Motor Company. Bill Gates didn’t seem like a shoe in for success as he dropped out of Harvard and started a failed business with co-founder Paul Allen. However, he later created a global empire known as Microsoft. Albert Einstein was told by his teachers and his parents that he was mentally handicapped, slow and anti-social as he did not speak to the age of four and did not read until he was seven, however later in his life he won a Nobel Prize and changed the face of modern physics.

If we don’t allow our children to have failures in their life, we aren’t giving them the true understanding of self, perseverance, determination, resilience, the true understanding of what it is to succeed and to deeply understand humility and empathy for those who also strive.

It is important that we remind our children that it is okay to fail, as long as we learn from our failures and not give up. Instead, teach them to either change direction or to keep on fighting for what they want.

Deb Price
Behaviour Specialist for Hinterland Schools.
School Events....

Small Schools Cross Country - Fri 29 Apr
The Annual Small Schools Cross Country will be at Kenilworth State Community College on Friday 29 April. We wish all the students the best of luck

Labour Day - Mon 02 May
Please note that Monday 02 May is Labour Day. As this is a public holiday the school will be closed on this day.

Mothers Day Stall - Fri 06 May
For the last few years the Mother’s Day Stall has helped to raise funds for the students to go on the Canberra trip. This year we would like to continue this tradition by raising funds for the Year 5 and 6 students 2017 Canberra trip.

This year, we are holding the Mother’s Day stall on Friday 06 May. We are asking for donations of items which can be sold for between $1.00 and $5.00 e.g. candles, picture frames, stationery, chocolates, lotions, soaps, craft or anything that a mum would love. These items will then be gift wrapped ready for sale on Friday 06 May. The students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall for their Mum.

Donations can be taken to the kitchen located in Razorback House each morning until the end of April.

Spellathon
Montville State School has had great success with running Spellathons over the past few years. This year we are conducting a Spellathon as our major fundraiser to help reduce the cost of excursions and camps.

The students have been given coloured spelling list, which have been chosen by your child’s teacher as being at their ability level and also attainable for your child to master in the time frame. As a fundraiser it is hoped that the students will collect donations or sponsorship per word correct, however, it is not suggested that the children go door to door collecting sponsors, in view of “Stranger Danger”, but rather we look forward to you assisting your child to collect donations or sponsors to support this worthwhile academic and fundraising activity.

We also need your support in helping your child to learn their words ready for the test day in the forth week in term 2. Some ideas to assist with this may be:

- Orally hearing your child spell/recognize their words
- Playing games with the spelling/sight words such as memory, fish, snap etc.
- Getting them to write them out, cut them out of magazines, write them in fancy writing, rainbow writing or with letter shape boxes
- Making them from clay or play dough, painting them or drawing them in the sand etc;
- Using free websites such as www.spellingcity.com to enter the word list and complete the activities.

For more ideas please see your child’s teacher. This is meant to be a fun spelling activity to share together and should at no time become stressful.

The note and forms have been sent home earlier this week.

NAPLAN - May 10,11,12
Our students in Years 3 and 5, will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

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**P&C News….**

**Fundraising/Parent Reps**
Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have donated time and effort for various events recently. In an effort to encourage greater involvement (outside of the usual suspects!) we have decided that each fundraising event will be nominated to an individual class - the same idea that works so well with Friday’s home baking. In further discussions with staff and parents we thought it would be great to have a ‘Parent Rep’ for each class. The idea being that the Parent Rep would provide the P&C with a single point of contact for each class, it really wouldn’t involve much work. If this sounds like something you’d be interested in please speak to your teacher or Peta.

**P&C General Meeting**
Your very friendly P&C meets twice every term. Our next general meeting is Friday 13th May 3pm, straight after parade. The Executive are all very new to their roles and as such we would love it if you could join us, as we share ideas and thoughts as to how to best serve the school and our children.

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**Restorative Yoga**
Restorative Yoga promotes stillness, relaxation and quietens the mind. It is gentle and suitable for all ages, even those new to yoga. In Restorative Yoga, the postures are adapted using pillows and blankets for support so that you can hold the pose longer, allowing the body to open and stretch with the breath and reducing any risk of strain.

Restorative Yoga allows the body to release and let go of muscular tension and stress, it increases flexibility and brings about a state of wellbeing, rest and renewal. It can also be beneficial in recovery from illness or injury.

At: Montville Village Hall
Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.45am
$12 per class or $40 for 4 classes (paid in advance)

Wear comfortable loose fitting clothing
Bring Yoga mat and towel or blanket

No classes held in school holidays.

Kerrie Murray - Yoga Teacher, Naturopath/Herbalist, Reiki Master, Massage Therapist.
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**Prep News ….**

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