Montague Continuing Education Centre

NEWSLETTER 18th December, 2012

Dates for your Diary
First Day for 2013 [students] Orientation Camp – Rubicon Thursday 31st January
Monday 4th February – Wednesday 6th February

Principal’s Report

What a wonderful celebration we had of the school year last Thursday evening. I am sure you are all very proud of your son’s/daughter’s achievements; the students are a credit both to themselves and their families.

As I have said on many occasions I feel very privileged to be a part of the community here at Montague. The efforts of the whole team... parents, staff and students working together, produces the wonderful young people we saw enjoying themselves on Thursday evening.

Yesterday we received VCAL results for our students, congratulations to all students on their great efforts.

Four students, Lyndal, Jalal, Alan and Forest obtained full Foundation VCAL certificates, while another 20 students passed units for VCAL, particularly VET units, congratulations to the students and teachers for this wonderful outcome for Montague.

Farewell to Alan and Forrest, both of these students have achieved many personal goals and made significant contributions to Montague. The whole school wishes these students the very best for the future.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your students’ report, if you would like to discuss this further with the staff please contact the school to make an appointment early next year.

ADEC Art Exhibition
We have a large number of students in the school with ethnic backgrounds, each year these students are invited to exhibit their art creations in an exhibition at Federation Square. This year’s theme was ‘Dreams’ and students produced some interesting paintings depicting this theme. These paintings were on sale at Federation Square last week and a number of them sold as they have in past years.
Birhana has also had her painting published in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] 2013 calendar. Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Soutria who organises these wonderful opportunities and assists the students in producing unique pieces of art.

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Students return on Thursday January 31st however before that date you will receive a ‘package’ in the mail including student information details, permission slips etc. We would really appreciate these being returned on the first day back with the students. Rubicon camp forms along with payment [$60] will need to be returned then also. If all of this is not received, the student will not have the benefits of experiencing Rubicon and will be expected to attend Montague on those days.

Staffing
As many of you are aware Natasha is leaving Montague to ‘become a mum’ Natasha has been a wonderful staff member, her passion for teaching, her understanding of our students, her sharing of ideas/resources not to mention her sense of fun will be missed by us all.

Information Evening
There will be an information session for all parents to meet staff and have explained the programs VCAL, Duke of Ed, TAFE, VET etc on Thursday 21st February at 6.30pm followed by BBQ.

I wish all members of our community a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Geri Charles

We are very fortunate all other present staff members will be returning next year.

I am confident that I speak on behalf of all families in saying - “congratulations and thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to provide the best possible education for the students at Montague in 2012.”
2012 ADEC ART ABILITY
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REBECCA DILTON

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REBECCA DILTON
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THIS YEAR'S ART ABILITY. THESE WORKS WILL BE EXHIBITED AT FEDERATION SQUARE IN DECEMBER AND WILL BE FOR SALE.
CONGRATULATIONS TO BIRHANA MENINGISTU FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES ART CONTEST 2012.

BIRHANA'S PAINTING WILL BE FEATURED IN THE 2013 CALENDAR

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To all students, parents, carers and sponsors,

2012 has come and gone quickly, with many goals being achieved. We the teachers have had the privilege of working with your sons and daughters to foster their development in both educational and social endeavours.

Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner with many challenges at Montague and new students as well.

To our students we hope you have a wonderful and Happy Christmas and an exciting fun New Year. We look forward to working with you at Montague next year and those leaving us; we wish you every success in your future pathways.

To our parents and carers we thank you for your support without which we could not continue to deliver the best educational and social programs to your children.

To Geri, my fellow teachers, administration staff; without your hard work, support and encouragement throughout the year, it would be all but impossible to get everything done and dusted.

To the companies and businesses who have supported Montague and our students throughout 2012; we thank you and look forward to continuing to grow our mutually beneficial relationship in 2013.

To my fellow colleague Natasha, you have been an exceptional teacher at Montague over the past five years. Your students and teachers wish you all the happiness in the future and look forward to seeing pictures of the baby in March 2013. Congratulations to you and Jimmy.

That's it from me until next year!

Take care and God Bless.

Peter Smith
Welfare Teacher