Information Evening Postponed
New date Thursday 14th March - starting at 6pm

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Principal’s Report

It is hard to believe we have already completed 2 weeks of Term 1, with students and staff establishing routines and settling into learning.

Peter, Soturia, David and Erika accompanied eighteen students to Rubicon for three days, where all had a great time and were challenged doing various activities while having fun. I hope you enjoy reading students writings about their experiences.

We welcome to our school a number of new students and their families - Lindsay, Luke, Daniel, Stephen, Joshua and Pierre. Enjoying being at Montague and fully participating is a most relevant and important aspect for students and staff I believe, so it is very pleasing to see the support and friendships that are establishing between students and staff.

Information Evening 2013

Staff will present programs and meet with parents Thursday 14th March at 6pm. All students and families are encouraged to come along and we can share a light supper also.

Mindfulness and Sustainability
Both of these programs have commenced again this year, with students benefiting greatly from the expertise of Janet and April. As Luke said “mindfulness makes me cool and calm”
School Contributions
Thank you to those who have been able to make payments for the School Contribution; it would be appreciated if all contributions could be made shortly. To date less than half the student families have committed to paying these School contributions and this does have an impact on the programs we are able to offer.

The EFTPOS facility in the office, mainly for student use in their Budgeting programs, is able to be used for payments via credit or EFTPOS cards.

As previously mentioned all students will be offered VET certificate modules this year either here at the school and/or TAFE colleges. The school will be covering the majority of the cost of these courses; however each student is required to pay $350 towards the cost of participating in these certificates. As this is a set cost invoices were issued.

Fitness
No doubt you are aware we have a emphasis on a ‘fitness and healthy eating’ here at Montague with a number of students and staff starting training to achieve their individual goals. Today some of the Duke Of Ed students had their 1st bike ride for the year

Staffing
We welcome 3 new Support staff to Montague, I know you will all make a wonderful contribution to Montague and our students. Currently Gina is on leave to visit her father and family in Scotland and will return during 2nd term.

As we have a number of part time staff I have listed below all staff and their days.

Peter full time
Lee full time
Soutria Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
David Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Cathy Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Zoe Monday, Tuesday
Christiane Monday, Tuesday
Trish Thursday, Friday

Geri Charles

"The best thing I did on camp was conquering my fears on the high ropes,"

"We had fun having water fights when we were water rafting"

Tonileigh

"I liked going bike riding to the beach and all the kids are good"

Joshua W
Highlights of the first weeks of 2013
20<sup>th</sup> **BIKE RIDE**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of the second 2013, we had a morning bike ride, but Cathy our bike teacher was away so Lee came in and took over with Marcus. All morning we had to get our bikes ready. We checked our helmets, wheels, seats, and chains. We also went through our hand signals before we weren't on the bike ride. We left school at 11:00 and start our journey, but one of the students had to stay behind, Tonileigh, she helps the principle, Gerri. On our way to St Kilda beach, we stopped many times, in fact a lot of times, the first time we had a drink while Lee was making sure everyone's okay with their bikes. The second time we were on the side of the beach travelling half way through the pathway, Daniel's seat wasn't on probably and it started hurting Daniel legs so we had to stop and fix it. On our way back Marcus and Antoine went further while, Daniel, Joshua, Toni, lee, Luke and I went towards the Tasmania ship. Lee told me to lead the group back, Toni was behind me, I kept looking back to make sure Toni was still there. We arrived near Tasmania ship and we decided to get or eat lunch there. We rode back and as we rode back we didn't stop but we stopped and got off our bikes when we had to cross the roads. As we arrived to school we worked as a team and started putting our bikes away. Today we have to thank You, Lee for taking us out on our bike ride, when Cathy was away and couldn't come. Thank you all for working as a team.

By Elise Conte
I met the armoured Bear Volibear
Daniel Warrick

Hi, my name is Daniel and I’m going to tell you a story not just any story but the one about, the day I met an armoured bear. Let’s start at the begging. I was driving my old pickup- truck. It has rust all over the hood and when I go up hills it always makes a loud bang from the exhaust with a puff of smoke.

I was driving up a mountain then suddenly the old- truck started to give out and I say, “C’mon old girl this is your last trip, then you can have a break.” I lightly tap the dash board, I’m revving the truck as hard I can. Then it’s stops in the middle of the high slope. I say, “That’s all she wrote goodbye old girl.” I have to physically push open the door because of how strong the winds are, so strong and cold it feels like death grabbed my spine.

The truck started to slip I forgot to put on the hand break. I run to the driver’s seat, I pull the break hard. It snaps the door shuts with my leg still out. I scream in agony, it hits the guardrail I bail out the guardralls screech as the truck grinds across them. The railing stop then the truck plunges into the forest below then I hear a faint cry for help, I rush down and look where the truck decimated in its path then I see a bear crushed under the truck. He is no any bear he is a polar bear with amour I grab his gauntlet.

I get zapped the zap healed my sore leg and feel warm like if I was back home in the cabin drinking a nice warm cup of hot coffee. He wakes I say “hey a-a-are you all right fell a” then the armoured bear says, “I’m fine help me get this contraption off me” while he has questing face I push with all my might, I get the truck off him then continues its roll down the mountain I ask him “what’s your name.” “My name is Volibear soon to become chief of the Ursine” in a deep manured tone. Says “What are you strange creature” he stand on two legs high with pride. I watch in amassment when he checking his amour for any damage volibear says “my paw aches did you have to do anything with this creature.” I say “I touched your gauntlet and it fixed my leg and I’m a human.” Volibear starts to take of his amour Volibear says “the snow will keep my amour safe but I must get back to feljord so I can stop a war that soon will come” I say “i have some herbal medicine back in my cabin so i can heal you’re ache.” So we start to walk thru the blacken snow volibear says “ get behind me human you should be safer” TO BE CONTINUED
National Gallery Visit

Jalal Merhi

Today our class went to the Ian Potter Centre of the National gallery at Federation Square.

We saw Australians paintings and sculptures. We saw old Australian paintings of the bush, farms and paddocks.

We saw some strange art. There was a sculpture of a man. He was short, fat and bold and he was hairy. He was just wearing his jocks. He was ugly. I hope I don't look like him in a few years.

I liked a statue of a man because he looked cool. There were some aboriginal paintings. There were a few portraits of different people.

I found a sculpture of a car. There was a weird plant sculpture some were big and others small. I didn’t really find it that interesting.