Principal’s News

We have had another busy month at Montague. We have been increasing the information available on our website, and encourage you to visit it regularly to check for updates, rather than waiting for the newsletter at the end of each month.

Student Free Day

As part of the school review this year staff are required to undertake a review training day organised by the South Eastern Victorian Regional Office. School council has approved this off-site training, and as such we will not be holding classes on Wednesday 1st June 2016. A notice was sent home with students to advise parents 2 weeks ago. We are expecting to get a lot out of the training day, to help develop a clear and direction strategic plan for Montague.

First Aid Training

We have finished our first aid training and the students have received their certificates. It was a great final session with bandages and slings wrapping everything up! (see page 8)

Mobile Phones

The students have created their own policy and set of rules for the use of mobile phones in the classroom. This goes in line with the formal School Council Policy on mobile phone usage (click here to see the full policy on the school website).

School Values

We have been looking at our school values with the students and have created a poster competition for the best display of our school values. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter. There have already been some creative entries and we encourage all students to enter a poster.

Please discuss the values with your children at home:

- We treat each other with respect
- We celebrate each other’s differences
- We are positive, enthusiastic and show joy

We trust you enjoy all of the action in this issue of the newsletter.

Best wishes,

Geri
Recognition of Service—45 Years!

Geri celebrates 45 years of service, and as the Minister wrote in his address “each and every one of you should be proud of your achievements, and it is truly incredible to consider how many young Victorians you have taught through your years of service.”

After graduating from Teacher’s College, Geri worked at Greenhills and Mornington schools, before moving to Nepean Special School in 1975. In 1978 she moved to Naranga including 10 years teaching work education units at TAFE, and commenced at Montague in 2007.

Geri has helped support families and students during this time. She has worked tirelessly to improve the options and pathways available to her students and from all at Montague we congratulate her on her success!

School Based Traineeship

Yash has been having a brilliant time at his course Certificate II in Horticulture on Mondays and Tuesdays each week.

Here he is scooting around on the ride-on mower doing a great job of the lawns at Berendale School.

We have other students who have begun their work experiences. And we are looking forward to hearing the success stories from Kai, Josh H and Noah.

Work experience placements are offered as they become available from businesses. Students who have been working well, and demonstrate an understanding of the school values are offered these placements.

Mathletics at Home

Montague students have been using the Mathletics program at school to help them with their numeracy development.

This is something that parents can also access at home.

We encourage all families to ask their students about Mathletics. Students can log on at home using their school log on details and improve their numeracy at home as well.

Mathletics is run inline with the Australian Curriculum, and is used by many primary and secondary colleges. Beyond this, Mathletics is also used across the globe with over 4.6 million students in over 20,000 schools accessing the program.

For more information:
http://au.mathletics.com/
Throughout the year students have been reflecting on their Duke activities using an online journal called ‘Padlet’. This secure teacher-controlled online space allows students to add written reflections along with photos, video and audio to document their achievements. This process is allowing students to build their literacy, confidence with ICT, sense of self-efficacy and reflective thinking capabilities. Here are a few examples of what students have been writing lately...

**Friday 23rd May - skills - circus**

On the 23rd of May my duke class that does circus did circus today. I did well on the unicycle because I was practising on it. We also did strength and flexibility. Some of the strength things we did were dips, holds and stretches. We also researched Circus Oz and how to get there because we are going in June. The thing I enjoyed most was riding the unicycle because its challenging and its a cool thing to learn.

**cooking 20/5/2016**

I was cooking anzac biscuits and they were really good.
I was making anzac biscuit with Yash and myself.
we had to taste them before we gave them to open family.
Liv made honey joys and they tasted really good I liked them.

**Reflection of last week in Duke Hi my name is Harrison and today I’m going to tell you about duke last week.**

On Monday me and my class went to the footy oval. I did 7 laps at the footy oval.

I had lots of fun at the footy oval. I was very tired after I did my 7 laps at the footy oval.

I also did bike Ed. We took off some parts off the bikes. I took off the chain the pedals and the breaks. On Thursday I made some toys for the lost dog’s home. By Harrison. The date is the 23/5/2016

**Archery - 12/05/16**

Last week, the Bronze Duke of Ed group had gone to the Moorabbin Archery Club. We had done a few practise rounds before competing against one another for the highest score; I had a total score of 145 points and I’d hit 2 bullseyes.

Disappointingly, I had shot three arrows but they’d rebounded off the target; that was annoying. Scott had won the match with 251 points. After the match we’d put all the bows and arrows away and left. I’d enjoyed going to that club and it’s going to be good going back there sometime soon.
Last week we went to Rubicon as practice for our adventurous journey. Our adventurous journey is a camp where we go for two days and one night. On this practice adventurous journey to Rubicon we did three things: High Ropes on the first day and Horse riding and rock climbing on the second.

On the way there we stopped at Hillville for lunch while we were there we saw another school whose trailer had broken axel and they had propped it up on a log.

**High Ropes**

After the two and a half hour trip to Rubicon we went to the High Ropes course. It was really cool. The High Ropes course was two storeys. The first level was five meters and the second was ten. Each level had a flying fox and three rope activities. I only managed to get through three of the activities (two on the bottom and one on the top).

**Horse Riding**

On the next day we went horse riding but first we had to get some gear. Jarryd was reluctant to go on a horse but in the end he enjoyed it. I rode Dulux the Horse. I rode the last time I went to Rubicon, it was fun. The instructor Pagay even showed us a cantor.

**Rock Climbing**

After horse riding and a quick lunch and pack up of our camp equipment we went rock climbing. It was really cool. I tried to do the easiest wall but I only managed to get up halfway. The we did abseiling. We were taught the thumb up the butt technique. I got a nasty rope burn but he said it would be fine.

After that we started home and arrived back at Montague at around seven o’clock.
Jarryd flying down the wall!

Harri abseiling down the wall

The highs and lows!

Ella is nearly at the top

Lee leads out the horses

Nick DM balances on the high wire

Nick DG ready for the day

Nick DG scaling new heights

Safety First!

The Rubicon Group

Camp Rubicon
Soccer report - Friday 13th May

Today was a good day because we won. We played Narreng in and we won 2-1 on court 2 at Knox Regional Football Centre. At the start Mackenzie kicked a fantastic goal in the first 10 seconds. As the game went on it was easy to get the ball. Every player contributed to our win. At the end of the game we gave three cheers for the other team and for the umpire. We shook hands and were proud of our efforts.

By the soccer team

Cross country running day - Friday 20th May

On Friday 20th we went to the Duncan McKinnon Reserve sports fields. Mackenzie ran the 3km race for girls between 15-16 years. Mackenzie said the run was up and down hills and not very easy. However she finished it and did very well. The remaining students Olivia, Ash, Noah, Kailup, Nick and Yash were volunteering as marshals. They did jobs including replacing wrist bands, handing out ribbons, collecting the cones and directing people. The weather was good and all students from all schools were wearing smiles and all looked great in their school colours.

By Mackenzie and the sports students

Sports report - Friday 27th May

We played soccer at Knox RFB on Friday 27th May against Heatherwood. They are a skilled team and some of the players are actually pretty good. Some of our players were not feeling on top of their game. Brady said “I didn’t start off well – it wasn’t my best game”, though he did still score four goals. The referees are getting harder on us because over the weeks we have improved. The final score was a draw at five all.

By the sports students
This term a group of students have been working with Ella in a class on Podcasting. Students have learned to use iPad and smartphone apps to seek out and listen to audio content on topics that interest them. They have also recently become producers of their own podcast. Students planned, practiced, recorded and edited segments for a show themed around holidays for their first episode which can be found on the Montague website. While most students were initially a little shy about recording their own voice the finished product sounds fantastic! Students are now in the final stages of producing their second episode with a focus on work.

Montague Street Bridge

This term Silver Duke students embarked on a mission to solve the Montague Street Bridge problem as a service to our community. Unfortunately VicRoads has beat us to it by installing a large gantry outside of our school. This week we wrapped up the project by building models of the bridge and the gantry. While this activity helped us develop our understanding in the VCAL Numeracy: Design unit it was also a lot of fun!

We are excited to announce that the scarves that the Montague students made in term 1 are on display from 3rd June—4th September at the National Wool Museum, Geelong. You can see the display from 9:30-5 Mon-Fri and 10-5 Sat-Sun.

26 Moorabool St, Geelong
Hi I am Nicholas. this week I did my confirmation with my brother. My family all came and after this we went out for dinner to celebrate. I got my first aid certificate. I can do 30 chest pushes and 2 breaths. I can call 000 for an emergency for the ambulance, fire engine and police. I go shopping to Coles with mum. We buy food. I push the trolley and put things in it. We made toys for the lost dog’s home and went to deliver the newspapers.

By Nick DG, 20/5/16

Events on the Website

As part of improving the lines of communication with parents we have updated many pages on the website.

One of the improvements is including outside events on the Events page. These are talks, forums, presentations, etc that are have relevance to our families and students. Many are held by local Councils or Support Groups.

As we often have short notice about these events, we feel the best place to inform parents is on the website.

Upcoming events include:
Breaking Down Barriers: Empowering people with disability to access justice
Carers Forum—It’s OK to care for yourself when you’re caring for somebody else
Let’s Talk About Sex—Relationships and Sexuality Forum
The Other Film Festival

Visit the Montague website for further details.

www.montague.vic.edu.au / events