

Pulse

The Heartbeat of Mountain District Christian School

Primary Cricket

This year, MDCS has been blessed with a range of amazing coaches that have assisted us in the delivery of our Primary Physical Education program. In Term 1 we had Ian, a local Tennis coach. In Term 2, we had Gordon from Knox Gymnastics who delivered an outstanding program that assisted our students in developing coordination and confidence. Term 3 saw two coaches from Melbourne Victory deliver an excellent Soccer Unit. Finally, we recently had Nathan from Cricket Australia teach our students the in's and out's of our nation's favourite summer game. It's been an exciting year and we hope that your child has enjoyed participating in these quality programs.

Will Baird
Sports Coordinator





This is the final newsletter for 2017. The word 'Celebrate' has been the word at the forefront of our minds as we have journeyed this year, and there has been much to celebrate. One highlight that stands out to me was the mid-year whole school Assembly that the students led. It was packed full of reflections of learning journeys to the midway point of the year and it was delightful to see their enthusiasm as they shared. Another was our ANZAC Day service led by Mr Lock which had a more sombre

and reflective nature to it. It was a privilege to have Matthew Bull, secretary of the Monbulk RSL as a guest, speak to our students. There have also been the seemingly smaller examples such as the joy of the Preps finding cauliflowers that had grown in the veggie patch, the joy of a Year 1/2 student sharing how he is now able to write so much more than he could at the start of a year and the letters we have received from thankful parents at the new enthusiasm for learning that their child has developed. I'm sure you would be able to add your own highlight. Next week you will be able to continue your reflection on the year as you receive your copy of this year's Reflector, the school magazine. Emma Williams, a past student, completed the task of designing, compiling and creating the magazine. She has done a fantastic job, bringing a past student's perspective to it. Enjoy and thank you, Emma!

It is such a privilege to be part of a supportive community, with engaged parents, enthusiastic and curious students, a wonderful and committed staff, and a great God! Thank you to all the ways in which you have been involved in the life of the school throughout this year, whether through working bees, attending camps, helping out in the Lunchbox or whatever it may have been. We highly value your involvement!

An update on staffing.

This afternoon we will be completing the interview process for the new teacher who will join the Primary staff in 2018. Once this is finalised, we will send a special letter home informing you of the new appointment. I also want to inform you that, sadly, Thea Maguire has decided to finish at the end of 2017. She has served the school faithfully over many years for which we are very grateful. I would encourage you to find a time to say farewell to her in the coming week. There will also be an opportunity at next week's Thanksgiving Assembly.

With the final few days of the school year upon us I'd like to remind you of a few things.

Next Tuesday, 12th December, is our Thanksgiving Assembly. We would like to invite you to come and be a part of it. At the

end of the assembly your child/ren's reports will be available for pick up. I encourage you to read through their report with them, discussing their progress, areas of celebration and areas for growth.

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Finally, as we approach Christmas, one of my favourite times of the year, may I encourage you to spend time reflecting on the wonderful gift that was given to us in the form of a vulnerable child? A king entered the world in a manner not expected and did so much more than was expected. He wasn't a king for a time, He was king for eternity!

Enjoy your time with family and friends over the holiday period. I look forward to catching up with you next year and sharing holiday stories.

Merry Christmas!
Jason Riding

Year 6 Celebration
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Thanksgiving Final Assembly

Tuesday, 12th Dec
2pm ~ Gym

Come and celebrate
2017 with us!



COMING HOME THIS WEEK:

- Nurture Magazine
- Year 7-9 Fun Day reminder—Jump Deck & Movie

REMINDERS:

- Return Year 12 Jumper orders
- Return 2018 Bus Request forms

Parents please note...

A brief reminder to parents that fee invoices for next year (2018 fees) have been sent out. Please advise the office if you have not received any details. The early payment **discount of 8% is available on the tuition fees if paid by TOMORROW, 8 December 2017**. The bus fees are not part of the early payment discount. Please return your payment plans including direct debit arrangements, bus forms and indicative working bee attendance by the end of November so that planning for next year can be finalised.

I also note that we have received payments from a Bendigo Bank account for fees without any reference details. If you have been making payments in this manner please contact the office so we can allocate the receipts against your account.

Ross Ingram
Business Manager



LOST PROPERTY REMINDER!

Lost property contains:

US size 5 blue, white and yellow Asic runners—good condition.... and, various jumpers, shirts, drink bottles etc...

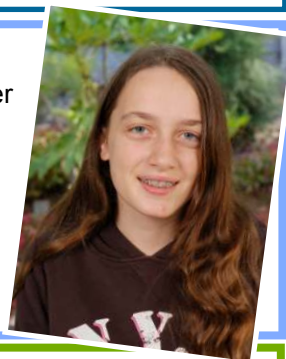
Did you know that many children do not recognise their own clothing or items once they are no longer 'attached' to themselves? Weird!

PLEASE feel free to come and check lost property at any time. Lost property is located at the MPR.

All items not collected by the end of the year will be donated to an op-shop over the holiday period.

Items will also be available to look at after the Thanksgiving Assembly on the last day of term. THANKS

Congratulations to Lauren Athanasiou for receiving the Music Directors Award for 2017 for her involvement in the Hills Big Band. Hills Big Band operates through the In Schools Music Program at the Dandenong Ranges Music Council, in Upwey. Congratulations also to Kalen Leong for receiving an A for his Grade 1 piano exam. - Hannah Denny Music Coordinator



OPEN DOOR' CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

REMINDER: All items need to be sent to school by Monday, 11th December, so keep those goodies coming!! If you have not sent anything for the hampers as yet and would still like to do so, some suggestions include:

- * Packaged 'Christmassy' treats such as Puddings, Fruit Mince Pies, Canned Ham, Chocolates, Biscuits, other basic 'non-perishable' food items
- * Children's Toys

The goods will be presented to Open Door/Monbulk Community Care at our Thanksgiving Assembly on Tuesday, 12th December @ 2pm. All welcome!

Colouring Competition sheets due back tomorrow:

The Christmas colouring competition will be judged on **Saturday the 9th** of December, so if your child wishes to enter, hand your completed picture either back to the school or directly to the Bendigo Bank branch in Monbulk by the 9th of December for your chance to win some great prizes!

Your drawings will be judged on both creativity and neatness!

Great cash prizes for your Bendigo Bank account!

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Congratulations to Ruby Pinkster, Sam Hellema and Ryan Van Bremen for achieving excellent results in recent piano exams!

Katherine McIntosh
Piano and Violin Teacher



Term Dates 2018

TERM 1

Prep & Year 7 start - Monday 29th January

Whole School start - Tuesday 30th January

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 12th March

Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 22nd & 23rd March

Term 1 ends - Thursday 29th March

Good Friday - Friday 30th March

TERM 2

Students start - Monday 16th April

Anzac Day Holiday - Wednesday 25th April

Queen's Birthday Holiday - Monday 11th June

Term 2 ends - Friday 22nd June

TERM 3

VCE Students start - Wednesday 9th July

Whole School start - Monday 16th July

Parent Teacher Meetings (Friday student free day) - 13th & 14th September

Term 3 ends - Friday 21st September

TERM 4

VCE Students start - Monday 8th October

Whole School start - Wednesday 10th October

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th November

Term 4 ends - Thursday 13th December

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

7th - Year 6 Shopping excursion

8th - Year 7-9 Movie/Jumpdeck excursion

- Year 10 End of Year BBQ

11th - Year 7-9 Emerald Lake excursion

12th - Whole school Thanksgiving Assembly

- END OF TERM 4!



Whole school Orientation Day...

"That was the best Orientation Day ever!" was what we heard from one of our Primary Students at the end of the Whole School Orientation this week!

Every year level across MDCS spent the morning in what is to be their 2018 class. Current students and new students participated, with new Parents having their orientation in the library. It was wonderful to see parents engaging with what was being presented and also with each other. We look forward to partnering with not only our new parents but our current parents, in the education of their children in 2018.



Community News...



Wanted to Rent:

4 bedroom home, 2 well behaved dogs and 2 cats.
For family of 2 working adults and 5 kids who all attend MDCS. Our lease is up February next year and we would like to move in January. Great references.
Please call Bec on 0404672933

Bek's Child Minding Service



Experience working with young children
Year 12 student
Available weeknights, Saturdays and Holidays
First Aid Certificate
Additional experience in childcare centre, preschool, primary school and hospital maternity ward and special care nursery
Ring Bek on 0497 823 224
You are welcome to ring my referee:
Dionny - 0434 145 103

Buskers Wanted

Musicians,
Performers...

We're looking for street performers to entertain Emerald leading up to Christmas 18th—24th Dec

For more information contact:

Louisa:
evpoffice@nunet.com.au
by Dec 11th

TALENT IN THE HILLS WILL BE ON AGAIN
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 10-2PM

Get ready to enjoy
several performers coming for the day plus a
scenario of Christmas Cheer!

Dress Up your Dog in Christmas Attire
and parade down
Main Street Monbulk for fun !



Poochies offering pet photography!

@ Poochies Pet Supplies & Cafe
110 Main Street Monbulk



KAREN AND STEVE
WITH MUSICIAN FRIENDS ARE
PLAYING AT EDISON BAKEHOUSE

Christmas Showcase
Saturday, December 9
Northby's Bakery

Stephan Leonard
& Others @
Friends on the Hill
Cafe

MONBULK PRODUCE MARKET
WILL HAVE SEVERAL CHRISTMAS STALLS

Primary Talent Quest...

MDCS Has Talent was a great success thanks to all the hard work by teachers & students. We raised \$165 to go towards a community project. The winner of the whole competition was Titanium Girls, a group comprised of talent & style. We had amazing talents from singing & dancing to a karate kid & guitar solos playing Thunderstruck. Every student had talent in different and amazing ways that we could not have imagined. We had 3 amazing judges, Mrs Tunne, Miss Miller and Mr Grace. The Year 8s were also an amazing help with the sausages and icy poles. We hope to do this again next year! Thanks to everyone else who helped. A big thanks to Mr Eden and Mrs Bratton for helping to make this happen.

Aurora Stebbing
Year 9



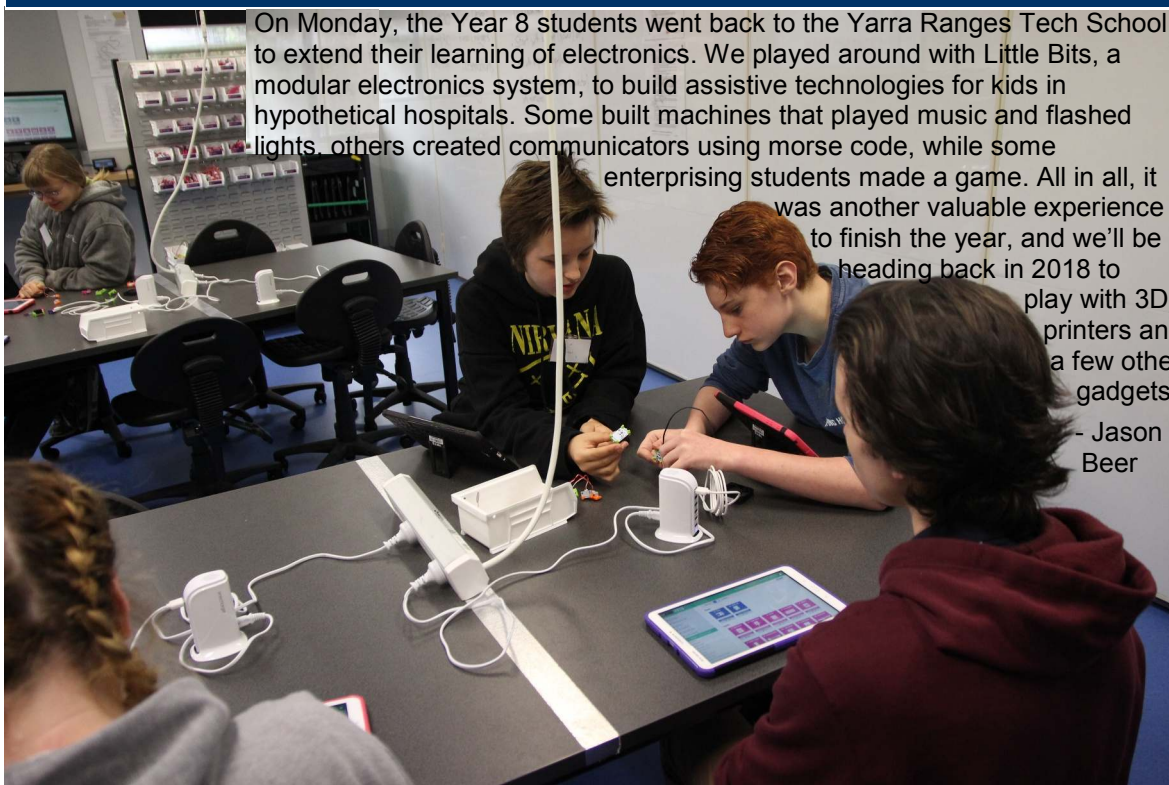
Year 8 Electronics excursion...

On Monday, the Year 8 students went back to the Yarra Ranges Tech School to extend their learning of electronics. We played around with Little Bits, a modular electronics system, to build assistive technologies for kids in hypothetical hospitals. Some built machines that played music and flashed lights, others created communicators using morse code, while some

enterprising students made a game. All in all, it was another valuable experience to finish the year, and we'll be heading back in 2018 to

play with 3D printers and a few other gadgets.

- Jason Beer



Year 6 Celebration...

Last week Year 6 celebrated, with a special dinner, the completion of their Tiny Toastmasters course. Students challenged dinner guests with speeches on cats, dogs, caring for the environment, living more sustainably and the importance of family. Most notable was their focus for others and making a positive contribution to the world we live in.

Tiny Toastmasters is a Youth Leadership program that teaches the art of public speaking. Year 6 students have spent Term 4 writing and delivering speeches on a range of topics. Speeches were supported with pictures or props to help the audience connect with the topic. Weekly meetings were run by students with the support of parent helper, Jacqui Pinkster. It was evidenced on the evening that students had grown in exploring their areas of passion and presentation skills.

The evening was a wonderful community event and opportunity to bless the Year 6's as they finish their Primary years and move into Secondary school. Highlights included the parents giving their children letters of encouragement, reminding them of their gifts and talents and, students receiving a devotional Bible before the night concluded in a prayer of blessing.

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to the evening including those who organised gifts, certificates and set up the venue with a school subject theme approach. Well done Year 6 on completing Primary School! All of your Primary School teachers are very proud of you. - Janita Bratton on behalf of the 5/6 team

