Year 7/8
Wilson's
Promotory Camp

...a beautiful part of God's GREAT BIG world!
Psalm 104

LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

2 The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent

3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

4 He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

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During the evening of our overnight hike to Oberon Bay, the students took time to sit and reflect under the stars on the beach, quietly, with no noise except the waves and wind. ‘Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty’ starts Psalm 104. We read this as a group before a time of quietness. I would encourage you to continue to read further in that chapter. It poses some great imagery of how God is Lord of all; creator of all! Our planet is so big and beautiful. How much more our Creator?

Times to reflect often lead to thinking about ways in which we can respond, and in this case ways in which we can be good stewards of ‘Our Magnificent Earth’. The general consensus among our hiking group was that we need more time to stop and reflect on how good God is. The time on the beach went by very quickly...

What a wonderful part of our program that enables students to look beyond pictures, books and photos to provide them with a tangible experience!

Welcome back to our Year 5/6 students, staff and helpers. They returned from their Mill Valley ranch camp yesterday as part of their unit on Farming. We’ll hear more about this camp next week and the stories they will be able to share with us. Next week our VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies group heads out on one of their trips. This is a requirement of their study for this subject.

Have a great week!

Jason Riding

Forms and Letters sent home this week:
- Primary Headlice check
- Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser Order Form
- Yr 7-11 House Cross country

REMINDERS
STUDENT FREE DAY TOMORROW

325 Macclesfield Rd       P O Box 483    Monbulk 3793       Phone 9756 7244       Fax 9756 7356       mdcs@mdcs.vic.edu.au
Trinity Sullivan, from Year 5/6BH, is passionate about helping kids in Thailand through Home of the Open Heart, and is running a fundraiser to help raise money for these children. She will be visiting classrooms and giving a short presentation as to why this is important to her. Please support her in this initiative!

Mr Heckathorn (class teacher)

Parents please note...

Lost Property Reminder:
All lost property will be on display over the parent teacher meeting times. Please come to the Gym and look for your child's belongings.

NOTE:
All items NOT picked up before holidays will be taken to the op shop over the holidays.

Last week of term!

Mon, Tues, Wed lunch

Closest guess TAKES ALL!!

How many Jelly Beans?
50c per guess

All money raised goes towards charity.

Guess as many times as you like!

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Forgot to return your Immunisation Card??

Was your child away from school or on an excursion and you wanted them to get their immunisations??

Late immunisation cards can still be handed into the office and students will receive their shots on the next round of visits, in Term 2.

Please contact the office with any questions. Spare cards are available from the office.

MARCH
19th - 20th Parent Teacher Meetings
20th - STUDENT FREE DAY
- Yr 12 English, Movie Night
23rd - Yr 7-8 Volleyball
- Primary Assembly (5/6 BH)
23rd - 25th VCE O&ES Camp

27th - TERM ONE ENDS
- Yr 7-12 Interhouse Cross Country

APRIL
15th - TERM 2 BEGINS
17th - Yr 12 English, Movie Night
23rd - New Parents Dinner

Sushi!

Tuckshop will be running a sushi special for the last day of term — order forms will go out early next week and MUST BE RETURNED THURSDAY — No orders for Sushi can be taken on Friday.

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Energise School Holiday Program

Tuesday 31st March
9.30am – 3pm
Prep to Grade 6
$6.00

*Egg Dying
*Easter crafts
*Easter games
*Easter egg hunt
*Morning tea and lunch provided
*Watch a movie on the big screen

www.monbulkcf.org.au/energise

to register by 26th March
Monbulk Christian Fellowship, PO BOX 327, 848 Old Emerald Rd. Monbulk 3793, 8726 8636
monbulkcf@westnet.com.au

Emerald’s award winning arts festival event is on again!

Celebrating 10 years!
Sustainability through the Arts

Events running April 9th - 19th

A great family day out!
Sunday April 12th
10am – 4pm
Strengthening Community Connections

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE DAYS

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 AT 10:30AM

BIG HERO 6

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2015 AT 10:30AM

GOLD COIN DONATION • SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND LOLLI POPS FOR SALE

DISCOVERY CHURCH 89 MONBULK ROAD MT EVELYN FOR MORE INFO CALL 9756 2323
On Thursday, 12th March, a little flock of swimmers braved the cool weather at the Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre to compete in the Interschool Swimming carnival. With the Years 7 and 8 students away on camp, a trophy was always a tall order, but we had plenty of ribbons for the boys and girls who dived in. With the handicap system (based on school population) we did not come last! This is pretty remarkable considering we competed in less than half of the events. Special congratulations to Luke Jones for his win in the 50m Freestyle, and the Year 9 girls who consistently competed in the higher age group. A big ‘Thank You’ to Paula Jones, who helped score all day and provided extra words of motivation, and Sam Allen for driving us to and from the venue.
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