



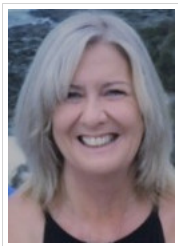
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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Spring is here and we've already experienced some slightly higher temperatures and sunny days- while we don't insist on sun hats until Daylight Savings starts it's still a good idea to locate school hats and have them in your children's bags now just in case.

We have lots of opportunities to share student learning through social media as well as the newsletter and the Seesaw app. If you have not returned your validation forms that let us know what permissions you give us in terms of sharing images of your child and their work, we'd really appreciate having these.

Similarly, returning your forms around the Seesaw app will allow you a lot more access to view your child's learning.

In news around the facilities of our school you may have noticed that the Mud kitchen has moved to the Bayside playground and we are renovating our current bike racks as well as adding more bike parking. This is in response to the very pleasing uptake of students using the bike track. We are also sourcing scooter storage so our students can scoot at play times. We are getting some seating and landscaping around our Giant Bream art creation and also upgrading the heating in the library. As our community has grown, so have our staff numbers, so we are increasing our staff toilets to 3 in the main building.

Our Part Way walks have been well attended, and on Friday we are participating in Walk to School Day. Lots of our staff will be part of this and we look forward to seeing our families at Simmons Park ready to walk at 8:20am. Please note for those of you not participating, doors to the building will be closed

until the walkers arrive to make supervision of students on-site manageable by the staff at school. We also ask that bikes, scooters and skateboard are not part of this event.

Regards,

Cathy Young

The Growing up Program

The Growing Up Program – a relationships, sexuality and protective behaviours program, will be run by Family Planning Tasmania for grades Kinder – Grade 6, starting on Tuesday 15th September. A parent information session will be held at 8:30am on Tuesday 15th September in our school library. **To ensure we maintain appropriate social distancing, please let the school office know if you are attending the parent session by Friday 11th September. Unfortunately we can't accept walk-ins – all parents must sign in through the office and complete the health screening documentation.**

Growing Up aims to provide your child with knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make choices for positive emotional, physical and social health.

The program is age-appropriate and topics covered may include:

- Our bodies and how they work including private body parts
- How my body has grown and changed – birth to present
- Rules about touch
- Conception, pregnancy and birth
- Feelings and emotions
- Healthy and safe relationships – face to face and online

- Decision making and communication skills
- Puberty changes
- Valuing diversity

For information about talking to your child about relationships, sexuality and puberty visit

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/healthy_communities/talk_soon_talk_often

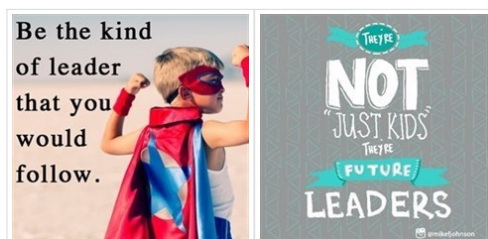
Character Strength Focus – Leadership

Our next strength focus for weeks 8, 9 and 10 is Leadership. This strength links to all 3Rs at Montagu Bay – to be a good leader you need to demonstrate respect, responsibility and resilience. Having leadership means being good at organising things for groups of people and making sure that they happen. People with this strength work well with everyone and bring out the best in others in their team.

Children whose leadership qualities, interests and talents have been fostered are more likely to feel empathy toward others; have improved critical thinking skills; develop problem-solving abilities; accept others' differences; and exhibit more self-confidence.

Below are a few practical suggestions for teaching children leadership qualities.

- Help children see different viewpoints in a situation. This will be helpful when they are working in a cooperative group situation.
- Teach children to set goals and put forth their best effort in everything they do.
- Help children maintain a positive attitude and use flexible thinking even when things are out of their control.
- Teach children that mistakes will always happen. Teach them to ask themselves what they can learn from each situation.
- Enroll kids in extracurricular activities. This teaches them patience, tolerance, teamwork, cooperation, sharing of ideas and opinions, and conflict resolution. It gives them the self-confidence needed in order to lead people both as a kid and as an adult.
- Let your child make decisions. Start out small, such as letting them choose food in a supermarket. As they get older, they can start making more difficult decisions, like how to spend their money.



Grade 5 Band Workshop

On August 20th, Grade 5 students attended their Band Workshop at C3 Convention centre. Mrs Reade has asked students to describe the day and talk about the experience.

“For me the workshop was a time for me to get together with new people and work with them, to get a chance to improve our skills playing” says Evie.

Grace C describes the day, “The workshop was a bit boring as we had to sit down for ages, but it was really fun because we got to meet all of the other band people and we got to rehearse as a group.”

Will says he learnt what it sounds like when we were all together. He thought playing music with his friends and hanging out with his friends was the best part.

Mark said it was a bit crowded at the workshop (there were 85 grade 5 students from central band there) and that the best part was the playing.

Xavier said it was awesome and he learnt to listen around the band to the other instruments.

Logan thought that playing in the big group was the best part because if you made a mistake no one could hear, and that it was a little scary but he still had fun.

Grace B enjoyed hearing the end results and describes the experience, “The band workshop was a great way to practise our instruments along with new people. It was very fun.”

Olyvia says, “The workshop was fun but scary. There were so many people who had instruments I’ve never seen before. I learnt how to follow a conductor.”

Ava can’t wait to go next year and says it was fun! “There were lots of people and lots of different instruments. Getting to hear all the songs with all the instruments was awesome!”

Sasha says, “It was nice to be with other people and playing all together. It was a bit confusing but when we were there for a while it was awesome. The best part was making the music.”



E-Smart Week

This week is national e-Smart week. Watch this video from the Australian eSafe website.

<http://vimeo.com/262150643>

Have a chat with your family. What do you do to be eSafe when online?

The Esafe website has tips and information for parents.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Scholastic Book Club



WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are many ways to find out what is going on in the school.

Add the App to your phone so that all information is at your fingertips. (Flyer Attached below)

- **Schoolzine Calendar:** You can access letters from home and forms from the calendar. Click on calendar, click on event then view event then view flyer. (This will have further information about the event)
- **Montagu Bay Primary Website Calendar** - <https://montagubayprimary.education.tas.edu.au>
- Outside Noticeboards in Early Childhood and Upper Primary
- **Calendar of Events** outside the office.
- Paper copies of **Newsletters** outside the Office

ATTENDANCE

If your Child is absent, please notify the school office via the below options.

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| • Schoolzine – clicking on the absentee form |
| • Phone – 6244 1897 |
| • Email – montagu.bay.primary@education.tas.gov.au |
| • Note - send a note to the office |