

# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

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# Montage 2019

The 2019 edition of the Montmorency Secondary College Yearbook, Montage is currently in production and will be distributed to students in Term 1, 2020. The College only purchases the number of copies that have been preordered. Thank you to those families who have already paid to receive their copy. If you have not yet paid, but would like to secure a copy of **Montage 2019**, please pay \$25 to the College Cashier no later than Friday 15th November, 2019.

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Our final term for the year is now well underway and we do have many special events for our students about to take place. The last week of Term 3 was significant for our Science Faculty as it was "Science Week" and our students adopted a STEAM approach to many of the activities on offer. The STEAM skills and theories apply when students have the opportunity to investigate the world around them combining elements of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Our Year 7 students were treated to an exciting 'Reptile Encounters' incursion, a hands on experience that was highly educational as well. All Year 7 Science classes also competed in the 'Engineers Without Borders' challenge whereby they had to build a floating house to hold as many marbles as possible. The champions were Rohan Meckiff and Jake Woodward of 7C and their house floated with 109 marbles. In second place was Harry Mariani and Finn Lewis of 7A.

Our Year 8 Science classes embarked on the 'Spinner Challenge'. In class with their Science teachers they had to design, engineer and build a spinning device and the challenge was to achieve the longest descent from a certain height. This was a close competition that required a final 'spin off' as there was an equal best time. The Champions with their device were Billy Loustas and Isaac Illingworth of 8A with a time of 4.33 seconds from a height of 2 metres. In second place with a time of 3.49 seconds were Maddie Venakovic and Tiah Pentacost of 8H.

Our Year 9 students were also treated to 'The Bad Science Show' in our Auditorium which not only entertained them, but helped to unpack some shonky science reporting in the world around us. Well done to our Science Faculty on this highly interesting celebration of Science Week for our students.

Very appropriately for Science Week twenty two of our Year 10 and 11 science students embarked on the 2019 NASA Space Camp Tour in the United States. The tour was led by Science teacher, Angela Zerbe, who together with teachers Jessica Franklin and John Davy travelled to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Twenty of our students did the Advanced Space Academy training experience, training up to undertake a simulated space mission at the end of the week. Two of our students opted for the 'Aviation Challenge' whereby they also trained up for a simulated jet fighter flight and experience. To add to the experience in the first week our tour group also visited the Bob Jones High School and a high school gridiron game held in front of a massive crowd. In the second week of the tour the group travelled to Florida and highlights included a visit to the Kennedy Space Centre, Disneyland and the Universal Film Studios. What a celebration of Science Week by Montmorency students!

#### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL Cont...**

Week two of this term was the last week of formal classes for our Year 12 students before their exams. On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October they celebrated in style with their 'Name Day'. As Monty tradition has it, they each chose a theme resulting in a costume based on the first letter of either their first name or surname and the result was both entertaining and spectacular.

Recently we have two reasons to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students. Firstly, Year 12 student Ben Stewart has achieved the Queen's Scout Award. Ben is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Greensborough Venturer Unit and to attain this prestigious award in each of the five Sections in Scouting reflects wonderful initiative in tackling this challenge, sustained effort over many years and a high level of self-discipline, teamwork and personal leadership. This has also entailed a lot of support and teamwork by Ben's scout leaders, his parents and his teachers. Ben's Senior School Leader, Deb Metcalfe and myself were fortunate enough to attend the presentation of this award at the Greensborough Scout Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and we join our whole community in congratulating Ben.

I would also like to acknowledge and applaud the outstanding work of our Year 11 VCAL students and their Literacy teacher, Gemma Pearson. Once again in 2019 they have worked closely with a group of local Victorian Vietnam Veterans to put together individual portfolios and 'Stories From My Life' for a number of these returned servicemen. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September I was fortunate enough to attend the presentation this



Year 12 Name Day



Deb Metcalfe, Ben Stewart, Allan Robinson

week by each of the students at the Montmorency RSL. These students were outstanding in all of the research, writing, editing and presentation of the biographies they had crafted. It was wonderful to witness this important and in many cases very emotional link between our students, the veterans and their community.

Regards

Allan Robinson Principal



Year 11 VCAL students together local Victorian Vietnam Veterans

## Long Neck Turtle Project Monty students contribute to local public art project!

In Semester Two this year, three Year 8/9 Ceramics and Sculpture classes have been working with local artist Phillip Howe on an exciting new public art project that is soon to be completed at the Lower Plenty Shopping Centre. The project has been supported by Banyule Council, Aldi, The Lower Plenty Traders Association, Montmorency Secondary College and Phillip Howe.

Phillip (who has invited Monty students to work with him previously on the Serpent Chair project, also at Lower Plenty Shopping Centre) has worked alongside the students throughout the semester, and has helped them design and create mosaics and ceramic tiles inspired by our rich natural surroundings and environmental heritage in Banyule.

The finished sculpture will be launched officially on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, from 3:45 – 5:30pm.** 

All are welcome to come along to the launch and celebrate this impressive achievement, the work of local artist Phillip Howe and our wonderfully creative students from Monty!

Claire Mooney - Arts/Technology Leader





Lower Plenty Traders in conjunction with Banyule City Council

Invitation to join us at "The Long Neck Turtle Project"









#### Official Opening Thursday 21 November 3.45 to 5.30pm

In front of Dominoes - 63 Main Rd Lower Plenty

This project is a collaborative Community sculpture landscape roject with support and assistance from Banyule City Council, Aldi, ower Plenty Traders Association, Montmorency Secondary College and Local Artist Phillip Howe.

An artistic installation to implies educate and embrace Banyule's rich Artistic Heritage. Culture and Community life.

Complimenting the existing artwork and landmark serpent sculpture and seal. Creating a link and second meeting place within the newly developed Lower Plenty Shopping Centre.

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Special Guests: Wilbur Wilde & Montmorency Secondary College Catering & Refreshments will be provided





3 45pm Music with Wilbur

4.15 pm: Official Launch & Welcome to Country by Councillor Alison Champion and President of the Lower Plenty Traders Association

4.30pm: Introduction & History of the Long Neck Turtle Project by Artist Phillip Howe

Followed By: Sanctum Theatre presents - A BIG Roving Surprise!

REMP: Linda Caroli on 0417 383 410 or carolcollided@aol.com

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# NESPRESSO RECYCLING PROGRAM

For all coffee drinkers out there, Montmorency Secondary College has organised to be a collection point for Nespresso coffee capsules.

Unfortunately, domestic recycling systems in Australia are currently unable to effectively sort and recycle small items, such as aluminium coffee capsules so Nespresso has established its own recycling system for used capsules.

So don't throw your capsules in the rubbish, they can be dropped into the cardboard recycling bins at the General Office. This service is specifically for aluminium capsules only – no plastic.

Once collected, the used coffee is sent to an industrial composting facility to be transformed into compost. The aluminium is recycled and sent back to the aluminium industry to produce new products.

Enjoy your coffee and let's do our bit for the environment. If you have any queries please contact Brigitte Hone in the General Office.

# SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE Montmorency Secondary College

Thursday 19th December, 2019



Planetshakers Centre 360 Main Road, Lower Plenty

6.45pm for a 7pm Start



MONTMORENCY High School CLASS OF 69-74

is invited to celebrate 50 yrs !

SATURDAY November 16, 2019

6.30pm to 11ish

# Monty RSL Upstairs function room







Please spread the word. Have an idea to anhance the night? Get the memorabilis and those ideas together. Let's make it an easy event to organise so if you know teachers and staff who may like to attenu lease invite them. Central contact for event is Susan Turner (McColl email susantume:2005@yehoo.com.au or mob 0400777635 \$35ph for finger food & arrival drink.

Other drinks at bar prices. Payment via EFT to BSB:083-269, Acct # 82-731-6097 with your name as reference. RSVP Nov 1.



#### **OPERATION NEWSTART—ENHANCE PROGRAM**

Hi, my name is Michael Siede and recently I had the opportunity to attend the Enhance program run by Operation Newstart. Enhance is a leadership program for students attending school in the Northern Metropolitan area. The program focuses on engaging young people with their local community, gaining new life skills, exploring different styles of leadership and youth advocacy.

Enhance is a program for students who have been recognised within their school as having positive leadership qualities and could use alternative experiences out of school to promote further personal growth. In doing so, the program aims to further develop student's leadership and communication skills, and encourages students to promote positive change within their school and local communities.

Over a period of five weeks, I had the opportunity to take part in the program and during that time I was paired with eight other students from the northern district. I had a really great time experiencing new activities and developing new leadership skills. Some of the activities involved bike rides, tree top surfing, cross country skiing and a three day snowboarding trip to Mount Buller. However, during our time in the program we also discovered the four roles of



leadership. Being an active follower, peer leadership, designated leadership and self leadership. Learning about these leadership skills has taught me to become a more active and engaged member of the school and wider community.

Overall, I would recommend this program for any student who wants to challenge themselves and develop a new set of leadership skills that they can take back with them into the classroom.

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE				
Wed 23rd October	School Council—7:30pm			
Thur 24th October	Year 12 Graduation			
Mon 28th October	Arts Alive Music Concert—7:30pm			
Tues 29th October	Arts Alive Opening and Awards Night			
Wed 30 Oct—Fri 1st Nov	Year 9 Camp			
Wed 30 Oct—Wed 20th Nov	Unit 4 Exams			
Tue 5th November	Melbourne Cup Day			
Wed 13th Nov—Wed 27th Nov	Year 10 & 11 Exams			
Tue 26th November	Year 7 2020 Information Night—7:30pm			
Wed 27th November	School Council—7:30pm			
Thur 5th December	Swap Shop			
Wed 11th Dec—Fri 13th Dec	SRC Conference—Latrobe University			
Mon 16th December	Year 7 Activity Day—Fun Fields Year 8 & 9 Activity Day—Hoyts Cinema			
Thur 19th December	Awards Evening			

# MONTMORENCY SECONDARY COLLEGE

# PROUDLY PRESENTS

A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT TALENTS IN THE AREAS OF ART, DESIGN, DRAMA, MEDIA, MUSIC, PHOTOGRAPHY AND TECHNOLOGY.

# ARTS 2019 ALL WELCOME

Music Performance Night Monday 28th October 7:30pm, Auditorium

Art Exhibition and Arts Awards Night Tuesday 29th October 6:00pm, Gymnasium

(Parking and entry at Dobson Road carpark)



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# Introducing the 2020 School Production Matilda the Musical



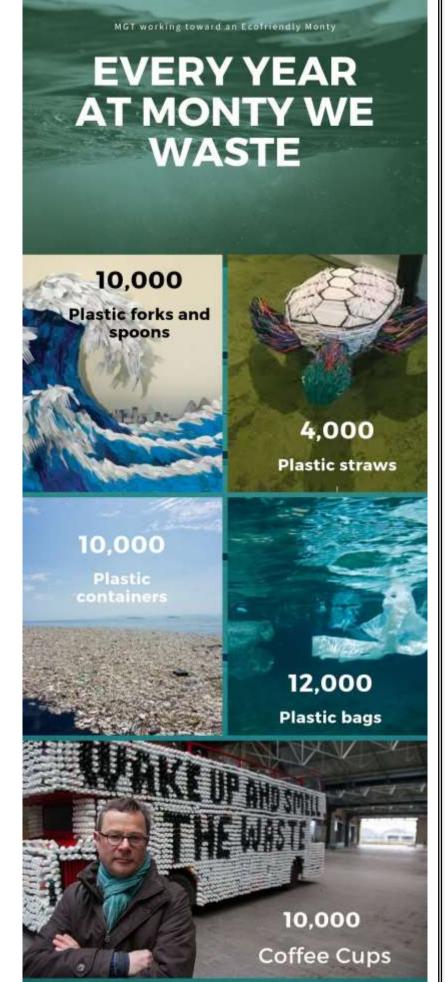
# Coming in 2020

The story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

Auditions for the older character roles will be 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November between 3:30-5:00pm With younger roles auditioned in early 2020

More audition information will be soon emailed and posted for students in the daily bulletin



# SWAP SHOP Thursday 5th December, 2019

Parents are advised that Swap Shop is on **Thursday <u>5th December, 2019</u>** from <u>6.30pm</u>. <u>8.00pm</u>. Parents and students will be able to buy and sell books directly to each other on that night.

As in previous years, the procedure will be as follows:

- A list of books which students will be able to buy and sell for the following year will be produced, along with suggested prices.
- A room will be provided for each year level where parents can buy books for the following year and sell books from the current year. It will be up to parents to negotiate prices with each other, based on the condition of the book.
- Parents will need to ensure that they buy the current edition (as advised by the school) and that they have the correct money/ necessary change.
- Parents should note that this is a popular evening, and it is usually a case of first come, first served.

There will be no charge for this service, apart from the negotiated price of the books changing hands. Any unwanted/unsold current books can be donated to the school, for our Student Welfare Co-ordinator to distribute to students in need.



### **CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2019**

Late last term we celebrated Children's Book Week with a visit from author and illustrator, Martin Chatterton.

Martin is a successful children's writer/illustrator, adult fiction writer (Ed Chatterton), screenwriter, film-maker and designer with a PhD in Creative Writing.

Martin addressed all year 7 and 8 students with an engaging and interactive performance focussing on both his career as a writer and an illustrator. His performance featured live drawing and plenty of audience participation. The sessions included insights into comedy writing, telling tall tales, 'beginnings', Martin's own writing and illustrating journey and how personal experience translates into different kinds of writing.

All the short-listed books and winning titles are on display in the library and available for loan.

Ivanka Sapina









# "COMING OUT is the process by which someone ...

- 1. Accepts and identifies with their gender identity and/or sexual orientation; and
- 2. Shares their identity willingly with others.

Some Fines We talk about coming out as if it were a one time thing. But for most folks coming out is a series of decisions – sometimes daily – that LGBTQ people navigate in every new setting they enter. (Most people aren't like Ellen, where they come out once and then the whole world knows.)

People may be "OUT" (> in some spaces, and "N" >) in others. +)/(> to Family +)/(> to Friends +)/(> to Classmates/Coworkers +)/(> to Religious Community A decision to come out to a person or group is one of safety, comfort, trust, \$ readiness.

It's dangerous, unhealthy, and unhelpful to force someone to come out, or to "out" someone else (i.e., disclosing someone's gender identity or sexual orientation to others without the person's consent), regardless of your intentions (sometimes people think they're being helpful, or acting on the person's behalf to conquer their fears), but...

# IF SOMEONE COMES OUT TO YOU ...

- 1. Say "I always knew," or downplay the significance of their sharing with you.
  - 2. Go tell everyone, bragging about your "new trans friend."
  - 3. Forget that they are still the person you knew, befriended, or loved before.
  - 4. Ask probing questions, or cross personal barriers you wouldn't have crossed earlier.
  - 5. Assume you know why they came out to you.
  - 1. Know this is a sign of huge trust! (Yay!)
  - 2. Check-in on how confidential this is (Do other people know? Is this a secret?)
  - 3. Remember that their gender/sexuality is just one dimension (of many) of them.
  - 4. Show interest and curiosity about this part of them that they are sharing with you.
  - 5. Ask them how you can best support them.



### MONTY INTERACTORS HELP FUND A TRAINING FACILITY IN NEPAL

Last May the Interact Club of Montmorency Secondary College held a community Dinner dance attended by Eltham Rotarians, staff, parents and VIP's The evening was a great success and raised \$4200 which was used to assist with the Eltham Rotary Club building project in Kathmandu Nepal. I led a team of 10 to begin building foundations for a teacher training facility for Global Action Nepal, a privately funded group of educators providing in-service training for teachers nation wide.

The team comprised of tradies and handy volunteers worked well alongside our Nepalese friends in trying conditions (the monsoon lingered) to erect the steel and concrete foundations as required by Nepalese earthquake proofing regulations.

However it was not all work. Time was taken to visit local schools and hand out stationary packs as well as female sanitary packs to a poor community. Team members also had time to buy tourist items in Thamel, the tourist hub, and spend a day exploring the ancient city of Baktapur, before the flight home after 16 days in country.

I will soon begin planning next year's trip and inviting a team to continue with the project and consolidate relationships with the two schools visited this year. The total commitment by Eltham Rotary Club so far is \$35,000 AUD. However this figure will need to be doubled to complete the three story structure. The Club is looking to raise the extra funds. Rebecca Catania, Montmorency Interactor Club's newly elected President will plan a fundraiser for 2020 to assist.

Ian Toohill Montmorency Secondary College Eltham Rotary International Director















# Alexander and Bridget Jones Montmorency Secondary College 2020 Scholarship

# Going to The University of Melbourne in 2020?

#### Scholarship Snapshot

This scholarship is awarded to honour the memory of Alexander and Bridget Jones, graduates of Montmorency Secondary College and students of The University of Melbourne.

Overview	The scholarship aims to assist graduates of Montmorency Secondary College who have been offered a full-time place at The University of Melbourne for the first time.		
University	The University of Melbourne		
Faculty	All		
Study area	All		
Scholarship type	Need based, Merit based		
Year of study	First year undergraduate bachelor's degree		
Duration	One year initially but may be awarded for up to two years (dependent upon academic performance)		
Intention of Scholarship	Accommodation costs and/or other expenses directly related to the study of successful applicants (eg. course costs, study related materials/equipment, text books, tutoring)		
Award Value (per student)	Award value is \$5,000 (per annum)		
Eligibility	<ul> <li>To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:</li> <li>Must have graduated from Montmorency Secondary College in either 2019 or in 2018 (taken a gap year)</li> <li>Must have received a Letter of Offer from The University of Melbourne to commence a full-time undergraduate bachelor's degree in 2020 (in an approved Australian course)</li> <li>Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident</li> <li>Must be a first-time, first year undergraduate in 2020 (first attendance at an Australian University)</li> <li>Should be able to demonstrate community involvement</li> <li>Should be academically motivated</li> </ul>		
Nationality	Australian citizen or permanent resident		
Applications open	2 December 2019		
Applications close	28 January 2020		
How to apply	Please visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships for more information.		
Criteria	Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee and will be assessed on academic achievement, demonstrated disadvantage and community contribution. The student should be able to describe their passion for how they intend to use their knowledge in the future.		
Further Information	The website will contain full information from 2 December 2019. If you still have a query, please contact Community Enterprise Foundation <sup>TM</sup> on 1300 304 541		

The summary above is intended to provide you with a quick snapshot only. Please ensure you review all information provided on the website (during the application open period) thoroughly before you consider applying.



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# **SNAKE ALERT**

An urgent and important reminder to all students who travel to and from school using the Plenty River path or the sports ovals that they need to be aware tiger snakes are usually active at this time of the year, and that for the last eight years they have been very aggressive during hot weather. Environmental experts predict that snake sightings will become more prevalent this year. I have spoken to a field officer from the City of Banyule, and he said that short bursts of warm weather and sunshine resulted in snakes emerging from the scrub near the river and sunning themselves on paths and concrete surfaces. We have also had some Council warning signs installed near the river paths warning pedestrians to "Beware of Snakes".

In February some nine years ago one of our own students was bitten by a snake while walking near the river path at Simms Road Oval, and he spent a considerable amount of time in hospital. There are now warning signs along the path but all students and pedestrians need to exercise extreme caution when travelling to and from school along the river tracks. It is comforting to know that we have a great network of neighbours and pedestrians who use the river path and if there are any sightings of snakes they let the College know immediately.

# **Lucky Laying Ladies Fresh Free Range Eggs**



#### **Happy hens free ranging** in Arthurs Creek

#### **Prices:**

1 dozen	\$7.00
<sup>1</sup> ∕₂ dozen	\$4.00

For enquires or to order contact Taylah - 0444 571 803

Take special care, Allan Robinson—Principal

#### **BORNEO TOUR-MANGO FUNDRAISER**

As in previous years, we are running a Mango Drive to raise funds for the Borneo Tour in 2021. Please support us by purchasing a tray or two of fresh, juicy, beautiful Queensland mangoes. The delivery of these mangoes is expected to be around mid- December – in time for Christmas celebrations.

A tray of mangoes will cost 25.00. Ask friends and family if they would like to order too! All orders must be in by 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Any questions please contact Ms. Ivanka Sapina.

Customer Order Form



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	Ivanka Sapina	\$25	Mid December	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019					

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\*Please note that while every effort will be made to deliver your order to your School/Club/Organisation on the preferred delivery date, the occasional delivery may be delayed due to logistical difficulties beyond our control. Your coordinator will notify you of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.