



Monteagle Public School

Building life long learners in a unique community-centred environment

Prospectus

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The highly qualified, professional and skilled teachers at Monteagle Public School demonstrate their commitment to promoting the best possible student outcomes by providing a stimulating and supportive learning environment.

A Tradition of Excellence

Welcome to Monteagle Public School. We know that you and your children will have a long and rewarding association with our school.

Monteagle School has one full-time teacher and one part-time teacher. We are situated 15 kilometres from Young and set in a peaceful, rural location. Its excellent facilities include large airy classrooms, a library, music room, art room, large spacious playing fields, tennis court, COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area), play equipment, sand pit and long jump pits.

Our children are educated in the six key learning areas of:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science & Technology
- History and Geography
- Cultural and Performing Arts
- PE/Health and Personal Development

with special emphasis on the basic skills of literacy and numeracy.

At Monteagle Public School, our aim is to:

- “Kindle the flame” of life long learning
- Nurture the values of aiming
- Respect the rights of others

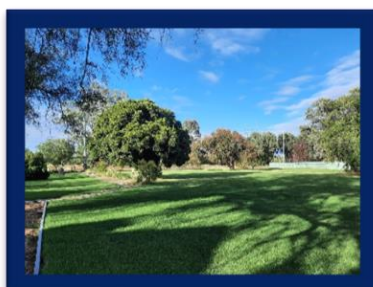
We have an active P & C Association who work to ensure the children of this school have an education second to none.

The positive partnership between parents, staff and children is demonstrated in very different ways, including our parents who come into the classroom to help and give their time to working bees to further improve our grounds.

To compliment this, we have a Fair Discipline code designed to encourage our children to become self disciplined, responsible and caring members of our society. It outlines our expectations of high standards of pupil behaviour and performance.

The school is very proud of the rapport that exists between itself and the Monteagle community. It is based firmly on the belief that education is a partnership between equals and that we are both working in the best interest of our children.

Always feel free to contact the staff with any questions or concerns you may have about what is happening at school. It is your right and duty to know what goes on here and doubts, complaints and questions expressed outside the school do not benefit either the pupil's or school's reputation.



Bus Service

The school is lucky enough to have a bus service. This enable children who live in Young, but whose parents wish them to have the benefits of a small school education, to attend Monteagle Public School.



The School Day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Morning session 9:20am - 11:50am
Middle session 12.30pm - 1:45pm
Afternoon session 2:10pm - 3:15pm

Wednesday:

Morning session 9:20am - 11:50am
Middle session 12.30pm - 1:45pm
Afternoon session 2:10pm - 3:15pm (Scripture 2.30 to 3.10pm)

Enrolment

Children must turn 5 by 31st July in the year of enrolment. Immunisation records must be up to date.

A Guide To Preparing Your Child For School

Does your child:

- Know his/her name and address well enough to repeat when necessary?
- Know the safest way to and from school?
- Always have a handkerchief and know how to use it correctly?
- Know how to use and flush the toilet without assistance?
- Know that hands should be washed before meals and after visiting the toilet?
- Know how to tie shoelaces?
- Put away play things and materials after using them?
- Put on and take off outer clothing without help?

What Parents Can Do To Help

You can:

- Talk to your child about school where he/she will meet new friends, play games, sing and make things.
- Buy clothes that are easy to manage. The buttons and button holes should be large. Coats and pullovers should have large loops so that these are easy to hang up.
- Label clearly, with full name, all possessions your child will take to school, e.g. raincoat, hat, sloppy joe, bag, case, plastic bottle.
- Send your child to school on time, and every day if possible.
- Give your child simple duties around the home. This will help to foster confidence in the performance of small tasks.
- Allow your child to stay with relatives or friends for short periods so that he/she will accept the fact that it is not always possible to be with parents.
- Encourage your child by admiring work when it is brought home. Give the paintings and handiwork a place of honour for a few days at least.
- Select suitable stories, picture books, radio and television programs for your child.
- Encourage reading at home. Let your child see you reading books.
- Involve yourself in your child's school.
- Teach your children road rules.

Advantages of Attending Monteagle Public School

- Class numbers are small. Each child gets more individual attention and children feel more secure. This is particularly helpful for timid children or where a child takes longer to develop certain skills.
- Teachers know each child in the school as an individual. This can help when deciding what special attention your child needs.
- Parents are very involved in the school and are a real part of it. The children appreciate the close working relationship between parents and teachers.
- Children develop a sense of responsibility towards the younger children. This is particularly noticeable in the playground where the rules of the games are modified for the smaller children.
- The children work at their own pace.
- All the children are on a roster to perform tasks within the school such as cleaning up after themselves, ringing the bell, collecting mail, etc. This assists with developing a sense of responsibility.
- The school has proven academic records in basic skills and outstanding results in UNSW English, Spelling, Writing, Science, Computing and Maths Competitions.
- The school is well resourced with practical learning aids and technology featuring both desktop and laptop computers, ipods and ipads.
- Cultural activities are encouraged through representative choral and instrumental work and Eisteddfods. Leadership skills are nurtured through school leadership groups.
- Public speaking and debating skills are developed.

Supervision

Teachers are on duty between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm. We request that whenever possible, you leave your children at school as close to 9:00am as possible and take them home as close to 3:30pm as possible. We make this request because staff frequently have meetings to attend and appointments to keep. If you cannot collect your child at these times, please notify the school in advance so that the staff can make preparations to supervise them properly.

School Uniform

Boy's Summer Uniform

Grey shorts, short sleeved blue school shirt, blue polo shirt for everyday wear, grey socks, black school shoes/brown sandals, school hat

Boy's Winter Uniform

Grey school trousers, long sleeved blue shirt/skivvy/polo, school royal blue fleecy top, black school shoes, grey socks, school coat

Boy's Sport Uniform

Royal blue shorts, royal blue/yellow polo shirt with school logo, sneakers, white socks, royal blue track suit

Girl's Summer Uniform

Blue check tunic, white or navy socks, black shoes/brown sandals, school hat

Girl's Winter Uniform

Tunic and navy trousers (trousers not compulsory), long sleeved blue shirt and skivvy/polo, school royal blue fleecy top, black shoes, navy socks, navy tights, school coat

Girl's Sport Uniform

Royal blue pleated skirt or shorts, royal blue/yellow polo shirt with school logo, school hat, sneakers, white socks, royal blue track suit.

Please note: Tunics, summer dresses and hats are purchased through the school's P & C. Track suits, sports shirts, school jumpers and school coats are to be purchased through YES Embroidery. We also have a large range of second hand uniforms.

Lunches

Children will need to bring their lunches everyday as there is canteen only on special days. Lunches and drinks may be left in the refrigerator. In winter, children may bring something to be heated in the school oven – wrapped in foil and marked with their name.

Labelling of Belongings

All your child's possessions that are brought to school should be clearly labelled – clothes, bags, lunch boxes, bottles, books, etc.

Absences

It would be appreciated if you could let your child's teacher know the reason for any absences from school. The Department of Education and Communities requires a signed note explaining each absence to be supplied to the school within 7 days of the absence. These notes must be retained in the school.

Joint Sports Days

The children participate in shared team sports with other Small Schools during the year. The community values this activity as social preparation for High School. We also participate in the following Primary Schools Sports Association activities:

- Swimming
- Athletics
- Cross Country



School Assemblies

School assemblies are held once a term on a Thursday afternoon. Our assemblies showcase student performances, reports, special awards and are run by the senior students. You are always welcome at these performances.

School Fees

There are no school fees at this school.

Illnesses

There are several contagious diseases that are common during childhood. Nearly all of them need only a very short period of exclusion from school. Below are the infectious diseases listed in the Department's Handbook with the exclusion periods shown. Please read the list carefully as there have been many changes in the last few years.

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| Chicken Pox | - Excludes pupils for 7 days minimum after spots appear.
<i>Contacts in family are not excluded</i> |
| Measles | - Exclude for 5 days after rash appears.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Rubella | - Exclude for 5 days from appearance of rash or until recovered.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Mumps | - Exclude for a minimum of 10 days from onset of swelling or until recovered.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Hepatitis | - Re-admit on receipt of medical certificate.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Ringworm | - Re-admit when treatment has commenced. Sores must be covered.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Head Lice | - Exclusion until condition rectified. Ask chemist for special treatment shampoo.
<i>Siblings should be checked and treated.</i> |
| Conjunctivitis | - Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Impetigo | - Excluded until healed. Child may be allowed to return provided treatment is being given and sores can be completely covered.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |
| Whooping Cough | - Excluded for 3 weeks from onset of Whoop.
<i>Contacts are not excluded</i> |

Immunisation

The New South Wales Health Department requires all children entering school to be fully immunized. Your child will be in contact with many other children and infections spread easily in these circumstances.

Before starting school, it is required that all children have:

- A booster injection against diphtheria and tetanus (CDT)
- A booster dose of oral polio vaccine (Sabin)

If your child has not been immunized against measles, or even if you are unsure, the measles vaccine (which includes vaccination against mumps and rubella as well) is recommended.

Immunisation is available from your local doctor, local Council Clinics, some Community Health Centres and the Children's Hospitals.

NB: The School must keep a written record of your child's immunisation status, so please provide us with a copy of your child's immunisation certificate upon enrolment.

Reports

Assessment of pupil progress is ongoing throughout the year. Parents will receive a report at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

Library

Library is held each Thursday. Children may borrow books on this day and must bring a library bag to protect their books.

Scripture

The children have Scripture lessons once a week on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm. Scripture includes all denominations.

Our Staff

Principal	- Mrs Sarah Dabin
Teacher	- Mrs Susan Smith
School Administrative Manager	- Mrs Kim Cormack
School Learning Support Officer	- Ms Ann-Maree Kelly
General Assistant	- Mr Aaron Horsburgh
Cleaner	- Mrs Fran Cannon

P & C Association

Families are encouraged to join the P & C Association and attend P & C meetings, which are held at the school in Week 5 of every term at 6pm.

Membership of the P & C is \$2-00 per person per year.

The P & C provides you with the opportunity to be better informed and to contribute to the running of the school. Parents are requested to attend P & C meetings regularly.

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C is held at the March meeting.