NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 3 – 7 MARCH 2014

Dates to Remember

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Notes Going Home This Week

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of another extremely busy and successful week at Monash School. Yesterday, many of our students participated in our annual school swimming carnival at Tuggeranong pool. Congratulations to all students who participated and thanks to all parents/carers who were able to attend. Events such as these provide a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs King who coordinated this event.

I would like to inform parents/carers that our learning model will now be referred to as Personalised Learning Environments (PLE). The teaching and learning will remain the same as the Open Learning Environments with the needs of students always at the centre of all that we do. This decision was made in consultation with the School Board and one of the key objectives behind the name change is to avoid confusion and comparisons with the Open Plan model used in many schools in the late 1970’s.

Voluntary contributions are an important part of all school based budgets. I would like to thank and acknowledge the many families who have made voluntary contributions to our school already this year. These contributions will be used in a variety of ways to benefit our students.

On Tuesday of this week, our 1 / 2 unit was visited by some residents of Goodwin Village. The residents participated in Discovery Learning with the students. This visit is part of the partnership that was established with Goodwin Village last year. We are looking forward to growing and developing this relationship in new and creative ways...
In recent times many students have been bringing mobile phones to school. A reminder that students are permitted to bring phones to school however, these must be handed in to either the class teacher or front office staff at the beginning of the day for safe keeping. The school takes no responsibility for phones that are not handed in according to these guidelines.

In recent weeks the students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of lunch time clubs based around children’s interests. Staff have kindly volunteered to facilitate clubs including chess, electronics, singing and reading. Children are encouraged to join in these activities which are designed to provide stimulating alternative opportunities during breaks.

A reminder that parent/teacher interviews will occur over the next two weeks commencing next Tuesday. Parents/carers will also be provided with an interim report from the teachers indicating how their children have settled in to the new school year. Thanks to the many parents/carers who have already confirmed a time to meet with their child’s class teacher. Home school partnership is an integral part of our practice at Monash School.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very safe and happy long weekend.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

AFL Clinics Term 1  Weeks 6-10  Kindergarten to Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting next week on Tuesdays for the rest of the Term, Liam Griffith the new development officer of the Tuggeranong Region of AFLACT will come and run Australian Rules Football League clinics for the three Kindergarten classes, five 1/2 Classes, four 3/4 classes and five 5/6 classes. Winyu N and Winyu B will join in with the other classes and do the clinics as well. Liam will be using AFL skills to work on fundamental motor skills with the classes. The 3/4 classes and 5/6 classes will be working on hand-balls, drop punts, marking skills etc.

On Tuesdays it would be great if your child could wear runners to school.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask Mr D.

‘Mr D’
PE Teacher

Ride 2 School

Preparations are under way for Ride to School day on Wednesday 19 March. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as a fun way to travel to school, we are organising a wheels session. We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of the school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases “drop off congestion”.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.
- Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with students.
The UNSW will again conduct academic competitions for students in Years 3 to 6 this year. Below is a list of the competitions being offered and the cost of each. It is very important to note that the closing date for the registration of all competitions is **Thursday, 3 April 2014**. This will allow sufficient time for the school and the university to complete the registrations. **NO REGISTRATIONS AND MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3.30 PM ON THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2014** as per UNSW requirements.

Please discuss the competitions with your child/children and complete the registration form carefully. Please ensure that you circle the correct grade level so that the right exam papers are ordered. Once the form is completed it can be forwarded with the money/cheque to the locked box in the front foyer of the school. Please make cheques payable to Monash Primary School. Entry includes admin/postage costs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Library News

Book loan limits for students at Monash
Kinder and Year 1: 1 book
Years 2 - 6: 2 books.

Books should be returned to the library within 2 weeks of being borrowed.

Thank you for your support.

KINDER HEALTH SCREENING

The Child, Youth & Women’s Health Program, ACT Health is offering a health check for all Kindergarten children in the ACT. The 2014 health check includes vision, hearing, growth (height and weight) and development.

All Kinder students have received a Health Screening information pack this week. This assessment is designed to identify health issues early, to allow for appropriate referral and intervention. The program is committed to the ongoing development of a coordinated and collaborative approach to care by liaising with the school and parents to ensure each child is given the opportunity to reach their potential.

Please return all questionnaires to the Front Office as soon as possible.

P & C News

Second Hand Clothing Pool

The pool will be running every Wednesday of the school term out of the Monash Family Hub. Opening hours are 8.30am to 9.30am. We have range of brand new and second hand t-shirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts and dresses. New items are $5 and second hand items are $2.

Lost Property

Please check lost property if you are missing any clothing items. Anything left at the end of term will be donated to a charity or the second hand clothing pool.

SCHOOL BANKING

T Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking has begun and will operate each Friday, except the last day of term. Please bring completed bank books to the Front Office.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from Savvy School & Formal Wear, shop 32, Homeworld, Soward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases. Bomber jackets are unavailable at the moment – notification will be given when they become available.
**Community Notices**

**Celebrate Canberra’s Birthday**

Canberra is set to celebrate the capital’s 101st birthday with a jam-packed weekend of family-friendly events.

The free short film festival **Lights! Canberra! Action!** will kick off the celebrations on Friday 7 March from 7pm at the Senate Rose Gardens outside Old Parliament House. Bring your chair or bean bag, blanket and movie snacks, and settle in for a great night of home-grown films. Afterwards, wander through the Parliamentary Triangle and enjoy the stunning architectural projections as part of **Enlighten 2014**.

More than 30 giant hot air balloons will brighten up the capital’s skies from this Saturday 8 March until Sunday 16 March for of the annual **Canberra Balloon Spectacular**. After 28 years this iconic event is still a great community celebration, with free live entertainment each morning, and delicious hot breakfasts served by the Belconnen Lions Club for early risers. All proceeds raised by the Belconnen Lions Club go back to the Canberra community.

Celebrate the **National Arboretum’s first year** on Saturday 8 March from 10am to 4pm with live music, tree plantings, guided mini-bus tours, a discovery trail in the forest, free guided walks, terrarium and kite making, bonsai tours, sausage sizzle and more.

The popular **Symphony in the Park** event will return to Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park on Sunday 9 March from 7pm. This year’s event will feature a performance of the musical score from the Disney classic **Fantasia** by the Canberra Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by a simultaneous screening of the film.

Celebrations will continue on the public holiday, Monday 10 March, with **Canberra Day in the Park** from 2pm to 7pm. The day’s entertainment line-up will be headlined by well-loved children’s character Scooby Doo, and there will also be free face painting, jumping castles and a variety of amusement rides on offer. Later in the afternoon local bands will take to Stage 88 to present a mix of original and cover songs.

Help celebrate the **100th birthday of the Civic Merry-go-round and its original Carousel Organ** – and their 40th anniversary in Canberra on Thursday 13 March from 11am to 1pm with free rides on the merry-go-round, a performance by the lovingly restored carousel organ and performance of the song ‘Merry-go-round’ by Dom Lavers. Plus hear all about the 2014 **Canberra and Region Heritage Festival** which is on from Saturday 5 April to Monday 21 April.

For more information on event details and to see what else is happening in Canberra visit [www.events.act.gov.au](http://www.events.act.gov.au)

**Authorised by Neale Guthrie, General Manager, Venue and Event Services, Economic Development Directorate**

**Tuggeranong Community Health Centre**

The Tuggeranong Community Health Centre will reopen its doors to the community from Thursday, 27 March 2014. The centre is located on the corner of Anketell and Pitman Streets, Greenway.

The completion of the new centre will see the return of the Child and Youth Dental Program to the Tuggeranong Community Health Centre. Appointments can be made on 6207 9977 for the Health Centre and for Dental appointments phone 6205 1088.

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