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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 13 – 22 AUGUST 2014

Dates to Remember	
Tuesday, 26 August	Assembly Possums/Joeys 9.15 am Touch Football Gala Day
Thursday, 28 August	Parent Information Session on Reporting 6.30 pm
Friday, 29 August	Assembly 3 / 4 9.15 am
Wednesday, 3 September	Board Meeting 5.30 pm
Friday, 5 September	Father's Day Stall Minister Joy Burch visits Monash School
Monday, 8 September	First Aid for Kinder to Year 6 P & C Meeting 7.0 0 pm
Tuesday, 9 September	First Aid for Kinder to Year 6 Preschool Dinosaur Incursion
Wednesday, 10 September	First Aid for Kinder to Year 6 Whole School Stamp Out Bullying incursion
Friday, 12 September	Assembly Winyu 9.15 am Preschool Dinosaur Incursion
Thursday, 18 September	Love Your Sister Cancer fundraiser Cyber Bullying Year 5 / 6
Monday, 22 September	Kenny Koala Protective Behaviours
Tuesday, 23 September	Kenny Koala visits Preschool ACT Athletics
Wednesday, 24 September	Learning Expo 9.00 am – 10.00 am
Friday, 26 September	Kenny Koala visits Preschool End of Term 4

### Notes Going Home This Week

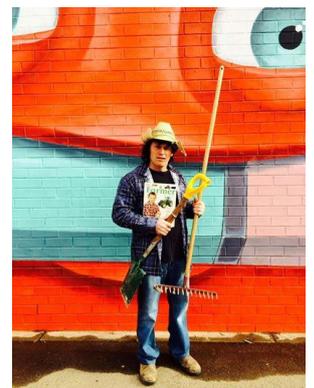
Swimming Lessons notes for Kinder to Year 2 (went home last Friday)

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems unbelievable that we have reached the half way point of Term 3. Already we have achieved so much and it seems that we still have so much more to do in the coming weeks.

This week we have celebrated Book Week. To mark the event we have participated in a number of special events including "Drop Everything and Read" sessions every day and guest story teller session in the school library. Today, Book Week culminated in our annual Book Week parade. It was great to see the large variety of absolutely fantastic costumes worn by our students. I would like to thank the parent/carers who supported their children in creating the fashion masterpieces. The children were also very excited to see their teachers dress up for the day. However, Mr Buesnel mixed up the days and thought that the parade was yesterday and the children had to remind him at Meet and Greet!





A special thanks to our wonderful librarian for coordinating all of our Book Week activities. The Book Fair which has been vigilantly manned by Ms Melville and a dedicated team of volunteers throughout the week has raised in excess of \$3600 in sales. Approximately \$1100 of this amount will be donated back to the school. Well done everyone!

On Monday night of this week our P & C conducted their August monthly meeting in The Hub. Unfortunately, a situation has arisen whereby the P & C is, at present, without a President to lead the organisation. I would like to invite any parent/carer who may be interested in taking on this very important role until the end of this year to please contact me. The P & C is a very important organisation within our school community and I am very keen to have this position filled as soon as possible so that we can maintain

momentum.

A reminder that on Thursday, 28 August from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm we will be conducting our Parent Information Session outlining the key processes involved in our assessment and reporting procedures. This evening will provide parents/carers with the opportunity to gain clarity and also ask questions of a very practical nature of the staff who will be in attendance.

As you will be aware Monash School runs the very successful “Dirt to Dish” sustainability programme. This programme, coordinated by the wonderful Jess, involves our students growing a variety of vegetables in our school garden and then using the produce during cooking lessons. I would like to invite any parents/carers to join a Parent Garden Green Team that Jess is organising to support the garden component of the “Dirt to Dish” programme. Jess will be hosting an afternoon tea in the garden next Friday, 29 August at 2.00 pm for anyone interested in joining this team. There will also be a working bee occurring in the coming weeks to prepare our garden so that it is ready for Spring planting.

School Satisfaction :

*The 2014 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by **Friday 29 August 2014**. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers or sent home with students. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to complete the survey.*

*Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.*

*The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au)*

Have a great weekend.

**Shane Carpenter**  
**Principal**



### **Deputy Principal's Brief**

As we reach the mid-point of term 3, why not take the opportunity to reflect on the thinking and learning process and how we can all support our children, providing meaningful learning experiences for them, wherever they might be? Parents, carers and school staff can promote children's cognitive development by 'scaffolding' children's thinking. Scaffolding involves supporting children as they attempt tasks that stretch their abilities just beyond what they can already do by themselves. Children can generally do more difficult things with an adult than they can do on their own. It is important that the tasks you give children are challenging enough to engage them but not so difficult that they can't succeed without your help. Scaffolding can involve explaining the goal of the task to the child, demonstrating how the task should be

done and helping the child to complete the most difficult parts. This type of support from a more capable person helps children to think things through so that they learn more effectively. In the following example, the father of a six-year old boy uses scaffolding to help him complete more of a jigsaw puzzle than he would be able to complete on his own.

<b>Example of a thinking and learning task</b>		
<b>What the parent or carer says</b>	<b>How it helps</b>	<b>What the child learns</b>
“What we need to do here, Jacques, is put all of these pieces together to make the picture on this box.”	Explains the goal of the task	Purposeful thinking
“Let’s start with the pieces for the corners and the edges. Can you see any pieces with the yellow sun on them?”	Demonstrates how the task should be done	Attention and planning
“Well done. Now, can you see any of these pieces that might fit together?”	Helps the child to complete the most difficult parts	Recognising patterns and organising
“That’s right. Now you have a go yourself”	Supports child to try it independently	Problem solving incorporating the steps above

The information provided comes from the kidsmatter website: <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary> where there are many fantastic resources for supporting schools and families in making a positive difference in the lives of Australian children.

**Andrew Buesnel**  
**Deputy Principal**

**PAYING FOR EXCURSIONS ONLINE**

You may notice on our excursion notes that it now lists an reference number eg 8200-000-00 this is an account we have on our MAZE system for receipting money. The family code is usually the first five letters of your surname and the initial of your first name.

The bank account details for Monash School is Westpac BSB 032777 Account No. 001674.

If you have any queries, please phone the front office.

Thank you

**Year 6 Shirts for sale**

There are 2 new size 14 Year 6 shirts available for purchase at \$20 each. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please see the front office.



## Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

The Chief Minister's Reading Challenge ends on Friday, 5 September. Eight of the books must be from the Chief Minister's list of books that will be located on special shelves in the library. For children who are not yet able to read, the books can be read to them. All students who read 12 books will receive a certificate from the Chief Minister.

## Teacher Librarian

## Dirt to Dish Kitchen News

It has been an interesting week in the kitchen this week as we have experimented with different textures and new flavours by making Rice Paper Rainbow Rolls. (Sometimes known as Vietnamese Spring Rolls).

To make Rainbow rolls, we used a variety of different coloured raw vegetables to create beautiful, fresh and crunchy snacks.

While some children found the volume of raw vegetables to be a challenge, most enjoyed the taste combinations and found the texture of the cold, sticky rice paper to be new and interesting in a positive way!

We discussed that this type of food would normally be eaten in a very hot climate (like South-East Asia) where it would be a refreshing meal in the warm weather. We were able to utilise some fresh ingredients from our garden as well as trying out some new and unusual flavours – such as raw beetroot and pear.

These spring rolls are a great dinner idea as they allow everyone to have the flavour combinations they prefer. I like to put everything on a tray in the middle and let the children make it themselves- practice makes perfect and they really enjoy having control over their own meal – it also encourages them to be braver with the choices they make.

As it has been book week, we have read *The Potato People*, by Pamela Allen as a way of introducing to the children how Potatoes are grown. We have some sprouting potatoes on the windowsill that have proven to be excellent props for the story!

Next Friday at 2.00 pm I will be hosting an afternoon tea in the garden for anybody interested in joining our Monash School Green Team – come along for a cuppa and see what is happening in the garden and find out any ways you can join in or contribute to our growing success! I hope to see you there!

Fridge Quote:

*"An onion can make you cry, but I am yet to find a vegetable that can make people laugh".*

Happy Cooking everyone!

Jess

## P & C News

### *New P&C President Required: Call for Nominations*

Due to personal reasons Jess has stepped down as President of the Monash School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Assoc. We are calling for nominations from the School community to fill this role for the remainder of the term (up to the AGM, March 2015). Unfortunately we did not receive any nominations prior to the last P&C meeting on 18 August 2014. We would love to hear from interested School community members who would like to have a taste of being involved in the School's P&C. Please submit your nomination to either Sue Visentin (front office) or to [monash\\_pandc@hotmail.com](mailto:monash_pandc@hotmail.com) by 31 August 2014.

FYI, here is a sample of President's roles:

- Chair general and executive committee meetings
- Act as a spokesperson for the association
- Exercise some supervision of the functions of other office bearers, if needed.



- Ensure adequate and efficient communication exists between the members of the association and the School board
- Encourage parents to participate.

### ***Next P&C Meeting***

For the remainder of 2014, the P&C general meetings will be rotating different week nights to enable maximum attendance. The next one will be held on Thursday evening, 11 September 2014.

### ***Latest news from the ACT P&C Council (your voice on Public Education)***

Periodically I will provide relevant updates from our peak body for public education (ACT P&C Council) that may be of interest to our School community.

- If you like to participate in surveys or a bit of a survey junkie to explore public education improvements why not complete the [School Traffic Survey](#) and share your thoughts about how the parking and traffic could be improved at Monash School.

Vice President, Monash School P&C

## **CANTEEN NEWS**



**Canteen Special Lunch Orders** are now due!! The Meal Deal is next Wednesday, 27 August 2014.

This term it will be a choice of:

- 2 x chicken drumsticks marinated and cooked fresh in our canteen, served with a corn cob, or
- Baked Potato with choice of cheese & bacon or Baked Beans. Both options come with a choice of drink and snack for \$6.50.

**Parent Helpers are needed** – please contact Veronica if you can help or have any questions.

### **Parent Volunteer Roster**

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Jo	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Jo
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tracey
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*HELPERS NEEDED*</b>	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rachael
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lyn	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Julie
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*HELPERS NEEDED*</b>	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Diane

Please contact Veronica at canteen if you can help in canteen. [monashpscanteen@outlook.com](mailto:monashpscanteen@outlook.com) or 62916357

### **Casual canteen staff position Available**

Monash Canteen is a busy, friendly, healthy eating canteen looking to appoint a casual staff member for 3 hours a week.

The successful applicant would need to be available to be called in for extra shifts when required.

Please address all applications to the Canteen sub-committee chair via the front office. Applications close on 5 September at 4.00 pm.

### **WANTED**

The Canteen is looking for a few volunteers to help move the freezers out so the area can be cleaned behind them.

If you are available please contact the canteen manager.

Thanks

Canteen sub-committee chair

## **"Hub Happenings"**

Tonight at 6.00 pm is our first ever "Girls night in" at the Hub. I'm so excited! We will be doing nails, looming and watching a movie as well as having some yummy food, so please if your coming bring something to share. This is going to be a fun night.



Breakfast club continues on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.15 am to 8.55am. Please come along! We welcome all children and families to enjoy a healthy start to the day together.

Parents/carers morning tea is on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 am to 10.30 am.

Playgroup is on Friday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.  
All welcome.

## **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 Hats**

As Term 3 begins, just a reminder that Sunsmart hats must be worn in the playground each school day.

The front office has bucket hats for sale at \$10 each in medium or large sizes.



## **Sick children**

If your child is not well, please try to keep them at home so that illnesses are not spread amongst other students and staff. Also, please advise the front office if your child has had an injury over the weekend that may impact them when they return to school.

Thank you

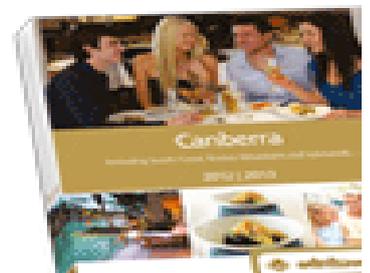
## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!**

Please return the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child immediately as we are now finalising the fundraiser.

CLICK HERE TO BUY NOW!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/238c54>

Thanks you for your support!



Please remember to reference Monash School when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking operates 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.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SOFTBALL ACT ARE INVITING YOU TO THE REGISTRATION / COME & TRY DAY ON THE 14TH September 2014 FROM 1pm – 4pm - SOUTHSIDE MORNING COMPETITION**

**Where:** Mawson playing fields

**When:** Saturday mornings

Starting 11th October to 13th December 2014

Starting 31st January to 15th March 2015

**Time:** Game times are 8.30am & 10.00am

Play for your school or join a club

**Woden Valley Softball Association** - [pearson@iprimus.com.au](mailto:pearson@iprimus.com.au)

**Jerrabomberra Softball Club** - [Tracey.Matthews@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:Tracey.Matthews@fahcsia.gov.au)

**South Tuggeranong Softball Association** - [mandyk63@bigpond.com](mailto:mandyk63@bigpond.com)

Please contact Softball ACT if you would like further information or help forming a school team.

**Phone:** 6278 3000

**Email:** [softballact@bigpond.com](mailto:softballact@bigpond.com)

**Web:** [www.act.softball.org.au](http://www.act.softball.org.au)

## University of Queensland – Diabetes Type 1 Research

**Ethics approval number is:** 13-PSYCH-MCP-25-JS.

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes. We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview. The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email [clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au](mailto:clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au)

Thank you for your help with this matter.  
Yours Sincerely,

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