Dear Parents and carers,

It is time to celebrate the completion of another school year.

2016 has been a year to remember in so many ways. On behalf of our wonderful staff I would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout this year. It is only through working effectively in partnership with families that we can continue to progress as a school.

We look forward to returning to school on:-

Monday, 30 January  Preschool (Possums) to 3.00 pm and Kinder to 1.30 pm
Tuesday, 31 January  All students return

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families in our community a very safe and peaceful holiday.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Monash School Board

NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Nominations are called for the election of two parent/citizen representatives on the School Board of Monash School for two years (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019). Nominations must be in writing and must contain the signed consent of the candidate.

Nominee Forms will be available from the Monash School front office from 11.00 am on Monday 30 January 2017.

Please note nominations close at 11.00 am on 13 February 2017.

The following position is open for nomination (2 positions available):

Name of Position: Parent/Citizen Representative.
Eligibility Criteria: Members of Monash P &C – which all members of our parent body are deemed to be, or citizens of the school community. Current members may nominate.

Lodgement of Nominations: Place your completed Nomination Form in the ballot box in the Front Office from 11.00 am Monday, 30 January to 11.00 am Monday, 13 February 2017.

Polling: Elections, if required, will be held by ballot from 11.00 am Monday, 20 February to 11.00 am Monday, 27 February 2017.

Declaration of Nominees: The Assistant Returning Officer will declare the nominations as soon as practicable after the closure of nominations. Nominations will not be made public until after the time of declaration of nominations.

Suzan Visentin
Assistant Returning Officer
**Nut Allergies**

As you may be aware Monash School has a number of students who are allergic to nut products and if they were to come in to contact with these products, they could have a life threatening reaction. We are asking our school community to avoid sending in products that contain nuts.

**Invitation to Parents and Carers to Participate in Research**

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) has been engaged by the Education Directorate to develop parent engagement resources for teachers, parents and carers of students with complex needs and challenging behaviour.

ARACY is inviting parents and carers of ACT primary and secondary students to participate in small group discussions focusing on how families and schools work together to support the learning of students who experience particular learning challenges. Participants will be asked questions to explore their experiences of what works well and what doesn't work well, and perspectives about the quality of the connection between home and school.

The discussion groups will take 60 - 90 minutes. Interviews will also be available for individual participants, where preferred. These will last approximately 60 minutes.

Participants will receive a $50 Coles-Myer gift voucher as reimbursement for time and input into the research. Interested parents and carers can contact Barbara at ARACY via phone 6248 2400 or email barbara.barker@aracy.org.au.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**