Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 4 to all members of the Monash School community. What an exciting term we have ahead of us here at Monash!

Whilst enjoying a well-earned holiday period, staff have also been busy planning for teaching and learning in Term 4. Please note that Term 4 overviews will be sent home with children next Monday, 17 October outlining the core learning content for this term.

Congratulations to the members of our Years 5 and 6 Band who attended the Floriade concert for ACT School Bands on Tuesday of this week. As usual they were outstanding representatives of our school. Thanks to Ms Saywell and Ms Mahar who have been working so effectively with the children this year and to the many parents who attended in support.

Amongst many other exciting things happening this term, we have our annual End of Year Concert occurring in Week 9, Tuesday, 6 December. I would like to remind families of the importance of getting in early to secure ticketing for this very popular event. A summary of ticketing information including due dates can be found in this newsletter. Children are already very excited about this event and have been furiously practising since the last few weeks of Term 3.

Camps for our Years 3/4 and 5/6 students are rapidly approaching. A reminder of the dates for the Year 5/6 Cooba Camp is 26 to 28 October and the Year 3/4 Birrigai Camp is 10 and 11 November. Please ensure that all due payments and permission notes are returned to the front
Thank you to all families who have expressed interest in participating in our annual Learn to Swim program. Please note that the program commences on Monday, 31 October (Week 4). This year the program will be coordinated by Mrs Russell. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Russell or your child’s teacher if you require any additional information about this program.

At present, staff are also busy configuring 2017 classes. Thank you to those parents who have provided Ms Jankovic with information/requests to assist in the formation of these classes. It is my intention to be in a position to announce classes/teachers for 2017 by the beginning of Week 7, (approximately 21 November). We will have some staff moving on from Monash at the end of this year and of course new staff joining us. It is my intention to also release this information in the coming weeks.

Please note that we have a planned “Moving Up Day” on Friday, 25 November where students will spend the day with their 2017 teachers. At approximately 5.00 pm on the same day we will be conducting our first Twilight Fair and BBQ. This event is being jointly organised by our Hub Coordinator and Executive Teacher Miss Du Rieu. More information about this event will be made available in coming weeks.

In other news relating to the Community Hub, I would like to warmly invite any interested parents/carers to attend our annual Multicultural Dinner which will be held in the school hall this Thursday evening, 20 October. More information about this wonderful event can be found in this newsletter. A special thanks to Virginia Martin who is coordinating this event.

I would like to also draw your attention to a special information session that is being held in our Community Hub on Tuesday, 25 October at 11.00 am. This session will be facilitated by the Trust Trauma Team who are specialists in the field of supporting children who have experienced trauma in their backgrounds. The information provided in this session will prove a valuable mechanism in supporting children who may have experienced trauma of some kind in the past.

I would like to advise parents/carers that following an approach to the School Board, the school is now exploring the option of providing guitar and keyboard group tuition to be conducted on school premises in 2017. Details of this proposed program including costs and program outlines can be found in this newsletter. At this point the school is seeking an expression of interest in an effort to ascertain the viability of the proposed group classes moving into 2017. We request that if you are interested in your child to potentially participating in 2017 and beyond that you please complete the expression of interest form and return to the front office by Friday, 28 October.

Please note that this proposed program will not impact those students who currently attend individual lessons with the current providers Roberts Music and Vision/Moment Music. These lessons will proceed as normal in 2017 and beyond.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ms Coulthart (KC) who will next week be getting married. On behalf of the Monash community I would like to wish Jillian and her future husband all the very best. For parents of students in KC, please note that information regarding Ms Coulthart’s replacement has been sent home with students today.

Have a great weekend!

Shane Carpenter
Principal
What a start to Term 4!

Do you have a talent???? Monash’s Got Talent auditions are coming up and students are already sharing their ideas for their performances!

KidsMatter Bike Club (for Years 3 – 6) commenced with all students participating in basic safety checks and a riding assessment. There has been talk of riding to Erindale for iceblocks when the weather warms up!

The Monashians have continued singing and rehearsing for their upcoming performance!

Coding Club with Miss Logan is also continuing this term due to popular demand.

The eagerly anticipated Boys Club has also commenced this week. I heard there is a fantastic program being prepared including; pitching tents, challenging outdoor activities and some special visitors later in the term. It sounds AMAZING!

KidsMatter Clubs are announced at Meet and Greet each morning so please ensure your children arrive on time to hear these important announcements.

Lili Jankovic  
A/g Deputy Principal

Wanniassa High Workshops for Year 6

During weeks 7, 8 and 9 Emily Lord and I came to Monash School to run workshops with Year 6 students. The workshops were aimed at preparing students for high school, giving them some insight into how a high school runs and about being strong in who you are. Our sessions focused on embracing individuality and change, team building and working with others and growth in who we are as people. Monash students proved themselves as being respectful and thoughtful students, who are looking forward to the next chapter in their schooling lives. Emily and I thoroughly enjoyed our time with these students.

In Term 4, we will be offering a range of programs for students in Years 5 and 6. We will be running an Enrichment Day on Wednesday 2 November where students will have a number of sessions throughout the day exploring rigorous activities in Science, Mathematics / Engineering and History / Geography. We will also be running a “high school for a day” program in Week 7, where Year 6 students have the opportunity to spend the day as a high school student. They will attend classes in Maths, Science, English, History/Geography, Health and Physical Education and explore some of the elective classes that are offered at Wanniassa School.

We hope to see a number of students for these days, regardless of which high school they will be attending next year. These opportunities allow students to experience and explore the high school setting in a supported environment, giving them opportunities to ask questions and minimalise any stresses they have about moving into high school in 2017.

If you have any questions about the programs being offered or general high school questions, please feel free to contact me on 62056200.

Wanniassa School Executive
ATTENTION PARENTS

ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING TO MONASH IN 2017?

Could you return the slip below if you are not likely to be returning to Monash School in 2017 (this does not include current Year 6 students).

This information, if possible, is required as soon as possible as the configuration of classes has begun for 2017. Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated.

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Child’s Name _________________________ Year Level _________________
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☐ My child/children will not be returning to Monash School 2017
☐ My child/children are not likely to return to Monash School in 2017.

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2016 End of Year Concert Information

Please find listed below important dates for the 2016 End of Year Concert.

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NB: the initial ticket sales are for 2 tickets per family ie for split families one ticket per parent, to ensure all families have a chance to attend. Additional tickets can then be purchased from 21 November.

Kitchen Garden News

We have a very busy schedule in the Kitchen/Garden this term as the weather warms up, as does our kitchen while we cook a variety of delights.

Kindergarten and Winyu P will be spending time in the kitchen learning how to make healthier choices by preparing different healthy and easy snacks they can make at home. Our first dish being some yummy Apricot and Muesli Balls. Outside of the kitchen our students will be learning how to be safe whilst working outdoors in the garden, while at the same time observing changes in familiar objects through examining the growth in our crops throughout the season.
Year 1/2 are spending their time in the garden learning about seasonal cycles and the hazards that plants face throughout their growth. During this time our students will also be learning how to safely harvest and plant crops as the season changes from Spring to Summer. In the kitchen our 1/2 students will be learning how to make healthy eating choices by cooking quick and easy meals using only four ingredients.

Year 3/4 have some special recipes to cook throughout the term with focus on the different tastes of the tongue; salty, sweet, sour, bitter, and umami (savoury). The first dish 3/4 are cooking is a Soy Beef Stir Fry which encompasses the salty and umami flavours. Outside in the garden students will be learning about environmental climates and crop cycles while learning about garden safety at the same time.

Years 5/6 will be conducting some exciting experiment with the environmental conditioning of some of our crops. This week students have planted seeds and seedlings in labelled pots in order to water half with tap water and the other half with water purified by the microwave; throughout the term our classes will be comparing and recording the growth results of the two different conditions. Inside the kitchen our students will be learning to value and appreciate cultural diversity through cooking dishes with a focus on 'flavours of the world'. Each fortnight students will make a recipe that has been influenced by a different culture around the world; with our first dish being a Chinese Honey Soy Chicken.

Some of our cooking will be available at the Multicultural Dinner next week!

Questions to discuss at home include: What types of vegetables and fruits can we grow in spring and summer? Why do some vegetables grow in some seasons and not others? What types of foods do we eat that are salty/sweet/sour/bitter/savoury? What are some traditional meals from my heritage?

Keep an eye out for our recipes throughout the term!

Health & Wellbeing Teacher

Hub Happenings

Welcome back to an exciting Term 4!

This term we have two very exciting events coming up, firstly our Taste of the World Multicultural Dinner will be held next Thursday 20 October.

As we had great success with last year’s Multicultural Dinner we will again be bringing you “A Taste of the World 2016” where we can celebrate our rich cultural diversity and share a delicious meal with our school community.

The night will kick off at 5.30 pm and end at 7.30 pm. There will be a range of entertainment including our Year 5 and 6 School Band and the Monashians School Singing Club. Please bring a plate to share - this could be a typical dinner you would serve at home or a special traditional dish. Please no nut or egg dishes. Traditional dress is also encouraged.
I am happy to announce the first ever Hub *Twilight Fair and Community BBQ*. This will be held on Friday 25 November from 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm. We will have a variety of stalls from local businesses, a car wash, trash n treasure, sausage sizzle, kitchen garden stall, face painting, kids corner, cake stall and more. We will also have live entertainment and busking.

We are looking for donations of items for our trash n treasure stall and baked goods for our cake stall. If you would like to get involved volunteer, donate, bake or have a stall please let the front office or myself know.

On Tuesday 25 October from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Hub we will have two speakers from the TRUST Program to talk about “How to help our kids through tough times”. Every family faces tough times and this is hard for parents and kids. Sometimes, these will have a small impact on our kids and sometimes, they have a huge impact.

We may wonder how our kids are affected by stressful life events. What can parents do to deal with the emotional outbursts and behaviour that may result? How can parents support their kids and talk with them about difficult issues?

These are some of the questions Nicola and Velissa from the TRUST Program are coming to discuss and help parents/carers to support their kids when families are facing difficult times. All parents/carers are welcome! A morning tea is provided.

The Hubs regular programs are up and running

- Breakfast Club - Mondays and Tuesdays 8.15 am to 8.55 am
- Playgroup - Tuesdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Clothing Pool - Mondays and Tuesdays 8.30 am to 9.30 am
- Book Swap - Mondays and Tuesdays before and after school.

**Hub Coordinator**

**P & C News**

**P & C Election Day Fundraiser**

**Saturday, 15 October 2016  8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

WE NEED HELPERS FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CAKE STALL ON ELECTION DAY

*Cakes, Slices, Biscuits etc* - We hope that you are able to bake cakes, slices or biscuits for our cake stall at the election to be held tomorrow. They can be placed inside the plastic bags, on the paper plates provided earlier this week. Please advise: the name of the baked goods, list of ingredients and the name of the person who made it. There is to be NO fresh cream.

All baked items can be dropped off at the school tomorrow morning.

*Helpers* – We require helpers on the day to help man the cake stall and the sausage sizzle stall. If you could help us out tomorrow we would really appreciate it. At the last election we cooked 700 sausages and this time we want to top the 1000 mark. If you can spare some time, please come and see us on Saturday! Thank you so much for your help.

**P & C Meeting**

The next meeting of the P & C will be held next Wednesday, 7 November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Hub. Everyone is very welcome to attend!

If you would like to be kept informed of upcoming meetings and community events, please place your name and email address on the register at the front office.
Scholastic Book Clubs operates up to eight times a year and offers a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. Simply select books your child would like and fill in the Order Form on the back page (remember to fill in child’s name and class). Return the order together, with payment, to the Front Office by the closing date.

Please note – there is now only one Scholastic Book Club pamphlet per year level/s.

Please remember the following:

- **PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB MUST BE SENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE**
- Cheques must be made out to “Scholastic” (one cheque for the whole family will do). A credit card facility is available for ORDERS OF ANY AMOUNT (one credit card payment for all orders)
- Orders should be placed in a sealed envelope/sandwich bag with your child’s name and class listed
- **Issue 5 Orders must be back by Friday, 21 October 2016.**

Many thanks for your support as our school library benefits from your orders.

Sue Visentin, Book Club Coordinator

The Entertainment Book fundraiser has come to an end. If you would still like to purchase the book, please return the envelope the book came in, with payment and hand to the front office (credit card and online payments can be made). Alternatively, if you do not wish to purchase a copy, please return the book, intact, to the front office by as soon as possible.


All proceeds will go towards the new playground near the Meet and Greet area – the school receives $12 from each copy sold.

Thank you.

Coordinator

School Banking

Please hand your bank books in to the front office each Friday morning.

Sue Visentin
Student Banking Coordinator

School Uniforms

School uniforms are available from Savvy School Wear, shop 32, Homeworld, Soward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342/9529. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases.

Attention Volunteers at Monash School

If you would like to volunteer your time at Monash School please be aware that you will need to obtain a Working With Vulnerable People Card. Further information is available online at [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804). The cost of the card is free for parent/carer volunteers. We encourage all our volunteers to sign up for a card.
Please remember to carry your Working With Vulnerable People Card with you if you are volunteering in the school.

**Nut Allergies**

Monash School has a number of students who are allergic to nut products. 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.

**School Rule**

“At Monash Primary School we all try to keep ourselves and others safe and happy”

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**Community News**
Expression of Interest Form
Guitar and Keyboard

I am interested in my child ____________________________ of class _______________
participating in the proposed group guitar / keyboard lesson in 2017 and am aware of the costs
detailed in the information given in the newsletter dated 14 October 2016.

Parent/Carer Name: ________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: ______________________________

Please return the Expression of Interest and deposit to school by 28 October 2016
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