NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 6 – 2 MAY 2014

**Dates to Remember**

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**Notes Going Home This Week**

- Information Evening – 6 May 2014 from 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
- P & C – Disco note
- P & C – Mother’s Day Stall
- P & C – Canteen Menu Term 2

**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2. We have enjoyed a very positive start to the term this week as the temperature begins to drop.

Today, our students participated in the annual Monash Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to the many students who worked hard to achieve their personal best. This has involved extensive preparation over the last few weeks to improve fitness levels. I would like to thank all parents/carers who were able to attend the event today and make it such a special community occasion.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful fundraising efforts of our students who have gained sponsorship for today’s event. Students who have been successful in gaining sponsorship will be eligible to win a prize as part of our sponsorship incentive scheme. A reminder that all forms and moneys are due to be returned to the school by Friday, 9 May. Please note that all sponsorship forms must be returned even if no funds have been raised. Prize winners will be drawn at assembly in Week 3 (Friday, 16 May). A reminder that all funds raised will be used to support our Outdoor Learning Area on the northern perimeter of our school.

On Tuesday of this week, a number of parents/carers of students in Years 3 to 6 attended an information session facilitated by Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT. The aim of the session was to provide parents/carers with an overview of the content to be covered in next week’s personal development sessions in Years 3 to 6. An overview of key information that will be covered in these sessions will be sent home early next week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child’s home group teacher.
This week we have also commenced construction of the mosaic squares which will be eventually erected on the wall near the meet and greet area. These squares are visual images focusing on our key You Can Do It social skills values. Students have been with a buddy from a different year level to complete this square. This week our Year 6 students teamed up with their Year 1 buddies. Thanks to Brett (parent of Sam in Year 1) for coordinating this major project.

On Tuesday night next week, 6 May, we will be holding the official Monash School Open Night in the school hall. This occasion will provide an opportunity for families who are considering enrolling their child/ren at Monash in the future to learn more about our school. There will also be a special information session for 2015 Kindergarten parents. I encourage all parents/carers who may know of families considering moving to Monash to encourage them to attend this session from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Tuesday. Please note that this session is for prospective enrolments in all year levels and staff will be on hand to show parents through the school and at the same time answer any questions.

On Friday, of next week, 9 May, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am we intend to officially launch our wonderful community hub facility. This is located in the building behind the Preschool. I warmly invite all parents/carers to attend the launch, share in some morning tea and at the same time learn a little more about the Monash Community Hub. Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held simultaneously outside the hub and all students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts from 9.30 am onwards.

Finally I would like to remind parents/carers that next Tuesday, official school photos will be taken. Please ensure that all photo envelopes are in by Monday, 5 May and that all students are in full school uniform.

Have a great weekend and remain warm!

Shane Carpenter
Principal

School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday, 6 May 2014 for Kinder to Year 6, Joeys and Possums and on Thursday, 8 May 2014 for Koalas and Echidnas. Prenamed envelopes to order photos were sent home with children last term. Each child has their own labelled envelope. All orders for school photos must be returned to the Front Office before photo day. All late orders (after photo day) will be subject to a $20 fee. Please check the details on your child’s envelope for any errors.

FAMILY PHOTOS – if you would like to have your children photographed on the day, please pick up a family portrait envelope from the Front Office (which are now available).

Enrolling in an ACT Public School

New arrangements for 2014 and 2015

The ACT Education and Training Directorate has updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All new student enrolment applications for 2015 open from 28 April 2014 (day 1 term 2). If you are enrolling your child to start school in 2014 or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the online enrolment/transfer form and Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools located on the ‘Enrolling in an ACT Public School’ section of the Education and Training Directorate website www.det.act.gov.au

Preschool applications for 2015 close on 30 May 2014.
Preschool P & C

The Monash Preschool P&C is holding its annual Mother's Day stall next week. A range of gifts will be available for $5. Funds raised will go towards buying new resources for the preschool.

We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to join us to help running the stalls and wrapping gifts:

Joeys, Possums & Wombats – 11 am, Tuesday, 6 May
Koalas, Echidnas & Magpies – 11 am, Friday, 9 May

Please email houseofkitchens@gmail.com if you'd like to help, or have any questions. We'll be in touch soon with news of other upcoming activities, details of how you can stay in touch, and ways you might like to join in!

Monash Preschool chair

Canteen

A NEW CANTEEN MENU is now out for winter (Term 2 & 3). Look out for the new and exciting changes.

Lunch ordering is now available to do online, making it quicker and easier for you and us. We encourage you to give it a try!!! Go to Flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts to setup your account. To start all you need to do is REGISTER to setup your account, TOP-UP your account with funds, and you can start to ORDER.

Canteen Roster

Mon 5th – Jo
Tues 6th – Eleanor
Wed 7th - Tonia
Thurs 8th – Julie
Fri 9th – Diane & Rachel

Mon 12th – Jo
Tues 13th – help needed
Wed 14th - help needed
Thurs 15th – Lyn
Fri 16th – help needed

To be added to the roster or for roster changes please contact Veronica on 62916357 or monashpascanteen@outlook.com

Second Hand Clothing Pool

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The Second hand clothing pool will now be running twice a term. Next term we will open on Wednesday 7 May. Information attached with this newsletter.

Lost Property
Please check lost property for any lost items.

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

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The South Canberra Tuggeranong Athletic Club will be starting its Fadden Pines Schools Cross Country Program on SUNDAY, MAY 4 at 3pm at the Fadden District Park.

Events will be conducted every SUNDAY until August 3.

The cost for 14 weeks is $30, with discounts for additional children in a family. Alternatively people can pay $3 each week.

Events are conducted for ages from 5 years (1250 metres) to 19 years (2500 metres). Parents can also run.

All participants will have their times recorded each week and a plot of performances over the season will be presented on the final day. Schools will accrue points based on participation. Trophies will be awarded to the best schools in each age and gender group. Ribbons will be awarded to individuals. All results will be posted on the club’s website (http://www.sctathletics.com).

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