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Notes Going Home This Week

- Preschool – Pirate Pete incursion
- Be the Best You Can Be – Winyu Unit
- National Zoo and Aquarium – Bimbi Unit
- Stationery Lists 2015 (handed out last week)
- Transition documents to parents (to be handed out next week)

MONASH SCHOOL
IS ALLERGY FRIENDLY

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week our Year 5/6 students enjoyed the wonderful experience of Camp Cooba. The three day two night camp was highlighted by some wonderful activities including the giant swing, the gladiator course, rock climbing and archery. A very
exhausted group of children and teachers returned to school on Wednesday afternoon. I suspect they will still be recalling their adventures for many weeks and months to come. Thanks to the parents/carers for providing the opportunity for the children to attend camp and also to our wonderful 5/6 staff and Mr Buesnel who gave up their own family time to attend the camp.

Students in K - 3 have this week commenced swimming lessons at the Tuggeranong Pool. Thanks to the parents/carers who have assisted the staff by ensuring that the children have all of the necessary requirements to participate. A reminder that parents/carers are most welcome to attend and observe the lessons taking place.

On Wednesday evening, we hosted our annual Preschool information evening. It was great to see so many parents/carers in attendance gaining information about 2015 Preschool classes and routines. There were so many new parents/carers in attendance who will next be joining our school community in 2015.

Congratulations to the children who were invited to attend the Principal’s Morning Tea yesterday. Staff are constantly on the lookout for children demonstrating our school values and participation in the Principal’s Morning Tea is a lovely way to celebrate the efforts of the children.

It was great to see that our new school carpark finally became accessible to families during this week. Thanks to parents/carers for your patience over recent months. I am confident that the new carpark will ease traffic congestion particularly in the busy afternoon pickup period.

I would like to inform parents/carers that on Thursday of next week transition documents for all students continuing at Monash School will be sent home. This year will be the first time that we have implemented this initiative. The documents are designed for parents/carers to provide their input about their child/ren to enable a smooth and productive transition into 2015. The documents will be read carefully by teachers of the 2015 classes so that all staff have a more informed understanding of the whole child moving into 2015. As always we value the contribution of parents/carers. We would really appreciate it if these documents could be returned, with your input, to school by Thursday, 13 November in preparation for meetings that will take place between 2014 and 2015 staff after this term.

Finally, I would like to remind all members of our community about the working bee that will occur next Sunday, 9 November from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. The purpose of this working bee will be to plant out our new outdoor learning area. Many of the staff will be in attendance and it would be great if we could get lots of families to also join us even if you can only stay for a short while.

Have a great weekend everybody and enjoy the warm weather.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Brief

Catch them being good!

The following information underpins the thinking around the incentives offered as part of our values program here at Monash. Included are some helpful hints for parents and carers as well.

Carley, aged eight, loves bouncing on the trampoline and playing with other children in the neighbourhood. When she comes home from school she has a quick snack and then goes out to play. She doesn’t stop to put her school bag away, change her shoes or tidy up after her snack even though her mother, Sandy, tells
Carley almost every day. It is so irritating. Sandy finds it difficult not to yell at Carley when she doesn’t do what she is asked. Sandy has tried sending Carley to bed early for her disobedience, but all it seemed to achieve was an angry face and more dawdling at bed time.

Recently Sandy decided to try a different approach. She wrote a list of the things she wanted Carley to do after school, discussed it with her daughter, asked for her help, and put it on the fridge. Each night she made a point of ticking off the things Carley had done. She thanked and praised her for doing what she had been asked. Carley’s father also told her how happy he was that she was doing things to help. Carley feels really proud to know her parents are so pleased with the things she can do to help at home. Psychological research has shown that following up a person’s behaviour with something positive makes it more likely that the behaviour will happen again. Praise and other kinds of acknowledgement are motivating, and are often needed to help children change their behaviour.

You can help children to learn positive behaviours by telling them clearly what you want and praising or rewarding them when they do it.

Sounds too easy? What else might be needed?
• Is what you have asked the child to do clear enough? Saying, “I want you to pick up the clothes off the floor in your room before you go out to play,” is clearer than saying, “I want you to tidy your room.”
• Are you asking for behaviour that your child can do? Sometimes we ask children to do things that are too difficult for them without help.
• Are you asking them to do too many things at once?
• Do you find that you are getting angry with your child for things not done more often than praising his or her efforts?

Something to try during the week Double the amount of praise you give your child for his or her efforts in the coming week. You may need to expand your own vocabulary so you have a variety of positive comments ready to encourage your child. Catch your child being good Keep a record of the behaviours you are pleased with. Reading them over together from time to time will be a positive experience for both you and your child. You may ask, “Is praise enough to motivate my child?” Praise and acknowledgement work in most cases, but sometimes you may need to add an incentive plan with rewards to help change behaviour. If you do add an incentive plan, think carefully about your choice of reward. Incentive plans usually work best for a short period of time (eg a few weeks).

Ideas for a reward menu
• Play game with parent or carer
• Favourite (healthy) meal
• Stay up late
• Have a friend over
• Use sports equipment
• Use the computer

Andrew Buesnel
Deputy Principal

**Arrival at School**

Please ensure students arrive at school each morning as close as possible to 8.50 am unless they are going to Breakfast Club. We are concerned that quite a number of students are arriving at school from 8.00 am onwards. It is important to note that no formal supervision for students is provided before 8.50 am.
Missing Bicycle
This bike went missing from school last week (21 October) and as yet has still not been found. We are ask that anyone that has any information regarding the bike to contact the school.

Library News

**e-books and audio books**
All students at Monash Primary will have received a card with log on details for borrowing e-books and audio books through the library catalogue. Please keep these details in a secure place. Please ensure that you place a “0” at the beginning of the ID number, when the cards were generated this number dropped off. The log on will not work without this number at the beginning. The instructions were sent out with the newsletter on 26 September. If you have any issues please drop into the library or email me.

Children’s Book Council of Australia ACT Branch- Children’s Week Competition
The Children’s Book Council of Australia ACT branch is running a competition for Children’s Week. The competition involves the children taking a photo of their favourite reading spot with the CBCA logo sitting in the spot, and writing about why it is their favourite spot and their favourite Australian book. The winner receives a book and books for their school library. Details of the competition are at [http://act.cbca.org.au/competitions](http://act.cbca.org.au/competitions).

HAPPY READING!

Dirt to Dish Kitchen News

It’s been a quiet week in the Monash School Kitchen without the 5/6 master-chefs, but none the less we have had a productive time! This week we talk about how to think outside the box with everyday ingredients to create something yummy, cheap & easy.

Bread & Butter Pudding got a make-over in the Monash kitchen as we have tweaked a few ingredients to make our very own apple & sultana sandwich pudding. Many of the children who cooked this week agreed it’s a much more delicious way to eat a humble jam sandwich!

The garden is looking wonderful and green. This week the planting continues with the addition of cauliflower, carrots, tomatoes, basil, eggplant, coriander, marigolds, radish and sweetcorn (to name a few!) I can’t wait until we get to reap the benefits of these wonderful vegetables in our school Kitchen. Hopefully Russell Crow (our resident scarecrow) does his job & keeps those pesky birds off the garden!

Happy cooking everyone!

ATTENTION PARENTS

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING TO MONASH IN 2015?**
Could you return the slip below if you are not likely to be returning to Monash School in 2015 (this does not include current Year 6 students).
This information, if possible, is required as soon as possible as we have begun configuring classes for 2015. Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated.

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Child’s Name _________________________ Year Level _____________
Child’s Name _________________________ Year Level _____________
Child’s Name _________________________ Year Level _____________

☐ My child/children will not be returning to Monash School 2015
☐ My child/children are not likely to return to Monash School in 2015.

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Health Issues
We have had two cases of head lice in Yerra Unit and Bimbi Unit. Please check your child/ren’s hair and treat if required.

CHILDREN’S LUNCHES/SNACKS
Please ensure that students do not have any nut products eg peanut paste, Nutella, etc in their lunches or snacks as we have a number of children who are anaphylactic. Thank you.

P & C NEWS

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Wow I can’t believe that we have reached the midway point of fourth term and the end of the year is fast approaching even though there are so much more exciting happenings on offer at Monash School and in our community. A couple of events coming up over the next month are:

**Canberra Community Sleepout – Friday 14 November**
A small group of Monash School families, namely the **Monash Dream Team** will be curling up in their sleeping bags for one night to create a greater awareness of homelessness in the Canberra community and raise much needed funds to change the lives of those who are currently experiencing this in our community and assist those at risk of becoming homeless.

The **Monash Dream Team** would love to have some more school families come and join us and camp out underneath the stars at the AIS Athletics Track. If you can’t spare the time we always welcome a donation of any value.

**If you wish to come and sleep out under the stars**, simply register then ask to join the Monash Dream Team. **If you would like to make a small donation** simply go to this [link](#).

**Monash Neighbourhood Watch Giant Garage Sale – Saturday 29 November**
*Neighbourhood Oval off Charleston Street*
The School P&C will be running at least one stall to help raise much needed funds for the school. A call for donations will be made closer to the time.

**P&C President Call for Nomination**
The Monash School P&C welcomes expressions of interests from the School community for a P&C President, up to the next Annual General Meeting in March 2015. We would love to hear from a parent or carer who would like to have a taste of being involved in the School’s P&C. Please indicate your interest to Sue Visentin (front office) or to [monash_pandc@hotmail.com](mailto:monash_pandc@hotmail.com).
Next P&C Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm, Wednesday, 12 November 2014 in the Community Hub.

Kind regards

Vice President, Monash School P&C

Canteen

As per attachment

Menu - Please note that the “chicken nuggets (GF)” listed on the menu are only for those children who are gluten intolerant.

"Hub Happenings"

This week I have been busy gathering articles for our next Community Hub magazine. The cover of the magazine will be filled with community photos of families, sports teams or even your pet.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 am we are going to start half hour Pilates sessions focused on our core muscles. This will be a DVD session - come along and have a go.

Friday, 21 November at 6.00 pm will be our pj’s, pizza and games family night at the Hub. Cost will be $8 per family and will cover costs of pizza and drinks.

Please put your names down at the front office. This is going to be one fun night full of games and laughter. Ever heard of the chocolate game? This is just one of the games lined up.

Playgroup on Fridays 9.30 am - 11.30 am. This is a relaxed environment for children to play and explore while parents connect, enjoy a cuppa and all get evolved in craft.

Breakfast club Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8.15 am – 9.00 am. All students are welcome to enjoy a healthy start to the day. We also welcome mums, dads and carers.

Connect to Reading Book Fair – 26, 27 and 28 November 2014

It is a great chance to do some Christmas shopping – books, stationery and craft products will be available.

PAYING FOR EXCURSIONS VIA OUR WEBPAGE

You may notice on our excursion notes that it now lists a reference number eg 8200-000-00 this is a reference which relates to a specific excursion on our MAZE system used for receipting payments.

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

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

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

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!

Thanks you for your support!

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

Monash Neighbourhood Watch – Garage Sale

If you would like join in and set up a stall and sell your gear, you are very welcome to come join in, but let me know soon.
The cost of a spot is $5 up to 3 tables.

Here are the details for the day

Monash Big Garage Sale
Saturday 29 November 2014
8.00 am – 3.00 pm
Charleston Street Park
Monash

ACTION School Bus No. 858
SR.858 – school route will start 5 minutes earlier, at 7.50am.
The change will come into effect as of Monday 27 October 2014.

ANU Harry Potter Club - Quidditch Tournament Final

Saturday 1 November.
The event is open to the entire community and particularly younger children, so that they may have a chance to see the magic from the Harry Potter movies and books come alive right in front of them.

Games will be held on Fellows Oval on the ANU campus starting at 11am. In addition to our main event, we will be holding a barbecue, selling non alcoholic butterbeer and other Harry Potter related treats, and we will be running a Quidditch session for children, weather and attendance permitting.

Stephanie Jammu, President

ANU Harry Potter Club
anuharrypotterclub@gmail.com
ACT OZTAG JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS
"GET TAGGED YOU’LL LOVE IT"

Are you interested in representing ACT at the 2015 NSW Junior State Cup?
Where: University of Canberra Playing Fields (University Drive, North Bruce)
When: Saturday 1st November 2014
Who: Any player currently playing in the local summer oztag competition

ACT Oztag are holding trials for the following divisions:

8:30am - 11:00am U10 Boys
8:30am - 11:00am U10 Girls
8:30am - 11:00am U11 Boys
8:30am - 11:00am U11 Girls
9:30am - 11:00am U12 Boys
9:30am - 11:00am U12 Girls
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