**Monash School Newsletter**

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| **Monday, 24 November** | Kulture Break dance lessons  
|                      | Second Hand Clothing Pool – open 2.40 – 3.20 pm |
| **Tuesday, 25 November** | Preschool Pirate Pete incursion Joeys/Possums  
| **Wednesday, 26 November** | Kulture Break dance lessons  
|                      | Carnival Book Fair (The Hub) 8.30 – 10.30 am and 2.30 – 4.30 pm  
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| **Thursday, 27 November** | Principal’s Morning Tea  
|                      | Carnival Book Fair (The Hub) 8.30 – 10.30 am and 2.30 – 4.30 pm |
| **Friday, 28 November** | Assembly Year 5/6 (Respect) at 9.15 am  
|                      | Preschool Pirate Pete incursion Koalas/Echidnas  
|                      | Bimbi Unit visit National Zoo and Aquarium  
|                      | IRP Multicultural Picnic 5/6  
|                      | Carnival Book Fair (The Hub) 8.30 – 10.30 am and 2.30 – 4.30 pm |

Notes Going Home This Week

- Letters to parents regarding class lists
- Carnival Book Fair information
- 5/6 Multicultural picnic
- Year 6 2015 polo shirt and polar fleece order form

**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today at assembly, members of our school community took the opportunity to farewell and acknowledge some of our wonderful staff who will be leaving Monash at the conclusion of 2014. Parent representatives on our School Board formally recognised the contributions of Andrew Buesnel, Belinda Bacon, Judith Percy, Caitlin Mahoney and Kerry Burgess to our school community. All of the above people have been an important part of Monash and will be missed by many.

Today, students received notification of 2015 home group teachers. The only exception to this is students in those classes who will be taught by staff yet to be confirmed. I am confident that recruitment processes should be completed before the end of this month and I assure families that this information will be passed on as soon as it is made available to me. 2015 class lists will be available for public viewing on Monday, 24 November. If there are any major issues involving your child’s home group for 2015, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the leadership team.

Below is the confirmed Monash staff configuration for 2015 at this point. Please note the following information is subject to change.
MONASH SCHOOL - SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2015

PRINCIPAL
Shane Carpenter

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Renee Berry

BUSINESS MANAGER
Brenda Svatos

ADMIN OFFICER
Suzan Visentin

SCHOOL ASSISTANT
Lisa Greig

PRESCHOOL
Echidnas/Possums - Amelia Doering
LSA – Soon Lien Mynott
Joeyes – Shay Rutherford
LSA – Margaret Brittan
Team Leader - TBA

KINDER UNIT (Bimbi)
KC
Jillian Coulthart
KM
Laura Mackinnon
KS
Kylie Smith
LSA
Denise McMahon
Team Leader - TBA

1 / 2 UNIT (Yerra)
1/2A
Roe Audsley
1/2KF
Karen Farrell
1/2RF
Rhiannon Freckelton
1/2M
Jane Mahar
1/2P
Dianne Peios
1/2T
Alex Taylor
LSA
Carol Mongan
Team Leader - TBA

3 / 4 UNIT (Dulma)
3/4DC
Dannielle Carney
3/4TD
Tessa Dorman
3/4JD
Jess Du Rieu
3/4E
Natasha Ecimovic
3/4 TBA
TBA
LSA
Lorraine Wile
Team Leader - TBA

LSU UNIT (Winyu)
Winyu
Shannon Nuzum (LSA - Glenda Johnson)
Winyu
Rachel Coman (LSA – Jodie Shipway)
Bimbi
TBA (LSA – Louise Rapson)
Team Leader – Shannon Nuzum

5 / 6 UNIT (Bural)
5/6GL
Hayley Gannon/Kylie Libbis
5/6L
Mikaela Logan
5/6P
Hebe Petkovic
5/6 TBA
TBA
LSA
Renata Russell-Jones
Team Leader – Kylie Libbis

SPORTS
Tad Dufelmeier

EALD/LSC
Catherine Whittle
Thanks to all parents/carers who have assisted us in providing transition information. Commencing next week teachers will be meeting to exchange information relevant to children moving into their 2015 classes. Families will have the opportunity to meet and engage with 2015 staff at the Community BBQ to be held on Thursday, 4 December at 4.30 pm.

On Tuesday of this week approximately 12 of our junior students visited Bonython Primary to participate in the Tuggeranong Network Extension Program with students from Isabella Plains Early Childhood School and Bonython Primary School. The children had a wonderful time conducting some very interesting science experiments. We look forward to continuing this partnership and providing opportunities for our children next year.

On Wednesday evening, our Year 6 band students performed in the annual Bandstrav event. Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 band, not only for their participation in this event but also for the way in which they have represented Monash throughout the last two years.

I would like to remind families that tickets for the end of year concert (dance lessons) are now on sale. Please purchase early to avoid disappointment.

Have a great weekend everyone and remain cool in the heatwave conditions.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Electronics Club
This is a reminder for children who attend electronics club during lunchtimes on Tuesday.

- Electronics are to be handed to the classroom teacher on arrival at school. They will be handed to children at the first lunch bell.
- After electronics club, electronics are to be handed back to the classroom teacher and will be returned to the children at the end of the day.
- K-2 children are not to play Terraria due to the rating of the game. Children in years 3-6 can play Terraria if it is loaded on their own devices.
- If you are using a school iPad, please do not use the internet. There are plenty of Apps already loaded on the iPads for you to use.
- If you would like to listen to music during electronics club please bring an iPod or other music device.
- Please remember to take your rubbish, belongings and tuck your chairs in when it is time to leave.
Not following these rules will result in being asked to leave electronics club and missing out the following week.

If you have any questions about these rules please see Miss Dorman (in 1/2) or Mrs Bacon (in 3/4). Thank you.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL
Please note that any money due to the P &C/Canteen eg special lunch, disco, etc must not go through the Monash School bank account. Please pay this directly to the canteen. Thank you.

Brenda Svatos
Business Manager

END OF YEAR CONCERT
Notes for the End of Year concert have been sent home with students. If you would like to obtain tickets for either the matinee or evening concert, please fill out the dancing lessons form and return to school as soon as possible so you don’t miss out. Extra tickets will be on sale from 24 November.

STATIONERY LISTS 2015
Stationery lists for 2015 have been handed out to students. Please ensure that completed lists are handed to the front office by 5 December if paying by credit card or cheque. Stationery lists can also be purchased online and should also be completed by 5 December. Packs can be picked up on 22 January 2015 from 2.00 – 4.00 pm from the school.

If you do not have a copy of the stationery list for your child/ren please see the front office as soon as possible.

A to E REPORTING
Please complete the slip below if you do not want to receive a Semester 2 A-E report for your child/ren and return to the Front office before 28 November 2014. Thank you.

A-E REPORTING
I do not require an A-E report for my child/ren listed below.

Name __________________________ Class ______

Name __________________________ Class ______

Name __________________________ Class ______

Parent Name ______________________ Signature ____________________

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
A note was sent home outlining a new Christian Education In Schools project that will be available at Monash School this term on Monday 1 December.

This program will consist of a one hour session each term that has been designed to scaffold students to explore and discuss the following topics:

Term 4 2014 Christmas Celebrations- Responding to the traditional Christmas story.
Term 1 2015 Easter Extravaganza - Exploring what this world wide festival really means
Term 2 2015 Beyond You - Wondering about myself, others, nature and God.
Term 3 2015 Bible Bonanza - Discovering the world’s best selling book.

We ask that all families complete the attached permission form and return it to the front office indicating whether or not you wish your child to participate in this program.

If you have any questions regarding this program please contact me.

Belinda Bacon
Executive teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Carnival Book Fair
We are holding a book fair from Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 November. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to do some Christmas shopping and support the school and library at the same time. There will be a selection of children’s books, cookbooks, adult books and kits. The fair will be held in the Community Hub and will be open 8.30 to 10.30 am and 2.30 to 4.30 pm each day which will allow parents to shop without their children. The children will be given the opportunity to visit the fair and write a wish list that they will bring home.

Borrowing and Returning
The end of the year is approaching all too quickly, which means students will only be able to borrow for the next week. All books are due back on Monday 1 December so that we can get all the books back in order on the shelves ready for the end of year stocktake that allows us to keep our records of books up to date. It would be greatly appreciated if you could start sending back any books that students have finished reading. The students are still able to access e-books and audio books online. ACT libraries at Erindale and Tuggeranong both have a wide selection of books that student can access.

HAPPY READING!

Veronica Melville and Margaret Brittan

PRESCHOOL
Joey and Koalas

This fortnight the Joey and Koala classes have been enjoying a lot of water play! Our favourite activity was circle time with each child sitting under the tree with their feet in a bucket of cool water. The children took turns to discuss any issue they wanted to, then we played ‘Musical Buckets’ and ‘pass the bath toy’. It was definitely the most fun we’ve had this term!

Two students from the Joey class attended the Bonython Science Day. They returned full of excitement and with stories about their wonderful day.

Other interests/activities have included: using the spinning wheel and discussing wool products, paintings using pictures from our lovely new Indigenous story books as provocations, magnets, bats, utes and caravans. We have enjoyed a large amount of dramatic play – The Three Little Pigs (to music) and The Very Hungry Caterpillar Storybox full of goodies like felt board versions, props and costumes, sequencing activities, books and recordings of the story in a number of different languages.

We have all enjoyed transitions to Kindergarten, family picnics and seeing our buddies each week.

Possums and Echidnas

This fortnight has absolutely flown by! As the term comes to an end, days are a blur and Christmas is getting too close for comfort! The Possums and Echidnas have been transitioning into Kindergarten mostly participating in Discovery Learning.
We had two lovely family picnics last week, many sweets were eaten and teachers had a chance to interact with families.

Parent/carer suggestion forms were put in both Possums and Echidnas pockets two weeks ago. Thank you to the parents who have brought them back. As the year is coming to an end and teachers are tired, it is very uplifting to read the beautiful comments.

This fortnight we have been learning about Indigenous Australians; what their flag represents and revisiting what we already know. We have also been reading and doing Pirate dancing, getting ready for Pirate Pete’s visit next week (25 and 28 November). The children have loved the new action hero dress ups, especially the boys.

We have been focusing on learning the alphabet. Each day the children read a book based on a certain letter with Disney movie pictures inside. This has encouraged the children to take more of an interest in learning their ABC’s and they are really getting to know them!

We will have transition visits in weeks 7 and 8. The week 7 visits will be to the Canteen. Each child is asked to bring $1 to spend. The Christmas stalls are being run by the P & C next week. Each present is $5 each and each child has a maximum purchase of 4 presents.

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**Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)**

So many wonderful things have been happening in Kindy in the past few weeks. Kindy have had a First Aid trainer come out and teach us all about what to do in an emergency, what kinds of accidents actually are an emergency and what to say when we are on the phone to 000. They provided us with a fun website to practise the skills we learnt. We also found out how to respond if someone is unconscious and if someone is bleeding. We even got to play with bandages and slings!

Kenny Koala came out to visit us and spoke with us about being safe in public spaces. He talked about how we need to stay with adults when we are in public and always tell an adult where we are. Kenny Koala even showed us his shiny, loud and bright police car! The students asked great questions about how to stay safe on the roads. Thanks Kenny Koala!

We have had continued visits from the Preschool students. Kindergarten have been great buddies and supported the Preschool students in learning about Discovery Learning and Kindergarten routines. We look forward to a few more sessions together.

We have changed teachers in our literacy and maths groups. The students are moving to a new area within Bimbi for their personalised learning groups. In literacy, the students have been continuing to learn about short and long vowel sounds. Something you can do to reinforce their literacy learning at home is to play a game of ‘I spy’. For example, “I spy with my little eye, something beginning with ‘s’.” In Mathematics, we have been learning about positional language and the language we can use to give directions. We have been learning about left and right, forwards and backwards. At home, you could ask your child to give you directions on how to get to school from your house or how to get to a friend’s house.

The next few weeks will be very busy! We are looking forward to our excursion to the Zoo on Friday, 28 November. The following Friday (5 December) is our assembly and we can’t wait to share the new value introduction to you! We are also excited about the End of Year Concert on Tuesday, 9 December! Have you got your costume ready? If you need any help, please feel free to come and chat to the teachers.

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**Yerra Unit News (1 / 2)**

We are half way through the term and as usual have been extremely busy. It is hard to believe that we are into the last few weeks of the 2014 school year.
Many students enjoyed the swimming lessons held in weeks three and four. They have become more confident in their swimming ability, learning new skills to support them over the Summer holidays.

The teachers are being kept busy with report writing and establishing transition folders for the meetings that we will be having over the next few weeks. The current class teacher will be meeting with next year’s class teacher to discuss and pass on all the relevant information to make your child’s transition as effortless as possible.

In Writing this term the Yerra students will be participating in the viewing and speaking unit of work. They will be viewing different stories and documentaries and then completing writing tasks associated with what they have viewed.

The Yerra students are excited as we practise for the end of year performance, choreographed by Kulture Break. Notes went home last week indicating the costume requirements for your child. These are due Monday of week 8 in a labelled plastic bag.

Have a good week from the Yerra team.

**Dulma Unit News (Year 3 / 4)**

**Literacy**
Students are currently learning about the structure and language features of an information report. They have been collating information about various animals and organising their writing under correct headings.

**Mathematics**
Students in Year 4 have been learning about different kinds of graphs such as line graphs, pie charts and bar graphs and how to interpret information from these graphs. Soon they will be conducting their own data investigations where students will collate data, tally results, construct a graph to best represent their data and interpret the results. Students have also been revising decimals and equivalent fractions using a number of different hands on materials to demonstrate their understanding.

Students in Year 3 have been learning about place value and partitioning numbers to assist with calculations. They have demonstrated their understanding through maths rotations involving mathletics, games and targeted group work. Students in Year 3 have also been learning their three times tables through a very catchy song.

**IRP**
Students have continued to work on their projects based on either The Murray Darling Basin, The Great Barrier Reef, Water in Africa or Australian Wetlands. They have finished their artefact and are currently working on their writing piece which is either an information report or a descriptive writing piece. We hope to have the writing pieces finished by the end of week 7.

**Crazy Hair Day**
Yesterday (20 November), the school participated in Crazy Hair Day to raise money for clean water in Africa. This was initiated by students in Year 3/4 after learning about Water in Africa during our immersion lessons for IRP. The total amount raised will be announced at Meet and Greet on Monday. Thank you Miss E for organising this.

**Reminders**
- Please hand in the transition note about your child to their teacher. This will assist us in handing over information to their new teacher for next year.
- Our current values focus is Organisation.
- Kulture Break end of year concert is fast approaching. It is based on the book called, 'The boy who grew flowers' and is about friendship. We have been rehearsing the dance steps and it is shaping up to be a fantastic performance. Students have specific clothing that they need to wear as their costumes. Boys will need to wear a white fitted t shirt, blue jeans and black shoes. Girls will need to wear a dress of any colour and style with shorts/tights underneath and black shoes.
**Bural Unit News (Year 5 / 6)**

It is certainly turning out to be a busy term for the 5/6 unit! With many important events coming up we are definitely going to be busy right up until the end of the year.

Last week the students of 5/6 prepared and ran the Monash Mini Market Day to raise money for the Year 6 Graduation present as well as the National Kidney Foundation. The day was a success with students and teachers from across the school participating in many exciting activities and having an awesome time! Congratulations and thank you to the Year 5/6 students who planned, organised and ran the stalls. We were extremely proud of how you all conducted yourselves throughout Mini Market Day and also with the encouragement and praise that you gave all participants. Well Done!

In week 7, we will be hosting the school assembly as well as the Bural Unit IRP Multicultural Picnic. Families are invited to share in both of these events. Students are welcome to bring a picnic to share with their guest as they explore games played worldwide and thelapBooks which are being created through IRP.

The art rotations have finished for the year with each class having rotated through dance, visual art, media, music and drama. Although these have finished students are continuing to show their artistic flare through poetry. Students are writing some delightful free verse poetry about topics of their choice and illustrating them too!

The Year 6 Graduation is fast approaching with preparations for the assembly and dinner in full swing. We ask that all Year 6 students bring in a Kindergarten photo or one from around this time to be used in the assembly.

**Winyu Unit News**

Today, we farewelled Ms Burgess at the assembly. Ms Logan asked some of Winyu B to participate in a farewell video, which the children enjoyed. Thank you to Ms Burgess for all that she has done in the Winyu team. The children are going to miss your funny jokes and big laugh.

This week we started our cricket clinics with Will from ACT Cricket. Will runs programs for children with special needs and is very passionate about providing sporting opportunities for all children. The children remember him from our Dream Cricket excursion and they absolutely loved his cricket clinic on Tuesday. We have three more clinics left.

We are finishing up our Art unit of work. The children have really enjoyed exploring their creative side. They have worked with a variety of mediums and created artworks in many different styles. We have been extremely impressed with how well both classes have worked together.

With the end of year performance approaching we would like to remind parents and carers about monster costumes. The children will need dress up as monsters from the children’s book ‘A Monster Wrote Me a Letter’ by Nick Bland.

Have a great weekend!

**Dirt to Dish Kitchen News**

Smoothie Ice Blocks recipe is attached to the email.

Happy Cooking everyone!

Jess
Tonight is our “pizza and games” night at the Hub. It is not too late to come along. Starting time is 6 pm and it's $8 per family to cover costs of pizza. This is going to be heaps of fun with Twister, Uno and the chocolate game to name just a few games that will be played.

Next week is our Carnival book fair in the Hub on the 26, 27 and 28 November. The Hub will be opened in the mornings from 8.30 am to 10.30 am and afternoons from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. This a perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

Our Goodwin Village Christmas visit is coming up on Wednesday, 3 December from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. There will be a little concert from the preschoolers, a song from the school choir and one on one reading with some students. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day or bake something for morning tea it would be really appreciated.

SAVER PLUS
Saver plus is a new initiative through the ANZ Bank and is a great opportunity for eligible families. There are information sheets attached to the newsletter this week to give you more information. Here is what one parent from the school had to say about the initiative......

*It's a challenge raising children, financially being a huge obstacle. I needed to explore my options for giving my kids the best opportunity without missing out because I couldn't afford it. One night I googled 'budget'. I came across a site that caught my eye, 'Saver Plus'. I ticked all the eligibility, have a pension or concession card, have kids in school and working or studying part time. I made the call and am so happy I did. To find out if I can save $500 in a 10 month period, ANZ will match every dollar. In total, I will have $1000 to be spent on my kids education and well being at the end. There's a catch, isn't there always! The $500 matched from ANZ has to be spent on the kids via invoices or receipts to be reimbursed. What I mean is you have to provide receipts or invoices that ANZ will pay or reimburse you for that you outlay on your precious cherubs. I can now relax a little knowing my kids school excursions, stationery packs, camps and extracurricular activities are paid for the following year. I'm happy to talk to you about it or come to the seminars scheduled at the hub. Hope to see you there.

*Amber E

We will be having information sessions about Saver plus at the Hub on Tuesday, 2 December at 2.00 pm and Thursday, 11 December from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Hub coordinator

**P & C NEWS**

Just four week to go until the 2014 school year ends and still so much exciting things on offer. I wish all families a great festive season and Happy New Year.

*Call out for School P&C President*

The Monash School P&C welcomes nominations for President from the school community (up to the AGM, March 2015) in the first instance. 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.

Please note that if the school community cannot maintain a P&C future school discos and other fun social events or canteen may be threatened.

**UPCOMING P&C ACTIVITIES**

Friday 28 November – P&C Disco in School Hall

- Junior (Preschool to Year 2) 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Senior (Years 3-6) 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Remember disco entry is via pre-purchased ticket/s only plus pre-order meal pack is now available via order form or flexi-schools. To ensure this event goes ahead we need at least 20 parent helpers at each session on the night. Please indicate that you will be assisting on the night on the pre-purchased order form.

Saturday 29 November - Monash Neighbourhood Watch Giant Garage Sale from 8.00 am - Neighbourhood Oval off Charleston Street
The School P&C will be running its own garage sale stall as part of this event to help raise much needed funds for the school. The P&C welcomes donations for the garage sale from 24 November (Monday to Friday) and saleable items can be dropped off at the community hub in school hours.

- Suitable items for donation at the hub are: Books/DVDs/CDs/Games/good cond.
  Toys/2nd hand clothing/Bric’n Brac

- Larger items (i.e. bikes, bike trailers) should be DELIVERED DIRECT to the garage sale site on the condition that the donor comes and collects the product if not sold at the end of the event.

- DO NOT donate building products/gardening equipment or similar items

The P&C would appreciate assistance on the Saturday with setting up, in attendance and packing up at the stall. We anticipate that we would need at least 4-6 people to help out – please send an email to monash_pandc@hotmail.com to indicate your availability to help.

Kind regards
Vice President, Monash School P&C

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. Information and application form can be picked up from the Front Office. The completed form can then be lodged at the Government Shopfront with the cost of the card being 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

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.

School Grounds

Please note that bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden within the school grounds or school corridors. Thank you.

School Rule

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

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!

Please return this book if you still have one at home. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from Savvy School & Formal Wear, Shop 32, Home world, Sward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases.
SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking operates each Friday, except the last day of term. Please bring completed bank books to the Front Office.

Small Boxes

If you have any small boxes at home ready for recycling please consider bringing them in to Kindergarten. Please do not send in toilet rolls.
Many thanks

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We LOVE how big YOUR HEART is!!

TEENS, TOYS & TUCKER APPEAL

Donate to Anglicare’s Teens, Toys & Tucker Appeal today

TEENS
for over 12’s: Retail Gift Vouchers, Movie Passes, Activity Passes, Toiletries, Make Up Kits, Books, Games

TOYS
for under 12’s: Books, Lego & Duplo, Sports Equipment, Educational Toys, Games, Fun things!

TUCKER
Tinned Ham, Christmas Cakes & Puddings, Stillent Long Life Custard, Tinned Fruit, Jolly, Sweet Biscuits, Cracker Biscuits, Chips, Lollies, Juice, Coffee, Soft Drink, Gluten free Products, Halal Products, Party Food & any non perishable Items

*Cash Donations are also Welcome

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