Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Yet another incredibly busy, fun filled week at Monash!

This week our Year 5/6 students travelled to Cooba for their annual camp. From all reports the students have had a wonderful time participating in a range of challenging, fun activities. They have also had the opportunity to socialise and forge many new friendships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers who have supported their children by enabling them to participate in this memorable experience. Thanks also to our committed staff who gave up their own family time to support the children over the last three days. This team included Stuart, Jane, Lyndsay, Laloma, Lauren and Renata. In case you have not had the opportunity to visit our school Facebook site over the last few days, there are some lovely videos highlighting some of the experiences that the students have had.

On Tuesday, of this week our wonderful SRC led by Ms Freckelton conducted a fundraiser for the RSPCA. In a great initiative the students decided to hold a cupcake day. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated. This initiative proved to be an outstanding success with approximately $450 being raised which has already been donated to the RSPCA. Well done Monash!

Yesterday, I had the privilege of hosting our first Principal’s Morning Tea for Term 4. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers to participate.

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IMPORTANT DATES - 2016

**Monday, 31 October**
Swimming Lessons begin
Kenny Koala visits
Inspire Leadership Program

**Tuesday, 1 November**
Swimming Lessons

**Wednesday, 2 November**
Swimming Lessons

**Thursday, 3 November**
Swimming Lessons
Assembly 1/2F & 1/2P
Year 5 Band practise

**Monday, 7 November**
Swimming Lessons
David the Music Man

**Tuesday, 8 November**
Swimming Lessons
Be the Best You Can Be
Kenny Koala visits Preschool

NOTES GOING HOME
Swimming information.
Preschool 2017 (emailed).
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I would like to remind parents/carers of children enrolled in our swimming program that the program will commence next Monday, 31 October. Notes will be sent home today reminding parents/carers of what is required. Parents/care are more than welcome to attend the Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre to watch their child’s lesson. Please contact the front office if you wish to know what time your child’s lesson is scheduled.

Please note that the inspire Leadership Day for Year 5/6 students will occur this Monday, 31 October. Students who are participating in this event have been given a permission note and it is important that this is returned to Miss Saywell to enable participation on Monday.

I would like to inform parents/carers that it is my intention to make public class teachers during Week 7 (21 - 25 Nov). During this week, every student will receive in the mail, a letter of introduction from their 2017 teacher. On Friday, 25 November students will participate in our ‘Move Up Day’. On this day they will spend time with their new class mates and new teacher participating in fun activities.

Coinciding with our Move Up Day we will be conducting our ‘Twilight Fair and BBQ’. Under the coordination of Virginia Martin there will be over 20 stalls in operation selling all types of goodies. The fair will run from 5.00 pm til 7.00 pm. All 2017 staff will be in attendance and at approximately 5 pm I will introduce staff to the community and parents/carers will have a chance to chat. Please mark this date in your diaries.

Finally, I would like to remind families that tickets for our End of Year Concert are currently on sale. I encourage you to order them early so as to avoid disappointment because as in previous years the tickets are in high demand.

Have a great weekend.

Shane Carpenter  
Principal

**WHOOPING COUGH**

For your information, we have been notified of a confirmed case of Whooping Cough in Preschool.

**2017 ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme**

The Act Government’s Secondary Bursary Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families with student(s) in Years 7 to 10. To be eligible, applicants must have a current Centrelink card or Healthcare card with means tested payment codes. The ACT Secondary Bursary Scheme is an annual payment of $750 per eligible student. To ensure eligible applicants receive payment by February 2017.
applications must be lodged by 30 November 2016. Please see the attachment with this newsletter for further information. Applications can be picked up from the front office.

High School Immunisation Program 2017

The ACT School Immunisation Program continues to play a vital role in preventative health care for children. Ensuring parents are aware of this program and the long-term benefits of immunisation is pivotal to the success of the program. Please find attached a flyer giving parents/carers of current Year 6 students information on the Year 7 School Immunisation Program for 2017.

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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Library News

Overdue Books

Last term overdue notices were sent home to students who have overdue library loans. We would like to see these all returned as soon as possible. It is vital that any books that are borrowed be returned to the library on time to ensure fair and equitable access for all students to the resources available in our library. If your child has 2 overdue books from the library they will not be able to borrow until these are returned or the situation is resolved. If you believe your child has returned the books on their overdue notice or if you have misplaced them and are unable to find them, please come and speak to Mrs Brittan in the library and we can help you to resolve the situation so your child can continue to borrow.

E-Books

Just a reminder, every student at Monash has access to E-Books through the Digital Backpack. There have been some fantastic new titles recently released as E-Books by the Department. We would like to strongly encourage families to have a look at what E-Books are available to borrow online. If you need assistance in borrowing E-Books, please do not hesitate to come and see us in the library. We have an information sheet which we can print out and walk you through.

Kitchen Garden News

Hello Monash Family & Friends,

As per usual we have had another busy fortnight in the KitchenGarden.
Our Kindergarten & Winyu P students have been learning about the life cycle of plants and how best to care for them. In the kitchen the students learned to make a delicious Avocado & Cheese Dip; some students tried it for the first time and said it was yummy. Parental Engagement: Let your child make the avocado dip at home for the family and while you eat a healthy snack discuss the cycles of plant life.

Year 1/2 spent some time in the garden tending to our crops, as well as harvesting all of the delicious silverbeet we used for the Multicultural Dinner last week. Students also prepared ingredients for fish cakes using potato, basa fillet, peas, and some egg to hold it all together. Keep an eye out in the next Kitchen Garden newsletter for the recipe. At home brainstorm with your child about what ingredients could be used the make the fish cakes even tastier, if you have time have a go at cooking them!

Year 3/4 made a super tasty soy beef stir fry (recipe attached in last fortnight's newsletter) which all of our students absolutely loved. 3/4 have also learned about environmental climates around the world; temperate, desert, tropical, and arctic. At home quiz your child about the different climates we find throughout Australia.

Year 5/6 were in the garden this week planting a variety of new crops for Summer harvest. We planted capsicums, chilli, honeydew melon, watermelon, corn and more! In the kitchen 5/6 learned how to make an easy sweet and sour chicken. You may have tasted it at the multicultural dinner. At home discuss the types of fruit and vegetables that might be planted during spring. Have them help you in the garden to set up a small vegetable patch for family to enjoy in the coming months.

I hope everybody has a safe and wonderful weekend!

Health & Wellbeing Teacher

2016 End of Year Concert Information

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

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<td>Pick up DVD on Friday, 16 December 2016</td>
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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.

Hub Happenings

The Hub is still buzzing from the huge success of the Multicultural dinner held last week. I would like to thank all those parents/carers, students and staff who spent time making the delicious meals and came along to support our annual event. We have an amazing community spirit here at Monash.
This week we held our first TRUST parent/carer information session at the Hub last Tuesday. It was very informative and many of you came along. We would like to hear any feedback that you might like to share.

The Hub Twilight Fair and Community BBQ is approaching fast and preparations are full steam ahead!😊

We are still looking for stall holders, volunteers to help run some of the school stalls, quality donations for our trash n treasure and the cake stall.

Can you sing, play the guitar, do magic tricks, dance or anything entertaining and would like to show your talent? We will have busking areas on the night.

If you would like to get involved, can help out on the night or would like to donate, contact Sue at the front office.

The Hubs regular programs are:

- 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

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers who came out to man the cake stall and BBQ. We raised approximately $1600

Tea Towel and Cookie Dough fundraiser

Notes were sent home last week for two fundraisers. If you would like to order any items, please fill in the order form with your child’s name and return with payment by 2 November 2016. Thank you in advance.

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.

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. 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”