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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the halfway point of Term 4, it has been yet another busy week at Monash School. Today the Junior school were treated to a wonder performance by our Preschool students (Echidnas and Koalas). Congratulations to these children and also to all of the students who received awards today. It was great to see so many family members in attendance this morning.

This week our Preschool students participated in the first of their transition sessions in our Kindergarten unit. There were many excited children (both in Preschool and Kindergarten) who enjoyed the activities whilst at the same time making some new friendships. This process is an important part of preparing our children for a smooth start to Kindergarten in 2015.

Today marks the end of our swimming program 2014. I know that the children have really enjoyed this experience and at the same time gained some important skills. Thanks to parents/carers who have provided their children with the opportunity to participate in these sessions.

I encourage all parents/carers to have regular conversations with their children regarding relative issues around stranger danger. In recent times there have been reports within the Tuggeranong region of suspicious behaviour involving reports of vehicles allegedly following children. Staff have today spoken with children about the importance of not engaging with strangers.

Yesterday, a team from the AFP attended the school to speak with our senior students about Cyber Safety. They shared some very practical and sensible advice with our students. I encourage parents/carers of students in Year 5/6 to discuss with their children some of the key messages of this visit.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, this year we are placing an increased emphasis on effective transition between classes from 2014 into 2015. To assist in this process documentation was sent home with students requesting parental support for staff by providing additional information about each individual child. This information will be a valuable resource for 2015 staff as they prepare their teaching and learning for 2015.

I would like to remind parents/carers of our working bee in our new Outdoor Learning Area this Sunday. Commencing at 10.00 am, all families are welcome to attend.

Next week our Year 5/6 students will be conducting their annual Market Day fundraising project. The aim of this day is to raise funds that will support many of the Year 6 end of year activities. All children from K – 6 will be able to purchase tokens which will enable them to participate in the various activities that have been organised. Please note that information explaining this procedure will be attached to the newsletter.
Finally, I would like to inform our community about a very special assembly that will be occurring on Friday, 21 November at 9.15 am. We will be conducting a special assembly to farewell Andrew Buesnel and Belinda Bacon along with some other staff members who will be leaving Monash at the end of this year. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and remain for a morning tea on the basketball court. If you are able to bring along a plate of snack food to share, that would be wonderful.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

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 student. 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.

Mr D’s PE

In Kindergarten the children in KP and KC have been working on gross motor skills in the hall. The climbing frame has been set up with stations that include climbing, swinging, crawling, walking on small stilts, shooting baskets, scooter work and skipping. The students also participated in jumping, skipping, landing and other footwork skills including an obstacle course on the oval. Nine different stations were set up such as hurdling, hop scotch, skipping, long strides and hitting a ball off the tee. This kept the children working on their fundamental movement skills.

1/2A and 1/2P have been working on skipping and dodging skills on the oval where we have worked on individual skipping and used oz tag flags for dodging skills.

3/4 L and 3/4F have continued working on hockey skills on the oval and this past Tuesday we played scooter hockey in the hall.

I have worked with 5/6F and 5/6D on their hockey skills as well as their cricket skills ending with a game of 4-wicket cricket.

In basketball we are into the semi-finals and Team 5 have beaten our first place Team 1 to go to the grand final. Today Team 4, who was by far the best passing team over the competition, lost their passing skills and was beaten by Team 6. So Team’s 3, 2, 1 and 4 have all been eliminated.

Team 1 and Team 4 will play for 3rd place and the grand final will be between Team 5 and Team 6. Team 5 is Francis, Stephanie, Riley, Owen, Harley, Declan and Jayavi. Team 6 is Ploom, Jessica, Nathanael, Ali, Lyric, Petar, Cameron and Jacob.

Mr D
PE Teacher
**School Psychologist**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Monica O’Neill and I am the new psychologist at the school.

I am currently at Monash three days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays). I have previously worked at Therapy ACT, providing assessment and therapeutic interventions for school aged children with disabilities. I am passionate about helping children and their families, particularly assisting children achieve their best with the abilities and strengths they possess.

I am gradually getting to know the students and have already had the pleasure of meeting some of the parents and carers. It is evident that Monash is a vibrant school community and I would encourage you to come and introduce yourself if I haven’t had the opportunity to meet you yet. I am proud to be a part of this school and community.

**Monica O’Neill**

**Christian Education in Schools**

Today 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**

**PRESCHOOL**
**Joey and Koalas**

Joey and Koala groups have been enjoying the warmer weather this fortnight. We have been discussing ‘Life Cycles’ – the bird, butterfly, frog and apple tree life cycles. We learnt a big new word – Metamorphosis and were interested to find out how an animal can change itself! We have continued to work on learning our addresses and phone numbers to help us stay safe and we have been looking at all the different ways a number can be represented.

At outside activity time we have enjoyed water play with boats and wet sand in the sandpit, playing tepees and campfires, tumbling runs and dress-ups.

Children’s interests have included farm animals (after our fabulouis farm excursion), Halloween, utes, face painting, Christmas, wings (bat & butterfly), rainbow snakes, vegies from our garden, quivers for arrows and swords and ballet.
**Possums and Echidnas**
This fortnight the Possums and Echidnas have been continuing to learn about farm animals and where food comes from. We had a fantastic visit to the Farmyard Nursery where Tori and Beth taught us many things about farm life and how to look after animals. We fed cows, sheep and pigs and held guinea pigs and rabbits and put bows on ponies! It was a wonderful morning and we thank all the volunteers who helped on both days.

Transitions to Kindergarten have started and the children were so settled and engaged during Discovery Learning. Photos from the morning are up on the windows of the classrooms. Next week we have two family picnics (Monday, 10 November and Thursday, 13 November) at 3.15 pm. The children will be making treats to sell as well.

Over the next few weeks we will have Johanna in our room who is a student teacher from ACU.

We would like to send a belated congratulations to the Burns family on the arrival of baby Joshua.

As Pirate Pete will be sailing onto our shores soon, next fortnight we will be talking, reading and singing about Pirates and all things fishy. The book of the fortnight will be “Tough Boris” by Mem Fox. It uses a great range of descriptive words to describe Boris the pirate, something then happens to Boris’s parrot that makes him just like the rest of us.

**Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)**

It has been a very busy fortnight in Kindergarten! Swim School has concluded and the students have showed a great improvement and enjoyment while swimming. Well done to all the students for being organised, taking responsibility for their belongings and bringing a positive attitude to swimming.
In Week 3 Kindergarten participated in their final NRL clinic where they learnt how to dodge from the opposition and when they have been tagged, to ‘stop, play the ball’. Kindergarten loved learning new skills, and they even got their own copy of the book Bluey and Red’s New game!

Kulture Break lessons have continued every Monday morning, which has been a lot of fun for the students and teachers! Students are getting better at remembering the moves as the week’s progress and they cannot wait to show everyone at the End of Year Concert.

In Literacy Groups students have been learning about identifying long vowel sounds and short vowel sounds in words. Students have been trying to have-a-go with writing at least the first sound they hear in words during our journal writing. Kindergarten teachers have noticed how well students have been getting along in their groups!

In Maths Groups Kindergarten have been learning how to sort objects equally. Students have enjoyed reading the book ‘The Doorbell Rang’ by Pat Hutchins to help them understand this concept. Next week students will be learning about Chance and Data by sorting and using language such as likely/unlikely, good chance/no chance.

This term in History we are learning about family structures and the special times they spend together. Students have enjoyed making their own family chains in Discovery Learning to share with the rest of the unit.

Another big thank you to the parents/carers who have been coming in to help with our Guided Reading and Home Reading programs. Kindergarten teachers cannot express our appreciation enough! If you are available to come in and help with our programs our roster is on the door of the Kindergarten teacher’s office.

Yerra Unit News (1 / 2)

Many students from Yerra have been involved in swimming lessons at Lakeside Leisure Centre over the past fortnight. It has been encouraging to see the level of improvement that has been made by everyone in such a short period of time. Children have learnt various swimming techniques and swim to survive skills. We would like to congratulate the children for their organisation in travelling to and from the pool and getting changed on time.

Kulture Break dance classes have continued over recent weeks. Children in Yerra have learnt their positions and are working on tightening the choreography in preparation for our End of Year Concert. Their teacher, Teresa, has been patient and we are really proud of the effort the children have been putting in.

Yerra unit has been working hard to finalise their persuasive writing unit. They have all completed assessment tasks around whether we should change the Australian Flag. The teachers have enjoyed reading the childrens’ position and reasoning around this statement. Next week we will begin a unit on visual literacy. This will include analysing and interpreting visual texts such as pictures, illustrations and audio visual texts.

Yerra Heights went to Lanyon Homestead on Tuesday and had a ball! It was a busy day jam packed with fun from playing games to art activities to looking through the historical home. It was a wonderful culmination of our unit on History. Next week we begin a unit of work that will take us through to the end of term. Children will be learning about healthy eating, different food groups and how food affects our bodies.
**Dulma Unit News (Year 3 / 4)**

Well it's hard to believe we are almost half way through Term 4 and our Christmas break will be here before we know it.

Swimming finished today and all children who participated really enjoyed the experience and demonstrated a big improvement in both their confidence and skills in the water. The highlight for most was diving or jumping off the blocks and swimming wearing life jackets. Thank you to Miss Coulthart for organising these wonderful lessons for our students.

Next week on Wednesday for 3/4BM and 3/4E and Thursday for 3/4L and 3/4F we will be participating in the First Aid in Schools program. Students will learn basic first aid principles and steps to help them in an emergency. Please ensure all children are suitably dressed in shorts or bike pants as they will be practising placing each other in recovery position.

Our IRP's are well and truly underway and this week we finished our last round of Immersion. Students are now working on their project proposals on their chosen topic and are in the process of deciding which of our focus text types (information report or descriptive text) they will use to complete the written component of their project.

In Maths this week Year 3 have been focusing on chance and data and time. Year 4 students have also been learning about chance and data and they have been completing assessment tasks to demonstrate their ability to apply the range of mental computation strategies we have been focusing on this semester across all four number operations.

A note went home today regarding Christian Education lessons in schools. Please take the time to read the information and if you wish your child to participate in this program please return the permission section of the note to the front office.

On Wednesday of Week 5, 12 November, 3/4L and 3/4F students will be participating in a Science assessment as part of the Trends in International Mathematics and Scientific Studies Project. Our school, and these two classes in particular, have been randomly selected to complete the assessment thereby providing vital information as to how our students are performing compared to similar cohorts across the world. If you have any questions regarding this assessment please contact Belinda Bacon.

We also would like to remind parents and careers to please take the time to complete the transition information about your children that was sent home yesterday. This information will be used to assist us in upcoming transition meetings for teachers in the coming weeks.

**Bural Unit News (Year 5 / 6)**

5/6 have had a whirlwind fortnight with many activities happening in the unit. Students made their way to Camp Cooba where they participated in a range of team activities that really tested some of their limits! Lily Hogan of 5/6LC has shared part of her experience. When the students returned to school they began their IRPs for Geography and are now researching information to include in their lapbooks. Our free verse poetry unit is off to a great start with students beginning to publish their writing and sharing in their groups. As the end of the year approaches Year 6 have been preparing for their graduation ceremony. We ask that all Year 6 bring in a Kindergarten photo as soon as
possible to be used as part of the ceremony. If a kindergarten photo is not available a suitable photo from the student’s earlier years at school will also be appropriate.

**Camp Cooba 2014**

As soon as I saw the sign that said “Cooba, 90 m” I already knew that my first school camp was going to be amazing. I remember gazing out the windows and viewing the archery targets and looking to my right at the Big Swing. We kept driving up the dusty path until we all hopped off the bus and walked up the stairs into the rec room.

After we had our orientation speech, we went to get suited up for our first activity. Which, for my activity group, was the Big Swing.

When some people think big, they think a couple of metres high. This swing was massive and had a whopping height of 10 metres. Up until I was actually on the swing, I had thought that the swing was tiny. I was mistaken.

I remember looking down at the ground and I remember it being so far away. I didn’t think I could do it. I didn’t think I could actually swing. But then I was stopped in mid thought as the Cooba instructor, Sarah, started counting down. “5, 4, 3, 2, 1!” I pulled the cord that released the swing from brace position and on the first swing I literally felt like I was going to die. My stomach jumped and I received a shock as I plummeted face first towards the ground.

I tried to distract myself from the fact that I felt like I was going to die by singing Miley Cyrus’s Wrecking Ball really badly. When I got off the swing my legs were shaky and I felt sick but I was proud of myself knowing that I had successfully challenged myself and had achieved one of my goals.

Over the next few days at camp I had not only battled with heights but also water, slopes, mud, heavy objects, teamwork and dancing.

Camp Cooba is an experience that I will never forget and one that I will love forever.

By Lily, 5/6 LC

**Winyu Unit News**

It has been a busy two weeks with swimming lessons. The children have all enjoyed their lessons and their behaviour has been excellent. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow in the water.
Winyu N students are concentrating on shape and pattern in numeracy. They are learning about 2D and 3D shapes, creating patterns and talking about halves and quarters. They have also been introduced to the concept of symmetry. When you are out and about, ask your child about the different shapes they see. Doing this practice is very helpful at consolidating the concepts learned in the classroom.

Winyu B students are continuing with their unit on fractions. They have started to work with quarters and are demonstrating good understanding of the concept. When you are cutting up your child’s lunch in the morning, it is a great opportunity to talk about fractions at home.

Next week, on Thursday 13 November we have our excursion to the AIS. This is a great day out. Please remember to bring in the permission slip as soon as possible.

Across Winyu we have been busy doing testing with our students to assess their progress for writing reports. Student reports will go out at the end of this term.

**Dirt to Dish Kitchen News**

Potato Samosa recipe is attached to the email.

Happy Cooking everyone!
"Hub Happenings"

This week at the Hub our lovely grandparent Lorraine has been busy making these gorgeous library bags as a fundraiser for the Hub. They all have one side with bright printed fabric and are $5 without an embroidered name and $10 with name. From each bag sold, $2 goes to the Hub. Please place your orders at the Hub.

Friday, 21 November at 6.00 pm. Our family Pjs, pizza and games night is approaching fast. It is $8 per family to cover costs of pizza and drinks. Please put your names down at the front office.

As the weather has been warming up, Breakfast Club is now being held outside the Hub. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays from 8.15 am to 8.55 am.
All students and families are welcome to enjoy a healthy breakfast together.

Hub coordinator

Canteen News

WOW how time flies! Here we are heading into Week 5 and the end of the school year is in sight.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter we were planning to hold a special lunch in Week 5. However due to the amount of happenings around the school we decided to delay it until Week 6 and hence the details are:

It will be on Wednesday 19 November and it is a “Pizza Lunch Meal Deal”. As per previous special lunches you will be asked to select 1 item from each of the 3 categories and return the form back to the Canteen in a sealed envelope with the correct money by Monday 17 November. We will not be able to accommodate orders after this date. The Canteen will not be available for other lunch orders on this day.

This is a fundraising event governed by the P & C and all money raised goes directly back into the school community to assist in the funding of some special projects for all to enjoy.

To make these events run smoothly we’re asking for some volunteers to help us (no cooking involved!). If you’re able to spare an hour or 2 on the morning of 19 November, I’d like to hear from you. Please contact Kate in the Canteen.

If you have any concerns associated with this event, please drop me an email or visit the Canteen during the day.

I look forward to welcoming all volunteers to the Canteen over the next couple of weeks.

Canteen Staff

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**

**National Wear Orange Wednesday – Wednesday, 12 November 2014**

Nationally, State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers give tremendous support to their communities all year round. In storms, floods and many other emergency situations, they sacrifice family, work and recreational time to help people in need.

This year ACTSES is working together nationally to highlight the association between SES and the colour orange. “Think Orange – Thank Orange”. Several of Canberra’s iconic buildings will be lit up in orange throughout the ACTSES Week including:

- Telstra Tower 10 to 12 November
- National Gallery 08 to 15 November
- National Archives 08 to 15 November
ACTSES members and the Canberra community will promote the SES on Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW) by wearing orange, dressing up workplaces in orange and sharing photos across social media. Please send any photos to ACTSES inbox at: ses@act.gov.au or post them to our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/#!/ACTSES

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