MONASH SCHOOL IS ALLERGY FRIENDLY

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Today our Year 5/6 students hosted assembly. We were entertained by our wonderful Year 5 band and were also fortunate enough to see some of the highlights of their recent camp at Cooba. Congratulations to all students who received awards this morning and thanks to the many parents/carers who attended.

Also today, our Kindergarten students visited the National Zoo and Aquarium. This excursion was organised as an end of year celebration for their efforts in displaying Monash School’s Values. I have heard many reports that a fantastic day was had by all.

This week our staff have been participating in transition discussions with the aim of 2015 teachers having a thorough overall understanding of the students who will be in their class next year. The information exchanged between teachers will be added to the valuable
information provided by parents/carers earlier this term. This should provide us with a more holistic picture of each individual child.

I would like to remind parents/carers that the Community BBQ will be held from 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm next Thursday, 4 December. This gathering will provide families with the opportunity to informally meet with 2015 teachers. All families are welcome to attend this event which will be held outside the Community Hub.

Next week, letters introducing 2015 teachers will be sent home to families. These are designed to establish an early connection between staff and families prior to the commencement of the 2015 school year. Please note that there are still some teaching appointments to be confirmed and letters for students in these classes will be sent home as soon as practical.

Tickets for our End of Year Concert have sold very quickly this week. Unfortunately, tickets for the evening performance have sold out however, there are still tickets available for the matinee performance which commences at 12.30 pm. I encourage all parents/carers who would like to attend the concert and have not yet purchased tickets to please do so whilst tickets for the matinee performance still remain.

On Monday of next week, scripture sessions for approximately 100 students from K to 6 will occur. The sessions will be approximately one hour in length. Please note that only those students whose parents/carers have completed the ‘opt in’ permission form some weeks ago, will attend these sessions. Finally, I would like to remind families that the P &C disco will be occurring this evening. The junior event will be from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm. Following this the senior event will be from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm.

Have a great weekend

Shane Carpenter
Principal

WE NEED YOU OPINION

Dear Parents

Yesterday the teacher and parent representatives on the KidsMatter Action Team attended a professional learning day on how to implement KidsMatter in 2015. To enable us to gain a full understanding of the community’s knowledge of KidsMatter to date and what people would like the school to look like in the future we would really appreciate it if you could fill in a survey. We appreciate it is a busy time of year but this data will drive what can be improved in the school.

Many things have been achieved through the last survey such as the revamping of the values program, the HUB and signage throughout the school.

To complete the survey all you need is a computer and 10 minutes.

Please go to this link, make sure you fill in as much as you can.
https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey
Click on parent survey and you are ready to start.

Thank you in anticipation for your valuable time.
Library News

**Carnival Book Fair**
Thank you everyone who supported the library by purchasing books at the book fair. A special thank you to Virginia for hosting the book fair in the Community Hub and to Annie, Carol and Leanda for volunteering their time to assist with setting up, packing up and processing sales.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Borrowing and Returning**
Borrowing has stopped for the year so that stocktake can occur. Can you please ensure that all books are returned to the library so that stocktake can occur and books can be organised ready the start of the 2015.

**Holiday 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!

**Dirt to Dish Kitchen News**
In the kitchen this week we have combined two of my favourite things – Cauliflower Cheese & Macaroni Cheese…but really, anything covered in cheese sauce is a winner, right?

Taking something that many kids have only eaten from a box on the supermarket shelf and showing them how easy and delicious it is to make from scratch is very special. Cheese sauce is such a simple, staple recipe and it is one you can use again and again with many different combinations of vegetables & flavours. This meal delivers a big hit of carbs as well as calcium & protein, so lots of full tummies and long term energy to burn in the playground!

In the garden there is so much happening right now it is almost impossible to keep up! Our strawberries are yielding so much beautiful fruit and our peas and beans have started to produce a bumper crop. We have some delicious Asian vegetables – Bok Choi/ Choy Sum/Kai Laan. Some of these will be frozen for use in 2015 while some will be available to purchase over the final weeks of term from our garden market stall. Sweet corn is shooting up, tomatoes have been planted and eggplants and capsicums have also gone in so I hope to be able to produce some wonderful Monash Garden delicacies in term 1 2015 with the Monash Master chefs.

**Kitchen quote of the week:**

*"If you have food in your mouth, you have solved all of your problems for the time being."*

Happy cooking everyone!

Jess
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 ________________

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☐ 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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Extra Days for School Holiday Program

As Term 4 ends on Wednesday 17 December, Communities@Work Monash School Holiday Program will be open on Thursday 18 December and Friday 19 December 2014 to assist families who may need care for these two days. The School Holiday Program will then recommence from 5 January 2015 until the beginning of the 2015 school term.

At our program children have the opportunity to explore, experiment and experience a wide range of activities and excursions. Organisations are also invited to our program to introduce children to new and exciting ideas that have the potential to inspire.

Due to the expected popularity of these two extra days, we recommend you enrol your child as soon as possible. To enrol please visit our website at www.commsatwork.org or contact Communities@Work Enrolments Team at enrolments@commsatwork.org or 1300 212 273

Monash School Holiday Program Team

P & C NEWS

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 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

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking operates each Friday, except the last day of term, therefore the last day of banking for 2014 will be 12 December. 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.
Monash Neighbourhood Watch – Garage Sale

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

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