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Notes Going Home This Week

- End of Year Performance information / costume note / bus note
- Yerra excursion
- Holiday Happenings
- Athlete’s Foot information

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we were entertained by our amazing kindergarten students who reminded us of one of our most important school values “Inclusion”. They also shared with us some images of their recent trip to the zoo. The many family members who attended to support the children were very proud of their progress this year. Also this morning, I had the pleasure of attending the Echidnas end of year concert. It was great to see so many family members able to attend this wonderful event. Congratulations to the students who have almost completed their very first year at school.

Yesterday, we hosted our Community BBQ at the Monash School Hub. This event provided a great opportunity for families to connect with 2015 staff members. Despite the inclement weather the event was very well attended and was yet another great demonstration of the wonderful community spirit that exists here at Monash School.

In staffing news I would like to announce the appointment of our two new substantive executive teachers. Congratulations to Kylie Smith and Ben Smith who were the successful applicants for these positions. Ben comes to us from Fadden Primary and has had extensive teaching experience within schools across the Tuggeranong Network. Kylie Smith has been acting executive teacher at Monash since 2013. I congratulate both Ben and Kylie and look forward to working with them in the leadership team in 2015. Ben will assume the role of executive teacher overseeing middle primary and Kylie will be executive teacher responsible for P – 2.
The promotion of Kylie Smith means that she will not be teaching the kindergarten class (KS) as originally indicated. At present I am in the process of recruiting new teachers to fill this and two other positions. As soon as this information becomes available I will inform families.

Finally, I would like to remind families that our End of Year Concert will occur next Tuesday, 9 December. The matinee performance commences at 12.30 pm and the evening performance commences at 7.00 pm. Teachers will be responsible for transporting students to and from the matinee performance. We request that all students are dropped off at the front entry of Erindale College by 6.30 pm on Tuesday night in readiness for the evening performance. It is anticipated that the show will conclude by 8.00 pm and students will be ushered to the front of the college area for collection by parents at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s home group teacher if you have any questions about these procedures.

Tickets are still available for the matinee session. Many families are taking advantage of this situation to invite members of their extended family such as grandparents, uncles and aunts. This is a great situation for the children who will have members of their family attending both concerts. A reminder that tickets for the matinee sessions can be purchased until 4.00 pm on Monday.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice in Yerra Unit. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

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

PRESCHOOL
Joeys and Koalas

This fortnight the Joeys and Koalas have been enjoying practising for the Christmas concerts and singing for the Goodwin Village visitors.

We have learnt how to do forward rolls on the big mats at outside activity time and consequently had a great time practising our rolling and tumbling every day. We have enjoyed re-enacting the Princess Story again after making swords, towers, forests and tall pointy crowns and we have learnt a new story called Handa’s Surprise. We have to walk balancing a basket full of fruit on our heads for this story! After the wonderful Pirate Pete visit, we have continued to sing pirate songs and dance pirate jigs. We have learnt how to wrap presents and used a large amount of wrapping paper in the process!!

Tracey and I would like to thank all our wonderful parents and children for another wonderful, fulfilling year and we wish you all the very best for your adventure into Kindergarten next year.

Possums and Echidnas

The Possums and Echidnas have enjoyed lots of water play throughout the past two weeks. They have loved standing under the hose pretending it is fairy dust and standing in the knee deep water inside the half barrel. We have begun talking about water safety around pools, rivers and the beach. We are currently watching programmes about water safety. The videos educate children on how to be safe around the water and they sing the catchy song. It would be great to start talking about water safety at home with your children and reinforcing the five safety suggestions.
Pirate Pete came to visit the preschool last week. We sung crazy songs and learnt about what it’s like to be a pirate. We had a look at Pirate Pete’s treasure and even gave it a good smell! We are looking forward to our concerts this week and next. We have been practising our singing and dancing and even getting sneaky lollies and stickers as sometimes it’s too hot to sing! Echidna’s concert is Friday the 5th and Possums concert is Tuesday the 9th, both at 9:15am.

Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)
Kindergarten have been very busy. We went to the Zoo last Friday and had a fantastic time. Children had the opportunity to pat a corn snake and feed an emu. We explored the aquarium and some of us even got to touch a star fish. We had a guided tour around the zoo and learnt about the habitats of all the animals.

In Numeracy we have been revising addition and subtraction strategies and exploring Volume and Capacity. This will continue to be a focus for the remainder of the year. In Literacy we have been continuing to explore short and long vowels in our writing and have been responding to a range of big books during shared reading time.

Kindergarten have been enthusiastically preparing for our assembly item this Friday 5 December. We look forward to seeing you there. Kindergarten have also been rehearsing our dance moves for the end of year concert ready for next Tuesday 9 December. Thank you to those organised people who have brought their costumes in. We are having a full school dress rehearsal on Monday.

Kindergarten students have been participating in transition meetings over the last two weeks and have enjoyed having the opportunity to meet their new teacher for 2015.

This week was the final week of the home reading program. Can all parents/carers ensure that their child/ren’s readers are returned to school before the end of the year.

Just a reminder that students need to bring a water bottle and hat to school each day.

Yerra Unit News (1/2)
Weeks 7 and 8 have been busy in the Yerra Unit! We have enjoyed rehearsing our performance for the end of year concert. Some classes have made crazy hats to wear… we can’t wait to show you next Tuesday!

This term students have enjoyed learning all about nutrition, and talking about foods that help us ‘go’, ‘glow’ and ‘grow’. Last week we made healthy salad wraps, with a delicious filling of vegetables, cream cheese and sweet chilli sauce. This week we learnt how to make a healthy ‘Yo Crunch’ snack with yoghurt, tinned fruit salad and bran cereal. Nearly everyone came back for a second helping!

In maths groups we have been using the last few weeks to revise concepts that were difficult during the year, such as place value and two digit numbers for Year 1 students and multiplication and division for Year 2 students. In writing groups we are also revising and practising skills that students will need next year, using visual texts as the stimulus for ideas. All groups have wrapped up now, and students will be bringing their books home.

We are looking forward to our end of year picnic on Tuesday of Week 10 (16 December). Playing games and sharing party food will be a great way to recognise and celebrate all the students’ hard work this year. We ask parents and carers to please return the permission note so that your child can participate.
**Dulma Unit News (Year 3 / 4)**

Well here we are a few days out from our end of year concert. The children have been busy practising for this big production. Monday we have a whole school dress rehearsal at school and then Tuesday we look forward to performing at Erindale theatre. Every child will be performing in the matinee unless the school has been informed in writing otherwise. Please ensure that your child has cards, books, paper or something quiet to entertain themselves (but not electronics) as there is a lot of time spent back stage having to be silent. Next Friday 12 November is our end of year excursion. Please ensure your child brings back their permission note. We are looking forward to a day filled with activity so plenty of water and a hat are necessary.

Reports will be sent home with your child on Friday 12 November so don’t forget to share your child’s successes with them.

We had Protective Behaviour lessons this week. The Year 4s worked with Sandy and Monica our school psychologist and Mrs Martin and Mrs Bacon worked with the Year 3s. We learnt that children have the right to feel safe at all times and built a support network that they are encouraged to access at school and at home. They also identified the warning early warning signals in their body that tell them when they feel unsafe.

We began Christmas craft on Wednesday and are slowly working through these in the afternoon. Monday we had a mini expo to enable the students to share their wonderful IRPs with each other. The dioramas, television shows and water filters were excellent and were accompanied by a pieces of descriptive or information report.

We trust that your children will have a restful weekend so that they can enjoy the last few weeks at school.

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

On Friday 28 November we held a Multicultural picnic to celebrate our Term 4 IRP. With beautiful weather we were able to eat outside on the oval and play a number of games including soccer and cricket. Students enjoyed showing off their Geography lapbooks that they have worked on during Term 4. A lapbook is a fantastic way for students to display their information in a variety of ways and allows the audience to interact with this information. Thankyou to all parents/carers and family members who were able to attend.

Congratulations to all year 5/6 students, who hosted the fortnightly assembly last Friday. Students and teachers enjoyed being able to share some of their experiences from Camp Cooba and introduce the current fortnightly value of ‘Respect’.

In English students are finishing up their current book they are reading for Cooperative Reading and continuing to focus on having a quality discussion. Students are investigating the difference sharing information and having a discussion. In writing groups students are finalising their free verse poetry by publishing their poems. We have been very impressed with the language choices students have included in their poems.

In Maths groups, we continue to revisit the topic area of number, with particular focus on mental and written computation strategies.

Year 5/6 students are undertaking regular practice sessions for the KultureBreak performance on Tuesday 9 December. Year 5/6 are performing a dance based on the text ‘The One and Only Ivan’.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents/carers and family members for a fantastic year. We are extremely proud of the achievements of all students.

**Winyu Unit News**

We have come to the end of Week 8 and the children have diligently continued with their work programs. Winyu N is finishing their numeracy unit on Pattern and Shape. They have learned about both 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. They are finding it interesting looking for shapes in their environment and how we use shapes in our everyday life. They have also looked at patterns and how to find a repeating pattern with both objects and numbers. Further, Winyu N have been discussing fractions and concentrating on the concept of a half and a quarter.

Winyu B is learning about comparison. They are learning terms such as ‘big, bigger and biggest’. They are also continuing with learning about halves and dividing objects into two equal groups. As well as halves, Winyu B is doing some revision on addition.

Each day, Winyu is practising for the end of year concert. The children are working hard to learn the steps and are very excited about performing. Please continue to send in their monster costumes. The children cannot wear masks on the stage as it is dangerous and the audience will not be able to see their faces. There will be face paint available for the children to have their faces painted as monsters. The concert is on the 9 December and notes for the concert are due into the front office.

On Friday, 12 November, Winyu will be having an end of year Christmas party to celebrate Christmas and December birthdays. On this day, please send your child in with a plate of food to share.

**Library News**

**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. The membership application for ACT Libraries is at [http://www.library.act.gov.au/how_to_use_the_library/join_the_library](http://www.library.act.gov.au/how_to_use_the_library/join_the_library). HAPPY READING!

**STATIONERY LISTS 2015**
Stationery lists for 2015 should be completed by today, 5 December to receive the early bird discount.

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

**P & C NEWS**

**CANTEEN NEWS**
WANTED and enthusiastic person to join our canteen staff.
Minimum of 3 hours a week, immediate start.
The successful applicant must be available to work during school hours when required.
Please send expressions of interest to the front office, addressed to the Canteen Sub Committee Chairperson.
Applications by COB 10th December
Please note that the Canteen will not be ordering new stock for the remainder of the year. If we sell out on a particular item we will replace it with the closest substitute.

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. If you are able to spare a few hours please pop in.

Thank you to Kate for her service to the Canteen. Kate has resigned her position as Canteen Manager and we wish her all the best. Congratulations to Rachael Norris who will be taking on the position.

The Canteen will be closed for the Kulture Break concert day.

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 recyling please consider bringing them in to Kindergarten. Please do not send in toilet rolls.

Many thanks
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