



Monash School

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Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 May 11 – 15	11 Pirate Pete Preschool	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 Principal's Morning Tea NAPLAN Pirate Pete Preschool	15 NAPLAN make up Tuggeranong School House Storytelling 1/2
Week 4 May 18 – 22	18 Sean Choolburra Nexus (Indigenous Performance) Early Childhood Extension Day Tugg Cross Country	19 ICAS Digital Tech Kinder Information Session 6.30 pm	20	21	22 Assembly - Winyu (Honesty)
Week 5 May 25 – 29	25 Kinder Health Screen Staff Meeting	26 Kinder Health Screen	27 Kinder Health Screen James Hird Cup	28 Principal's Morning Tea	29
Week 6 June 1 – 5	1 ACT Cross Country	2 Combined Yr 5 Band practice	3 ICAS Science Sullivan Shield Rugby League Yr 5/6 Rnd 1	4 LSU excursion	5 Assembly – 1/2A, 1/2T, 1/2M (Care & Compassion)

Notes Going Home This Week

Overviews for each Unit
Tuggeranong Cross Country
Sullivan Shield
Entertainment Books

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

As the cold weather really sets in it has been another extremely busy week at Monash School. It has been wonderful to see the great work occurring in all parts of the school.

Again I would like to thank all of the wonderful parents who assisted in any way with our Mother's Day Stall last Friday. Thanks to their efforts, the P & C were able to raise approximately \$1000. Congratulations! I sincerely hope that all of our mums/significant others enjoyed their gifts.

This week teaching and learning overviews were sent home with students. I encourage parents/carers to familiarise themselves with this document and to discuss regularly, with their children, the learning that is occurring at school. Please feel free to contact your child's home group teacher to clarify or gain more information about any aspect of this document.

Our preschool children have been entertained this week by the wonderful storyteller *Pirate Pete*. I encourage parents/carers to discuss with their children some of the stories and dances that Pirate Pete shared with them.



Throughout this week students in Year 3 and 5 have been participating in NAPLAN testing. I would like to congratulate the children for the calm, conscientious way in which they approached this testing. The children were encouraged by staff not to be anxious and to simply do their personal best. Results of this testing will be made available to parents in September of this year.

Congratulations to all of those students who attended the Principal's Morning Tea with me yesterday. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students who are being recognised by their teachers for consistently demonstrating our school values.

Today students in 1/2 were visited by a storyteller from the Tuggeranong School House. This visit compliments the current unit of inquiry, "*Back to the Future*" that the children in Yerra are participating in. By all accounts it was a great experience. I encourage all parents/carers to visit the wonderful museum that the staff have created in the 1/2 wet area.

A reminder that all cross country sponsorship forms and monies are due back to school next week. Many students have clearly been very busy trying to raise money for our school. I sincerely thank families for their support in this venture. So far our total fundraising is in the vicinity of \$4000.



I would like to inform parents/carers, particularly of students in Years 5/6, that the Wanniasa School Open Night will be held next Monday, 18 May from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. I encourage all interested parents/carers to join me in attending this event.

On Monday, students in K to 6 will be attending a performance by the Indigenous artist, Sean Choolburra, who will be presenting a range of storytelling, dance and artist activities. Thanks to all parents/carers who have sent attendance permission forms and payments for this incursion. Please note that payment is compulsory to attend this event.

Also on Monday of next week, approximately 50 of our students will be representing our school at the annual Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival. All participating students should have received an information pack about this event. Supervising staff for this event will be Mr Merritt and Mrs Petkovic. Good luck to all of our representatives and I am sure you will do us proud.

Finally, I would like to remind all members of our community, particularly Preschool parents, that our annual Kindergarten Information evening will occur this Tuesday, 19 May at 6.30 pm. I encourage all interested parents/carers to attend and discover more about our Kindergarten programs.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Stranger Danger – Educate Your Children

ACT Policing is reminding parents to enforce the importance of stranger danger messages to their children following an incident in Conder last month, but also wants to assure the community that these events are rare and 'not every white van is a concern'.

A student was walking home from Lanyon High School when she was approached by an unknown man on Box Hill Avenue in Conder. The man approached the student and tried to engage her in conversation. The student became frightened and ran to a nearby oval adjacent to Charles Conder Primary School. The man followed the student for a short distance before leaving the scene. The student was unharmed. The man is described as Caucasian, about 5'7" (170cm) tall, around 30 years old with short dark hair. At the time he was wearing a grey and black flannelette shirt with dark track pants.

ACT Policing encourages parents to continue to educate their children in good personal safety practices including 'stranger danger' awareness and where possible, travelling in groups. "This incident is a timely reminder to people to be mindful of their surroundings and to keep their level of awareness active regardless of what activities they are undertaking," Acting Superintendent Jo Cameron said.

Police however also want the community to be assured that these events are rare. Over the past two years police have received some reports of children being approached by a man in a white van. This has led to heightened public concern in regard to white vans around schools. Police encourage parents to talk to their children about this, but to keep things in perspective for their children, who should not become overly anxious when a white vehicle is seen near them or their school grounds. "It's important that just because a white van is seen around a school that the public does not immediately associate this with a possible abduction," Acting Superintendent Cameron said. "There are thousands of white vans that are driven around Canberra, many of which are owned by parents or tradespeople who are simply dropping their kids off to school."

For more information on child safety and security, please visit the Constable Kenny Koala website at <http://www.constablekenny.org.au/>

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK IS HERE!



Entertainment books were handed out to students on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you would like to keep your copy of the entertainment book, please enclose your payment in the envelope the book came in and return to the Front Office by Monday, 25 May 2015. The school receives \$12 on each copy sold.

Any unwanted copies of the Entertainment Book must be returned, in the envelope it came in, to the Front Office **immediately**.

If you would like to order additional copies of the book, please see the Front Office.

Thank you for your support.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alexander N who has been selected in the 2015 School Sport ACT under 12 AFL team competing in Geelong Victoria this July.

LIBRARY NEWS

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The aim of the Challenge is to develop a love of reading. The children are to read 12 books between now and Thursday 4 September. The students have free choice of which books they read as there is not a list of books this year that the students must select from. For children who are not yet reading, the books can be read to them. All students who read 12 books will receive a certificate from the Chief Minister.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 27 May Monash students from Year 1 to Year 4 will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. At locations across Australia the book "The Brothers Quibble" by Australian author Aaron Blabey will be read to children to promote the value and fun of reading. We will have a

guest reading the story to the children. The book looks at acceptance of new siblings. In preparation we will be drawing pictures of our families to display in the library.
Happy Reading!

Wanniassa School Senior Campus (Years 7-10)

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT is on
MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 5.30pm-7pm**

WANNIASSA SCHOOL is a Preschool to year 10 public school located in Wanniassa. The Tuggeranong suburbs with priority enrolment for prospective year 7 students are Wanniassa, Oxley, Monash and Greenway.

ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL STRENGTHS

- **Our NAPLAN results** comparative to similar schools
- **Enrichment programs** in Mathematics, Science and English
- **Big Picture Academy** for students in years 9 & 10
- **Trades Training in Hospitality and Furniture Construction**
- **Personalised programs for Learning Support students**

BREAKING NEWS

Wanniassa School has been selected to participate in **Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama** in July 2015. Two HS students and the deputy principal, a science teacher, have full sponsorship to attend.

SPORTING AND CULTURAL STRENGTHS

- **Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals**
- **School, Zone, ACT and National representation for individuals and sport teams**
- **Performance Arts – Dance, Music, Drama and Visual Art programs**

PASTORAL CARE STRENGTHS and STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Nationally accredited MindMatters school** (also Early Childhood KidsMatter & KidsMatter Primary)
- **Values-based, peer support, relational school**
- **Student leadership, volunteering and community service learning**
- **Year Camps, Interstate Excursions and Overseas Trips (World Challenges 2013 & 2015, Japan 2014, US Space Camp 2015)**

Web: www.wans.act.edu.au

Facebook: Wanniassa P-10 School

Enrolling in an ACT Public School

The ACT Education and Training Directorate have updated the enrolment and transfer arrangements for all ACT public schools.

All prospective student enrolment applications (online only) **for 2016** have now opened and will close on Friday, 5 June 2015. If you are enrolling your child to start school in **2016** or if your child is transferring to an ACT public school at any stage you will need to use the same online form.

To make this process easier for those wishing to enrol or transfer, please use the **online enrolment/transfer form** and **Parent/carer guide to enrolment/transfer for ACT public schools** located on the 'Enrolling in an ACT Public School' section of the Education and Training Directorate website www.det.act.gov.au

Preschool enrolment applications (online only) for 2016 have now opened and will close on 5 June 2015. Please visit the website www.det.act.gov.au.

Hub Happenings

Hope you all had a good week and it wasn't too cold for you.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool at the Hub is overflowing with school uniform items - some new and still in their packets. If you would like to come and have a look, the clothing pool is open on Monday mornings from 8.30 am to 9.30 am. We have a full range of sizing from 4 to 16.



Hub Helpings

Our Hub Helpings Freezer is looking quite empty so we are going to have a cooking bee to fill it up again. The cooking bee will be on Monday 25 May 2015 starting at 9.30 am. If you can't make it that day and would like to contribute to our Hub Helpings Freezer, please make a time to drop off a meal to be frozen.

Our Hub Helpings Freezer is to help those that might be going through a rough time or doing it tough, whether it be sickness, a grieving family or a mum that just needs a night off. It is always nice to be able to offer a meal, so that it is one less thing to think of in a crisis.

Regular activities

Clothing Pool: Monday mornings 8.30 am to 9.30 am.

Breakfast Club: Mondays and Tuesdays 8.15 am to 8.55 am. A healthy start to the day. All students are welcome.

Parents/Carers Morning Tea: Mondays 9.15 am to 10.30 am.

Playgroup: Tuesday 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea and a gold coin donation.

Upcoming Events

Hub Helpings Freezer - cooking day Monday 25 May 2015 starting at 9.30 am.

Father/(Carer) Son, Boys Night In Movie Night - Friday 29 May 2015 starting at 6.00 pm.

Goodwin Village Christmas in July morning tea in the Hub. Wednesday 15 July from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. This is always a lovely morning for both the residents and students.

Virginia Martin
Hub Coordinator

P & C News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The canteen is a great resource for the school community. All funds generated get put back into the school. We are desperately in need of volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We also have positions available on our canteen sub-committee if you are unavailable during school hours. If you can spare a bit of time, please pop in for a coffee and see our canteen manager.

Canteen News

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have been sitting their NAPLAN tests and the canteen has provided them with toast and hot milo in the mornings before they have taken their tests. This seems to have been a very popular event.

The other change that has happened in the canteen this week is the serving of hot snacks at recess. So far we have offered apple turnovers and cheese and salsa turnovers. These have been very popular with the students. I will be looking into what other hot snacks that I might serve at recess. Keep an eye on the canteen notice board as to what snacks are available. Last year, hot recess snacks were available for pre-order but this led to a lot of wasted food as not all pre-ordered food was collected on the day. So this year I will not be taking pre-orders for hot recess snacks. The food will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The new menu is nearly ready. However, in the meantime, another item has been taken off the current menu – Fried Rice. I apologise for the inconvenience. There will be a new rice dish available on the new menu. As always we are still looking for volunteers for everyday apart from Thursdays. If you could help I would be very grateful.

Rachael, Canteen Manager

Second Hand Clothing Pool

The second hand clothing pool will be running out of the Monash Family Hub – please check with Virginia for opening hours. We have a range of brand new and second hand t-shirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts and dresses. New items are \$5 and second hand items are \$2.

SCHOOL BANKING

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4



School Banking day is Friday – so please remember to hand your completed bank books in to the front office before school.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the school office.

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. Bomber jackets are unavailable at the moment – notification will be given when they become available.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



SKILLZ SKILLZ

Hockey ACT

DATE: 8th & 9th July 2015
TIMES: 9am - 1pm both days
AGES: 7-16 years old
COST: \$100 for 2 days

LOCATION: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT

Participants will experience both outdoor and indoor skill development with specific goal keeper coaching available.

**Quality coaches involved*
**Morning tea will be supplied*

To register please visit
www.hockeyact.org.au

For more information please contact
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**control
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When: **Thursday 21 May 10am - 4pm**

Where: Exhibition
Park, Budawang
Pavilion Canberra

Cost: **FREE**



The **Control & Choice Expo** is for you to decide the products and services that are right for you and your disability.

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- What can the **NDIS** do for you?
- What equipment do you need?
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