Dear Parents/Carers

Term 4 is marching on. We have now officially reached the half way point of the final term for 2016 and it has been another action packed week at Monash!

Today our Year 3/4 campers arrived back at school looking a little weary after a wonderful overnight experience at Birrigai. Some of the activities that they participated in included the flying fox, team trek, giant swing and the web of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for supporting their children by enabling them to participate in this optional excursion. I would also like to thank the staff who generously gave up their family time to attend the camp. A special thanks to Mr Simon Adamson who kindly volunteered to assist Mr Smith with the supervision of the boys.

This week many of our children in K – 2 participated in the annual swimming program at the Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre. Over the last couple of weeks I have heard a number of mixed reviews about the program from parents. I would welcome any written feedback about the program which can be sent directly to me at shane.carpenter@ed.act.edu.au. This will help us in determining decisions for 2017 and beyond.

This week our senior students have been busy with final preparations for our annual Market Day fundraising event which is also part of their finance inquiry unit. The Market Day will occur on Wednesday, 16 November. Students can pre-purchase Market Day Stall tickets (book of 5 tickets for $5
from the front office) which will enable them to participate in featured events and purchase items. The book of tickets will be handed to children on the morning of Market Day. Please note that cash cannot be used at the stalls. Extra tickets will be available for purchase on the day.

This week you may have noticed that some staff have been absent, which has been largely due to the fact that they have been working collaboratively to prepare and write Semester 2 reports. This process involves the collation of data and the preparation of accurate feedback for parents/carers. Reports will be issued to parents/carers via students on Friday, 9 December 2016.

Yesterday, I hosted the second last Principal’s Morning Tea for 2016. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to attend as recognition for consistently demonstrating school values.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Haylie</td>
<td>KA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matilda</td>
<td>KB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lucille</td>
<td>KC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lucas</td>
<td>1/2D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ellah-Mae</td>
<td>1/2F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calvin</td>
<td>1/2G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liam</td>
<td>1/2M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annabelle</td>
<td>1/2P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neeve</td>
<td>1/2R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shyanna</td>
<td>WINYU P</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jared</td>
<td>WINYU R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joshua</td>
<td>WINYU W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brydie</td>
<td>5M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jemima</td>
<td>5M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Callum</td>
<td>5G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sam</td>
<td>5/6RG</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marcus</td>
<td>5/6RG</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iqra</td>
<td>5/6S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shania</td>
<td>5/6S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>ECHIDNAS</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Next week will be another very busy week. One of the most exciting events will see the commencement of our Preschool transitions to Kindergarten. These visits will occur over the next three weeks on 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 November and 1 December.

Thanks to all parents/carers who have provided Ms Jankovic with information to assist in class structures for 2017. Classes are now almost finalised as is staffing. It is my intention to provide information about 2017 classes in next week’s newsletter. Please note that Move Up Day is scheduled to occur on 25 November and as part of this day we will be holding our Twilight Fair followed by our Community BBQ and at about 5.30 pm parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet 2017 teachers.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Shane Carpenter
Principal
Head Lice
There has been a reported case of head lice in Bural Unit. Please check your child and treat if required.

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 Education Directorate. 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,

It has been another busy fortnight in the Kitchen Garden. There have been some changes in the past two weeks however we have still made some delicious meals using produce from our Kitchen/Garden!

Senior School & Winyu P made a delicious Sweet & Sour Chicken dish while other classes made a tasty appetizer from the UK using bacon and prunes called ‘Devils on Horseback’. Students were surprised at the combination of flavours and found that they complimented different types of taste. Outside, our classes spent time working in the garden doing a variety of jobs from the usual watering and weeding, to planting seedlings and transplanting potato seedlings we discovered in our compost pile. Activities for home include purchasing some pitted prunes, bacon and toothpicks to let your children make you some tasty ‘Devils on Horseback’ and discuss the combination of the salty and sweet flavours.

Junior School have been making a variety of different fruit muffins in the kitchen, from Strawberry Oat to Tropical Coconut using the base recipe we used in Term 3 to make Blueberry Oat muffins. Junior classes also spent some time in the garden cleaning the area where the chickens lived in preparation for the arrival of our new chicken coop.

At home you may brainstorm some different muffin flavour ideas that KG can cook to sell at the Twilight Fair in Week 7.

Our students are eager to get back to the normal timetable next week with some delicious new recipes to be cooked and snow peas from the garden to be tasted!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Health & Wellbeing Teacher
Please find listed below important dates for the 2016 End of Year Concert.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Information</th>
<th>Important dates</th>
<th>Note/payment due back</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ticketing information sent home to all families</td>
<td>Monday, 17 October 2016</td>
<td>Friday, 18 November 2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- 2 tickets available per family</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Information for the purchase of additional tickets sent home to families</td>
<td>Monday, 21 November 2016</td>
<td>Thursday, 1 December 2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bus permission notes</td>
<td>Monday, 21 November 2016 –</td>
<td>Thursday, 1 December 2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Concert tickets can be picked up from the front office</td>
<td>Thursday, 1 December 2016</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Concert date</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matinee   12.30 – 1.30 pm</td>
<td>Tuesday, 6 December 2016</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evening   7.00 pm – 8.00 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>End of Year Concert DVD Order form</td>
<td>7 December 2016 –</td>
<td>Pick up DVD on Friday, 16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>December 2016</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 countdown to the Twilight fair is on and we are very excited! 😊

We have a great selection of stalls lined up for the fair and a Christmas wrapping table which will be a fantastic opportunity to grab some Christmas gifts, have them wrapped and ready to put under the tree.

With the Twilight Fair approaching quickly, we are still in need of some community help and volunteers. Below is a list we would love your support with 😊. If you can help or donate please let me know or Sue at the front office.

- Volunteers to help run stalls on the night
- Donations of lollies and chocolates
- Trash n treasure items
- Baked goods for our cake stall
- Vouchers if you own a business and would like to donate
- Lucky dip prizes

I look forward to seeing you all there for our first ever Community Twilight Fair! 😊

As the Twilight Fair is outside of regular school hours and is a community event, all children attending are required to be supervised by parents/carers. Our teachers will be fulfilling specific roles during the evening and will not be able to supervise children. The Twilight Fair will be in an open space with many members of the wider community attending. To ensure everyone’s safety please ensure there is arranged supervision for your child on the night.
Breakfast Club - Monday 13 December will be our last Breakfast Club for the year, so we will be putting on a family cooked breakfast. We encourage families to come along and enjoy breakfast together.

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

Tea Towel and Cookie Dough fundraiser
Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers through the canteen. Pick up dates for each fundraiser will be emailed out to families.

Scholastic Book Club

As there is so much going on this term, Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club will only be available from the front office. If you are interested in purchasing from the brochure, please come and see me.

Sue

School Banking

Please hand your bank books in to the front office each Friday morning.

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”

Community News

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN SEMINAR

Why is it important for my child to be engaged with their school? How can I support a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten?

How do I build a relationship with my child’s school? What can I do at home to help my child’s preparation for kindergarten?

Does your child start kindergarten next year? Would you like some tips on how to support your child’s positive transition to kindergarten?

REPRESENTATIVES FROM
The Canberra Preschool Society, ACT Education Directorate
and ACT Community Services Directorate.

When: 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday 18th November
Where: Monash Early Education Centre for Teaching and Learning,
51 Flemington Drive, STIRLING, ACT 2611
RSVP by: Tuesday 8th November
with your name and phone number to:
info@canberrapreschools.org.au

A joint initiative from:
ACT Government
Australian Early Learning Development Centre
Companion Research Toolkit

Find us on Facebook