NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 7 – 16 MAY 2014

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Notes Going Home This Week

- Preschool Picnic information note
- Year 6 Combined Practise
- Head Lice information

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We were certainly treated to a wonderful assembly performance this morning by our students in Bimbi. In their first official ‘big school’ assembly, they managed to wow us with movement, song and dance. They also introduced our new focus value: confidence! There was plenty of our new focus value on show this morning! Congratulations to all of our kindergarten students and of course their teachers!

Another part of this morning’s celebration was our cross country award and fundraising prize presentation. It gave me great pleasure to announce that through our Cross Country and your fundraising efforts that we were able to raise over $7000.00 towards our outdoor learning area. A wonderful effort that truly exceeded all of our expectations!

Thank you to all who came to support their child or children, whether it was for a cross country ribbon, You Can Do It values award or to watch a sensational performance.

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) came to a close today. I would like to congratulate all of our students in years 3 and 5 for making it through the week and doing their best throughout the range of assessment tasks. I would also like to acknowledge the support of our canteen who provided an extra breakfast boost each morning during NAPLAN for all children taking part. It was certainly a large logistical operation! Special mention must be given to Capitol Chilled Foods who provided Canberra Milk to us free of charge throughout the week.
A reminder that our school disco will be held in the school hall tonight. Thanks to Cathy and her team of helpers for coordinating what promises to be a wonderful community event. The junior disco will commence at 5.00 pm and conclude at 6.30 pm and the senior disco commences at 7.00 pm and ends at 8.30 pm. Please ensure that arrangements are in place for prompt collection of children at the conclusion of their respective discos.

On Wednesday, 21 May Monash School will be participating in National Simultaneous Story Telling Day. Participation in this event is part of our focus on promoting and increased love of reading amongst our children. Students from Lake Tuggeranong College will be supporting us on this day providing positive role modelling for our students.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents/carers that the P & C Meeting will be held on Monday, 19 May at 7.00 pm. I am pleased to announce that for the first time we will hold this meeting in our new Monash Community Hub. Parking will be outside the Preschool on Forwood Street. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Shane Carpenter

**Hatching Chicks – Bimbi Unit**

Hatching Chicks have arrived in Kindergarten! So far six chicks have hatched, and we are hopeful to have five more hatch in the next couple of days. They will be staying in Bimbi Unit until Friday 23 May. The chicks are for sale for $8 each and can be collected next Friday before 12:00pm. If you would like to purchase a chick we request that you purchase a minimum of two to ensure they have a playmate. Forms for purchasing the chicks will be available before or after school from Bimbi Unit (Kindergarten) in Week 4.

Thank you

**Bimbi Unit**

**Head Lice**

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in Preschool, Yerra and Dulma units. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Many thanks.

**Library**

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

Next Wednesday 21 May Monash students from Preschool to Year 2 will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. At locations across Australia the book Too Many Elephants In This House by Australian author Ursula Dubosarsky will be read to children to promote the value and fun of reading. The children have been making elephants in preparation for the event. It was great to see the Year 4 students assisting the younger students with this activity.

Year 1/2 classes will gather in the library and Lori will read the story, while kindergarten will join the preschool students at the preschool and Veronica will read the story. Six students from Tuggeranong College will be observing the event as part of their studies of children’s literature. We welcome these college students to the school.
Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge

This year all students from Preschool to Year 6 will be participating in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to develop a love of good books. The children are to read 12 books between now and Thursday 5 September. Eight of the books must be from the Chief Minister’s list of books that will be located in tubs in the library. 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.

Preschool visits to the Library

The preschool students have been visiting the library and love selecting books from the shelves and finding a comfy place to sit and read. They are becoming experts at returning the books to the correct place. Preschool parents are also most welcome to visit the library with their children. It was great to have one of our Preschool families visit the library before school and borrow a book this week.

Enrolling in an ACT Public School

New arrangements for 2014 and 2015

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

All new student enrolment applications for 2015 open from 28 April 2014 (day 1 term 2). If you are enrolling your child to start school in 2014 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 applications for 2015 close on 30 May 2014.

P & C News

Canteen

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the canteen this year. The canteen cannot operate without you. We are still looking for more volunteers. If you can help in any way, even if it is for an hour, please contact us at the canteen on 6291 6357 or monashpscanteen@outlook.com.

The canteen provided the Year 3 and 5 students involved with Naplan a warm breakfast of hot chocolate and toast to get them ready each morning.

Don’t forget to order your child’s lunch online with Flexischools. Save time and lost orders by ordering online. Online ordering is available for all years from Preschool to Year 6, including teachers. Visit flexischools.com.au to setup an account and start ordering today.

Just a reminder that if you are giving your child a lunch order to give to the canteen, could you please write the order on a paper bag.

The canteen needs your help. We are looking for someone to help coordinate our special lunches that we offer to the students. Contact the Canteen if this sounds like you.

Canteen Roster

There are a few days next fortnight where we don’t have any helpers. If you can help please contact us at canteen or on monashpscanteen@outlook.com 62916357

Mon 19th – Jo
Tues 20th – Eleanor
Wed 21st – Rachel
Thurs 22nd – Julie  
Fri 23rd – help needed  
Mon 26th – Jo  
Tues 27th – help needed  
Wed 28th – Tonia  
Thurs 29th – Lyn  
Fri 30th – Rachel and Dianne

Second Hand Clothing Pool
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The Second hand clothing pool will now be running twice a term. The next open day will be on Wednesday 25 June.

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.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK IS HERE!

Entertainment books were handed out to students yesterday. 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 Friday, 23 May 2014. The P & C 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking has begun and will operate each Friday, except the last day of term. 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. Bomber jackets are unavailable at the moment – notification will be given when they become available.
u12’s & u15’s School Sports ACT Trial Dates

The Trial Dates for selection into the Boys 15s & 12s ACT Teams have been set.

Open Selection trials are being held at Deakin Touch Fields for the ACT 15’s & 12s Touch Teams on the following dates

**Boys PSSA (12s) Trials**
- Sunday 1 June 2.30 - 4.00pm (Field One)
- Monday 16 June 5.30 – 6.45pm (Field Nine)
- Sunday 22 June 2.30 – 4.00pm (If required) (Field One)
Contact: Sandra Hughes 02 6131 3126 or 0411 444 824
  sandra.hughes@afp.gov.au

**Girls PSSA (12s) Trials**
- Sunday 1 June 2.30 - 4.00pm (Field Two)
- Monday 16 June 5.30 – 6.45pm (Field Seven)
- Sunday 22 June 2.30 – 4.00pm (If required) (Field Two)
Contact: Gabe Hodges 0402 103 878
  gabe.hodges@ausport.gov.au

(Girls also needed still in this division, for PSSA gala day on the 27th of May to represent Belconnen Region) Please contact Angela.Donaldson@ed.act.edu.au or Matthew.Smith@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Boys SSSA (15’s) Trials**
- Sunday 18 May 2.30 – 4.00pm (Field Two)
- Monday 26 May 5.30 – 6.45pm (Field Nine)
- Sunday 29 June 2.30 – 4.00pm (If required) (Field Two)
Contact: Sandra Hughes 02 6131 3126 or 0411 444 824
  sandra.hughes@afp.gov.au

**Girls SSSA (15’s) Trials**
- Friday 16 May 4.30 – 6.00pm (Field Two)
- Sunday 18 May 3.30 – 5.00pm (Field Nine)
- Friday 23 May 4.30 – 6.00pm (Field One)
Contact: Matthew Smith 0423 153 863
  matthew.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au

Communities@Work has been fortunate enough to be the chosen community partner of the Tuggeranong Hyperdome's Connect & Care Campaign, 5-23 May. Here's how you can get involved and support those in need in our community.
Care to win $1,000 just for showing your receipt?

From now until 23 May, you can support Communities@Work by bringing your Tuggeranong Hyperdome receipts to either the Customer Service Desk or Centre Court in the Hyperdome. In exchange for any value receipt, you will receive a $5 Connect & Care Token to donate to any Communities@Work charity program. All customers who enter go into a draw to win a $1,000 gift card! All donations provide immediate assistance to those experiencing hardship and empower people to create better futures. For more info, please go to hyperdome.com.au.

Help a local school win tech prizes!

Eight ACT schools are in the running to win Good Guys Tech Packs and you can help them! Bring healthy non-perishable food and essentials to Centre Court in the Hyperdome and drop them into the school's drop box you'd like to support. The three schools with the most donations win! And all items will be donated to Communities@Work’s Care&Share program. For more info, please go to hyperdome.com.au.

Where donations go

Buoyed Up

Communities@Work’s Social Programs create sustainable futures for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Canberra region. Our Buoyed Up service provides a fun, confidence-building sailing experience to targeted school communities at risk of disengaging from education. commsatwork.org/buoyedup

Care&Share

Communities@Work’s Social Programs create sustainable futures for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Canberra region. Our Care&Share service provides food and essential services to individuals and families in Canberra experiencing hardship, providing a holistic range of services including food, clothing, cooking and nutrition skills, employment readiness, budgetary advice, emotional support, mentoring and much more. commsatwork.org/careandshare

Galilee School

Communities@Work’s Social Programs create sustainable futures for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Canberra region. Our Galilee School provides an alternative education program for young people aged 12 to 16 years in the Canberra region. The school provides education, interpersonal skills, life skills, and training in transition to independence skills for young people at risk of disengaging from mainstream schooling, and delivers pathways to further education and employment. commsatwork.org/galileeschool

The Yellow Van

Communities@Work’s Social Programs create sustainable futures for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the Canberra region. Our Yellow Van service rescues excess food from retailers and delivers it to our Care&Share service and other charities and refuges supporting vulnerable people throughout Canberra. commsatwork.org/theyellowvan

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