**Monash School Newsletter**

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**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of Term 2, it has been another very busy week at Monash School. Today, all students should bring home their Semester One report. These reports are a summary of the children’s learning since the beginning of this year whilst at the same time identifying areas for improvement and development in the second part of this year. The staff look forward to any feedback or follow up questions that you may have. If you have not received your child’s report please contact Sue in the front office.

Last night, approximately 20 of our students represented Monash School at the annual Dance Nation event organised by Kulture Break. This was another outstanding event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and members of the audience. Monash was one of 14 schools from the across the ACT participating in this concert. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students on being such wonderful ambassadors for our school. Their performance was really something to be proud of.
On Wednesday night we were represented by Ella (5/6R) in the quarter finals of the ACT Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. In an amazing effort Ella was successful in winning the quarter final and will now progress to the ACT semi-final next term. Congratulations Ella and we are all very proud of you.

At present, we are investigating the possibility of reinvigorating our school song. To this end we will be seeking feedback and input from both students and parents/carers. Today a short survey will go online. Please follow this link to the survey - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F8S2F3G](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F8S2F3G). We would appreciate it if you are able to take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Today we were visited by the Director General of the ACT Education and Training Directorate, Ms Diane Joseph. Ms Joseph toured our school and spoke with some of our children. She was able to visit our learning spaces, the school kitchen and our Monash Community Hub.

A reminder that tonight there will be a Father/Son movie night in the Community Hub commencing at 6.00 pm. This event should conclude by approximately 8.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring along their popcorn!

Thanks for your ongoing support and we look forward to the last week of term.

Have a great weekend and stay warm!

Shane Carpenter
Principal

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**Message from the Minister**

**Parental Engagement A Priority**

During Public Education Week at the end of May, it was very good to see the achievements of our students, schools, teachers, and staff showcased and celebrated. On show were so many examples of where you and your communities are actively involved with your children’s schools; through different activities and programs.

I will continue to focus on putting children, parents, carers and communities at the centre of our education system and will be looking at further ways of communicating the values of the public education system.

For example, the online enrolment system has simplified processes for parents and carers, and we have also launched the ‘Parents and Students At The Centre’ page on our website, which features stories of parent-school engagement, including one about how ACT public schools are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to enable parents and the community engage and stay up to date on their activities and achievements.

Other initiatives include the ‘Fresh Tastes’ program which encourages learning about nutrition and healthy food and drink choices in schools and we have also launched a series of fact sheets for parents and carers of gifted and talented students.

I also recently launched the ‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ book which features fascinating stories of people who have influenced, or have been influenced by our public education system.

Have a great run-up to the end of term and stay warm!

‘100 Stories: Celebrating public education in Canberra’ can be viewed online at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au).
"Hub Happenings"

**Movie night**
Tonight is our first movie night in the Hub for Dads (caret/grandparent) and son. It will be a great evening! Please remember your popcorn. Come along from 6.00 pm.

**Cool little kids**
"Cool little Kids" course is now full. The next course will be held early next year. Communities@work are a great organisation and they are happy to help out wherever they can. If you have any questions about any of the topics covered in "Cool little Kids" please call Hilary at Communities@Work on 6207 8228.

**Morning tea**
Tuesday walking group will be replaced with mums, dads and carers morning tea. We had a lovely group last week and I invite you to pop past for a chat and a warm drink. Head on over after Meet ‘n Greet from 9:15 am

**Breakfast club**
Breakfast club continues to thrive and volunteers are still needed. Please let me know if you are available to help on either Monday, Tuesday or, Friday mornings between 8:15 and 9.00 am.
Most items for the Breakfast club are kindly donated by “Share and Care” (Communities @ Work), but if possible we would like any donations of margarine, Vegemite or jam. Please drop any items at the front office. Many thanks.

**Playgroup**
Playgroup is becoming a popular little hang out for both mums and dads growing weekly. Feel free to join us. Please bring a piece of fruit to share for the children's morning tea and a gold coin donation. Friday's 9:30 am to 11.30 am.

Next week we will be including Monash preschool handprints to the Hub wall so make sure you come and check it out.

See you at The Hub

**Dirt to Dish News Week 9**

It has been a fabulous week inside the kitchen in week 9!

While the same cannot be said for the weather out in the garden, we have been keeping very warm and filling our bellies with delicious honey cinnamon scrolls, poppy seed rolls, cheese & sweet chilli twists among other bread based delights.

Bread is a staple at many tables and is eaten in some form or another all around the world. Did you know there is evidence to suggest that bread has been eaten for 30,000 years!

We have discussed how important bread is in many cultures and the role it plays at meal times around the globe. We also learnt about the magical ingredient, yeast. How can something that looks so ordinary do such an amazing job? Given the right environment…water, warmth and something to eat (in our case, honey) yeast can transform a simple dough into a fluffy soft loaf of the most delicious bread.

With the school holidays coming up and the weather cooling down, why not give bread making a go – it is easy, fun and gives everyone a chance to get a bit messy! I have included a basic white bread dough recipe but feel free to explore the many options bread can provide.
In other Dirt to Dish news, this week the Tuesday cooking class from the 3/4 unit were invited over to the Wanniassa School senior campus to visit “Café Wanniassa” and enjoy some delicious desserts made by the hospitality students. In term 1, some students from Wanniassa spent some time in our Monash kitchen helping out and learning while they waited for their new kitchen to be finished. As a thank you, they provided a wonderful afternoon tea for us and gave us an opportunity to see the great work they are doing with their Hospitality program. Well done to all the students for their enthusiasm and for representing Monash School in such a mature way. A big thank you to all the staff and students at Wanniassa also for inviting us along (we certainly ate well!)

Week 9 fridge quote:

“If you cook without making mistakes, then you’re not doing it properly”

Have a great weekend and keep warm everyone!

**P & C News**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen is OPEN for lunch orders as normal next week. We will however be closed for Recess only on the last day of school. Canteen will re-open for normal business on Monday 21 July.

Lunch Orders are to be placed by 9.15 am on the day required. They may be placed in the blue box outside canteen or be made online at flexischools.com.au (anytime prior to 8.45am on the morning required) for your convenience.

Winter Warmers such as chicken noodle cuppa soup for $1 (available at lunchtime), or nachos ($2) and chicken goujons ($1.50) available at recess.

Canteen Helpers are always needed and greatly appreciated. Contact Veronica at canteen or on 62916357 monashpscanteen@outlook.com if you can help.

**Canteen Roster**

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**Second Hand Clothing Pool**

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The Second hand clothing pool will now be running twice a term.

**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.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!**

Please return the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child immediately as we are now finalising the fundraiser.

CLICK HERE TO BUY NOW! [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/238c54]

Whether you choose the Digital Membership or Book – you have over 400 offers that you can use all year!
Plus, there are hundreds more valuable offers! Click to see more

CLICK HERE TO BUY NOW! 

Thanks you for your support!

Please remember to reference Monash School when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership.

SCHOOL BANKING

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking operates 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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

July School Holidays
Junior Clinic

Looking for something exciting for the kids to do during the school holidays?

The Junior clinic offered by Matt Millar will teach the basics of golf and get the kids out in the fresh winter air for an hour or so! The clinic will be held over three days during the first week of the school holidays. Each session will be tailored to those that attend and will cover different skills each day. Places are limited, with only 8 people per clinic, so please book in ASAP.

Monday – Wednesday Junior Clinic:
Where: Practice Range, Gold Creek Country Club
Date: 7th July – 9th July
Time: 10am – 11am Or 330pm – 430pm
Cost: $50 per person (for three sessions)

For more information please contact: Matt Millar: mattmillargolf@gmail.com

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