Dates to Remember

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Notes Going Home This Week

Parent/Teacher Interview Notes (all students Kinder to Year 6)
Dirt to Dish Information

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What an eventful week we have had in Week 3! Fortunately, we survived the amazing weather conditions on Wednesday afternoon with minimal damage. I would like to thank all parents/carers for their flexibility in cooperation with the altered pickup arrangements. Please note in times of extreme weather such as Wednesday, notifications and updates will be sent out to parents/carers via our social media sites.

It is with pleasure that I would like to announce our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2014.

School Captains
Jordan
Katrina

Vice Captains
Michael
Emily

I am sure these students will be wonderful role models and I look forward to working with them in 2014.

SRC
Congratulations also to our elected SRC representatives:

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Next week, most of our units will move fully into the Open Learning Environment model. This will involve students working in different groupings and sometimes different staff members within their units. Please note that students will remain in the same home group where they will begin and complete each day. I am pleased to inform you of the advances that we have made with the provision of our Information Technology resources. At present we have one whole class set of iPad 4’s. Within the next month we will take receipt of another whole class set of iPads and fifteen new PC’s which will be located permanently in our school library. Before the end of this term we will also have a third whole class set of iPads available for staff to incorporate into their daily teaching and learning.

Parent/Teacher interviews will begin in Week 6. I encourage you to take the opportunity to make a time to meet with your child’s Home Group teacher. If you have not already received an interview note please see the Front Office.

All students at Monash are enrolled in the Mathletics online maths programme which is supported by the Monash P & C. Letters will be sent home on Monday giving parents/carers information regarding Mathletics providing all students with their user name and password. This online programme is designed to support students’ learning at home.

Today, the members of the AFP attended the school to review the current car parking situation. I would like to thank parents/carers for exercising caution particularly in the afternoon peak pickup time, as we all work together to protect the safety of our students. I would like to draw your attention to the Michell street car park situated near the school oval as a viable alternative in the afternoons.

Thanks for your ongoing support and have a wonderful weekend.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

KINDER HEALTH SCREENING

The Child, Youth & Women’s Health Program, ACT Health is offering a health check for all Kindergarten children in the ACT. The 2014 health check includes vision, hearing, growth (height and weight) and development.

All Kinder students have received a Health Screening information pack this week. This assessment is designed to identify health issues early, to allow for appropriate referral and intervention. The program is committed to the ongoing development of a coordinated and collaborative approach to care by liaising with the school and parents to ensure each child is given the opportunity to reach their potential.
Please return all questionnaires to the Front Office by Wednesday, 5 March 2014 at the latest.

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The UNSW will again conduct academic competitions for students in Years 3 to 6 this year. Below is a list of the competitions being offered and the cost of each. It is very important to note that the closing date for the registration of all competitions is Thursday, 3 April 2014. This will allow sufficient time for the school and the university to complete the registrations. NO REGISTRATIONS AND MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3.30 PM ON THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2014 as per UNSW requirements.

Please discuss the competitions with your child/children and complete the registration form carefully. Please ensure that you circle the correct grade level so that the right exam papers are ordered. Once the form is completed it can be forwarded with the money/cheque to the locked box in the front foyer of the school. Please make cheques payable to Monash Primary School. Entry includes admin/postage costs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I wish to enter my child __________________________ of class ______ in the following competition/s and enclose payment for these (please tick the box below)

My child is in Year 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

If your child is in a composite class please indicate the grade level of your child.

☐ Computer Skills ($8.00)
☐ Science ($8.00)
☐ Writing ($17.00)
☐ Spelling ($11.00)
☐ English ($8.00)
☐ Mathematics ($8.00)
☐ All competitions ($60.00)
☐ I enclose total payment of $ __________

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: ____________________________
Dirt 2 Dish News

Week 3 has seen us continuing to cook up a storm with everyone making Corn Fritters & home made Sweet Chilli Sauce.

All age groups have been enthusiastic about trying new flavours as we explored the use of spices like Ground Coriander & Cumin, as well as fresh Coriander – the children have been very keen to smell and taste new things, especially the difference between the dry, spicy coriander and the fresh, fragrant herb. While not everyone loved the flavours, they all gave it a try which was very impressive.

We have also discussed which vegetables could be used in the fritters instead of Corn. Some suggestions were Carrot, Zucchini & Peas.

Almost all our Junior Chefs were brave enough to taste the homemade sweet chilli sauce. All who tried it really enjoyed it and were pleasantly surprised it didn’t burn their mouths off!

In the Garden we are forging ahead with planting our Autumn seedlings like Beetroot, Spinach, Pumpkin, Chinese Broccoli & Pak Choy to name just a few.

As we settle into our timetable, the children will have more of an opportunity to explore the garden environment & discuss what we are planting, harvesting and cooking.

The Green house has proven to be an amazing help in saving our seedlings from getting sunburnt during our recent hot weather. It’s nice to see some rain has fallen on our garden, which will help tremendously as we start to transfer some plants into their permanent beds. A big thanks to our resident gardener Annie Curtis who has been working very hard to plant our seedlings & get us up and going. If you see Annie in the garden, be sure to say Hi and ask her what is sprouting. If you would like to help out in the Garden in any way, please feel free to see me in the kitchen or contact me through the school.

Once again, you will find this weeks recipe attached, I hope your children enjoy showing off their new skills at home for you!

Happy Cooking!

You Can Do It

The first focus value for You Can Do It is “Resilience”.

Library News

Opening Times
Monday to Friday 8.30 -9.00
Monday to Friday 11.35 – 11.55
The children are able to come during these times to return and borrow books. Borrowing is not restricted to their class library time.

Library Bags
We are encouraging all children for Kindergarten to Year 6 to have a library bag to assist in the preservation of the books. It may be a cloth bag or a plastic bag or a shopping bag.
**Second Hand Clothing Pool**

The pool will be running every Wednesday of the school term out of the Monash Family Hub. Opening hours are 8.30am to 9.30am. We have range of brand new and second hand t-shirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts and dresses. New items are $5 and second hand items are $2.

**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.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

This year we are all deep sea divers!!

Pick up the bright blue parent packs that are available from the Front Office. Inside is a fantastic token tracking chart that your children can use to let them know when they have saved for a reward! Also a perforated rewards chart to let the children know what reward is available throughout the year.

School banking has been teaching children smart savings habits and life-long money skills for over 80 years by simply bringing their money in each week, as little as 5 cents!

As we are an underwater theme this year there are fantastic rewards which includes, penguin or shark plush toy keyrings, whale pencil case, swimming bag, sea streamers to name a few.

Remember that your school earns commission through the School Banking program with $5.00 for every new child that joins through the school and 5% commission on all the children’s deposits throughout the term.

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.

Kinder students have received their information pack with details on how to open an account. If your child has an account open already with the Commonwealth Bank, they will be able to begin banking.

**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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

TUGGERANONG BULLDOGS JAFC

Wear the red, white and blue this season
JOIN UP WITH THE MIGHTY BULLDOGS FOR AFL IN 2014!!!

The Tuggeranong Bulldogs are looking for boys & girls between the ages of 4-12 to come and play the great game of AFL
All first year registered players receive free playing shorts and socks

So get in and REGISTER TODAY
To Register and pay online for the coming season
Visit: www.tuggeranongbulldogs.aflcanberra.com.au
and click on Registration or
Email: bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au or
Facebook: Tuggeranong-Bulldogs-Junior-AFL-Club

A come and try option is also available.
For more information please email bulldogsrego@tpg.com.au

Bunnings Tuggeranong will be holding a ladies night on Thursday 6 March from 6.00 pm – 9pm.

Meet Better Homes and Gardens presenter and resident handyman Rob Palmer for some expert tips, and see a demonstration on how to make a simple kids backyard game.

Join in the Competitions, and games!
Free Sausage Sizzle for the ladies!
Expert advice on selected products!
Giveaways!

Bunnings
Phone: (02) 6234 2000

FREE FAMILY OPEN DAY TENNIS CLINIC
Saturday, 22 February 2014 from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.
Pines Tennis Club

This is a great opportunity for all interested tennis enthusiasts, from 4yr olds through to adults to come along & have some fun. There will be coaching clinics for all age, plus a BBQ, give away prizes & more to all who participate.

INTERESTED JUNIORS, ADULTS & PARENTS
Are invited to come & see our Tennis Coaching Programs in action at:
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!
To Book a Place at our Open Day Contact
Ph: 0432 118 204 or 6241 3705 or E: csot@hotmail.com.au
“If you have never played cricket before or come from either an indigenous or multicultural background, you are invited to the Global Cricket Day on Sunday the 2nd of March 2014 from 10am at Boomanulla Oval. This is a FREE event where registered participants will receive a FREE cricket clinic, FREE cricket pack, FREE lunch and the chance to meet past and present cricket stars including Maximus Thunder! To register, 1) log onto www.in2CRICKET.com.au, 2) enter the postcode 2604 and 3) select Global Cricket Challenge. For more information, please contact Matthew on 0416 531 998 or matthew.william@cricket.com.au. Thank you. “

Matthew William
Matthew.William@cricket.com.au

Valley Dragons
2014 season registration now open
When: Sunday 23rd February
Where: The Burra (Finlay Place Gowrie)
Time: 10:00-12pm
Cost: $120.00 one player
$220.00 two players from same family
$300.00 three or more players from same family
Ages: U 6 to U 16
Costs include insurance, shorts, socks, year book and all players that register in 2014 are given their newly designed heritage playing jersey at the end of the season.
We also have an U15 Girls Team (The Dragonets) if any girls are interested.
Contact Rebecca on secretary@valleydragons.com.au

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