**Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful term it has been. It is important to reflect on the many great achievements by our students over the last ten weeks both in and out of the classroom. Our staff and students alike are ready for a well-earned break.

Last week all students received their Semester One reports providing parents/carers with an overview of progress and at the same time identifying areas for development. In Week 3 of next term parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet with home group teachers and discuss the reports whilst at the same time participating in goal setting for the remainder of the year. Notes to schedule meeting times will be sent home on Wednesday of Week 1. I would like to remind parents/carers that by returning the confirmation notes to school as early as possible will increase the likelihood of securing preferred meeting times with staff.

Over the school holidays two major projects will be occurring on the school site. At the front of the school the Education and Training Directorate will commence work on an additional carpark in an effort to alleviate the congestion at peak pickup and drop off times. This construction should add an additional 20 car parking spaces. We will also be working on painting the wall where the children gather for Meet and Greet every morning. This wall will reflect on some of the designs submitted by the students recently focusing on our social skill values.
Thank you to those parents/carers who have responded to our recent survey to gain feedback about our school song. We have decided that it is important to maintain the core elements of the song. To enhance the song we will be changing part of the musical arrangement in an effort to make it more appealing to the children. Work on this will commence early next term.

In staffing news, I would like to announce that Miss Libbis will be returning to Monash from the beginning of next term in her capacity as Executive Teacher of the 5/6 unit. Miss Libbis will also be sharing the role of class teacher for 5/6 R with Miss Carney. Many of you would be aware that Mrs Russell will be commencing maternity leave early next term.

The Breakfast Club continues to be an outstanding success on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. On most days approximately 50 students attend. Unfortunately we will not be able to continue this project unless we are able to secure more volunteer parent support. Only two or three adults are required each morning to support Virginia in the facilitation of this wonderful service for our children. I would be very appreciative if any members of our community were able to donate some time between 8.30 am and 9.00 am even once a week to support our children.

Finally, I would like to request the support of all parents/carers in assisting us to keep the school site secure over the holiday break. If you see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the AFP and report the activity.

Thanks to all parents/carers for their ongoing support throughout the course of this term. I would like to wish all families a very happy school holiday period. We look forward to seeing all of the children back at school ready to commence Term 3 on Monday, 21 July 2014.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

**Mr D’s PE**

It certainly has been cold the last couple of weeks. Our Year 3 to 6 classes have learnt putting skills and have had the opportunity to pitch golf balls in the hall. This week we did get outside and have a go at hitting with a full 7 iron. We had a range of shots, from really good ones to my shot that stayed on the tee when I missed the ball after telling everyone to keep their eye on the ball!

Last week we had Emily and Nick from Erindale College doing work experience at Monash School and they ran lessons for the Kindergarten and Year 1/2 Classes. They ran a game called Neptune which is a game where there are four separate teams and three taggers who tries to tag all of the players from one of the teams. For the Kindergarten classes they ran a tagging game where the children had a tail tag and then they ran a game called Monsters Inc where the kids had hoops as closets and when the music stopped they had to hide in one of the closets and each time one of the hoops was taken away and more people had to get into one of the closets.

For your information I am going on Long Service Leave and will be away for the first three weeks next term. Enjoy your holidays!

Mr D
Sports Teacher
**Joeys and Koalas**

In the Joey and Koala rooms we have enjoyed using the wonderful resources from the ACT NOWAste Education team. We played with large recycling trucks and tractors, a fork lift and a big felt recycling bin with all the felt rubbish to sort. We read stories about recycling and have learnt so much about helping to reduce waste!

Other interests include making fairy bread, making popcorn, and playdough pasta after cooking fettuccini in the kitchen with Jess. We have made ‘Wombat Stew’ and re-inacted the story, made a ‘Bear Hunt’ trail to follow with the little counter bears while we listen to the story, collaged Elmer The Elephant, explored patterns and indigenous dot-painting, dogs and kennels, sorted rubbish on the Interactive White Board and learnt to play number Lotto. We have LOVED wearing our PJs to Preschool – Shay and Tracey would like to wear them every day!

**Possums and Echidnas**

This term has flown by with the Possums and Echidnas keeping us on our toes with all their energy and liveliness. They have had so many achievements this term, one of them being that they can all write and recognise their own names. Reports have been handed out this week as well as photos. I had to take a second look at most of the children because they have grown so much since photos were taken in Week 2. These two examples of the children’s progress is reason enough to love being a part of their lives.

A new face will be seen in our room for the next few weeks. Her name is Cassie and she is on a teaching prac from university. She is engaging with the children and working really hard to plan lessons that are engaging and exciting.

We were very lucky to have our hand prints put on the wall of the Hub. Thanks to Virginia for including the Preschool. Last week we had Dave the Music Man visit. He sang many songs and we even got to play some instruments and also have a turn at playing the trumpet.

**Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)**

Kindergarten have had a very busy end to the term and we are all looking forward to the holidays.

Students have been engaged in designing, making and appraising activities the last two weeks of term. Students designed and constructed a boat and then tested to see whether their boats floated. In Science we have been continuing to explore the properties of different materials and next term we will be moving onto looking at these materials and how we can Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.

In Numeracy this week we revised some of the key concepts we have covered this term including Friends of Ten, graphing, addition and subtraction. In Week 1 of next term we will be focusing on skip counting.

In Literacy Kindergarten have been working on reading and writing common sight words. We have also been reading a range of new and engaging big books. Kindergartens confidence in writing continues to grow each day.

On Wednesday of Week 1 next term, Kindergarten will be celebrating 100 days at school. Each day during our morning calendar activities we cross off how many days we have been at school and students have been getting very excited. A note has gone home this week inviting kinder students to this very special party.
Students are asked to dress up as a 100 year old person and will be engaging in learning activities around the number 100 throughout the day.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**Yerra Unit News (1 / 2)**

Term two has come to an end and the students have worked very hard over the past ten weeks. They have participated in many different learning experiences and have grown in maturity and are all showing improved independence.

The changes to our timetable this term have been very successful in ensuring we provide our students with personalised learning opportunities. Each morning we have had Reading and Writing groups followed after lunch by Maths groups, all targeting the needs of the children. In home groups we have been covering Handwriting, School Values, Physical Education, Art and also been involved in Every Chance to Dance. In the afternoon session the students have participated in focussed inquiry groups taught by different 1/2 teachers. The lessons covered have been English, Maths, Technology, ICT, a creative/dramatic area and some children had cooking with Jess, all making it a very full day at school.

Next term we will be teaching Geography for the first six weeks and then onto History. After a great amount of work on narratives this term we will be starting off term three with poetry and then moving onto persuasive writing. These will be reported on in the end of year report.

The dramatic play area has had camping and then space themes so we have decided to set it up as a medical centre for the start of term three. If you have any items that would be of use please let one of the Yerra teachers know so we can include this in our planning.

Please label all clothing before the start of term three to ensure the correct belongings make it home. Can we also remind you that we would prefer not to have loom bands at school next term and children’s toys can also cause problems in the playground. Any valuable item, such as electronic devices are always kept safe with teachers and are only needed at school if your child is attending the Electronics Club.

Lastly, the Yerra teachers would like to wish you a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday. The team is already planning and preparing for all the learning that will take place in term three.

**Dulma Unit News (Year 3 / 4)**

Greetings from year 3/4!

At the moment students are busily completing information reports about their chosen country. Students were asked to research one of the countries we have been learning about and organise the information under appropriate headings. They are now in the process of organising photos, pictures and diagrams to add to the final product. Students were also asked to design and make an artefact that represents their country culturally and through the arts. If students are unable to complete these during school time, it would be appreciated if they could complete them in the school holidays.

Camp payment was due at the end of this week to the front office. Could you also please ensure that you have returned all necessary notes such as medical and dietary requirements to the front office by the beginning of Term 3. The students have been really excited about camp and have already chosen their ‘camp buddy’.

The year fours started working with the pre-schoolers last week. They enjoyed playing and getting to know their buddy. This is a fantastic way for the pre-schoolers to get to know older students at the school in
preparation for kindergarten. It also teaches the year fours about responsibility and being a good role model as well as displaying the values of our school.

Next term our IRP focus will be on chemical changes and packaging (recycling, sustainability). If your child happens to find any information related to this topic, could you please encourage them to bring it along in term 3.

There will be no homework over the holidays, unless students have their IRP to complete. Reading is always encouraged and the Mathletics program is also a valuable learning tool. If you need your child’s log on, please contact their teacher.

We want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

The 3/4 team (aka the Respectables)

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**Bural Unit News (Year 5 / 6)**

Week 10 of term 2 has been very busy for year 5/6, students and teachers alike. This week students finished their IRP on Australian History with many different topics being covered by students, this culminated in an Expo on Wednesday morning. Students took much time and effort assembling their work and sharing it with other students in the unit as well as those from other year levels. We saw many presentations ranging from posters, prezi, paintings, dioramas, PowerPoints, quizzes and many more. It was fantastic to see the effort and care that was put into IRP, well done 5/6! Next term we will be shifting our focus for IRP onto healthy lifestyle and what that means.

Our Shout-Out wall is looking nice and full this week with many examples of work that is neat and descriptive! Well done to those students and we hope to see many more things up there!

During writing in the last few weeks we have been looking at advertisement and what strategies companies use to draw in consumers. Looking at slogans, logos and persuasive language, students in all classes have been able to produce their own ads that are very detailed and interesting!

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday just remember to be safe. Next term we will see a few changes as we welcome Ms Carney to 5/6 and we welcome back Ms Libbis.

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**Winyu Unit News**

The children all had a fabulous time today at the Magic Mania performance. Their behaviour whilst representing the school was exceptional. They enjoyed a variety of acts and some of our students even got to perform on stage. Congratulations to Dylan, Chloe, Haylee and Shyanna who bravely participated in the performance.

Winyu students have been working together to learn about our You Can Do It! values. The have been active participants in discussions about Respect and Getting Along.

Thank you to all our visitors who came to our ‘Come visit my classroom’ morning. The children have worked hard all Term and are very proud of their achievements and loved sharing their work with you.

Everyone in Winyu would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday, see you all next Term!
"Hub Happenings"
What a great 2nd term starting with the opening of the hub and the activities that followed - breakfast club, walking group, morning teas, playgroup, movie night, handprints and an awesome display of community spirit.

Term 3

Breakfast club 8.15 am – 9.00 am Monday, Tuesday, Friday
We are still looking for volunteers and any donations of vegemite/jam and margarine would be fantastic.

Walking/fitness group Tuesday's 9.30 am at the Hub. Next term will kick off with Zumba.

Playgroup Friday's 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Please remember your piece of fruit to share for the children's morning tea and gold coin donation.

Up coming events

Introduction to Kidsmatter for parents Thursday 24 July 1.45 pm and 31 July 7.00 pm at the Hub. This is a great program and focuses on 4 components –

1 Positive school community
2 Social and emotional learning for students
3 Working with parents and carers
4 Helping children with mental health difficulties

Please come along and get involved in this fantastic initiative.

Girls night in at the Hub Friday, 22 August at 6.00 pm. Looming, nails and movie. (Put your names down at front office please.)

Boot camp on the oval after school on Friday afternoons from 3.15 pm

Cool Little Kids begins Monday 4 August 1.15 pm.

Hub coordinator

Dirt to Dish Kitchen News
It is the end of another busy term in the Kitchen at Monash and it has been SO much fun cooking with everyone this past ten weeks. I hope all of the students that came into the kitchen in term 2 have had a wonderful time, learnt a few things and enjoyed eating their yummy creations. I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces again next time you come to cook with me.

Let’s face it, the cold weather makes us want to rug up and stay indoors….and in my case….EAT! What better note to end the term on than to cook something warm and chocolatey. We have been making use of some pears that were donated to the kitchen this week by whipping up a delicious warm Chocolate & Spiced Pear Pudding. This indulgent pudding is so easy to make and is self-saucing, meaning once you pull it out of the oven and dig your spoon in, you are rewarded with a rich, gooey chocolate sauce underneath!

The spices we used were ginger and cinnamon, to give the pudding an extra depth of flavour and warmth. The pears help to add a beautiful texture (and make us feel slightly less guilty about the chocolate part)!

Pudding is a quick and economical dessert option and feels like such a treat at this time of year, so play around, look in your cook books or online for some fabulous pudding recipes that you can enjoy over the school holidays.
This week’s fridge quote: “People who love to eat are ALWAYS the best people”.

I hope you all stay warm and enjoy your break. I want to hear about all the fabulous things you have been cooking over the holidays!

Happy Cooking everyone.

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. Information and application form can be picked up from the Front Office. The completed form can then be lodged at the Government Shopfront with the cost of the card being 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

As you may be aware Monash School has a number of students who are allergic to nut products and 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 Grounds

Please note that bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden within the school grounds or school corridors. Thank you.

School Rule

“At Monash Primary School we all try to keep ourselves and others safe and happy”

P & C NEWS

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!

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 as soon as possible. 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 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.
SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking operates each Friday, except the last day of term. Please bring completed bank books to the Front Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2014 Junior Holiday Clinic - Raiders/NRL

Where: Raiders HQ, ActewAGL Park, 2 Eade Street Bruce ACT
When: Thursday 10th July 2014
Session 1: 9.00am - 12.00pm (Registrations from 8.30am)
Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm (All participants)
Session 2: 1.00pm - 4.00pm (Registrations from midday)

Cost: Varied - Check web site for options


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