Monash School Newsletter

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| Wednesday 26 March| Mal Meninga Cup finals  
|                   | P & C AGM Meeting  7.00 pm |
| Thursday 27 March | Year 1 and 2 excursion to Questacon |
| Friday 28 March   | ANZAC Day Assembly  9.15 am |
| Wednesday 2 April | Year 3 and 4 excursion to National Museum of Canberra  
|                   | Kinder and Year 5 excursion to Tidbinbilla |
| Thursday 3 April  | Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival |
| Friday 11 April   | End of Term |

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we celebrated Harmony Day in an effort to promote our anti bullying policy and peaceful relationships. To mark this occasion staff and students alike wore orange.

Thanks to all parents/carers who have been able to attend parent/teacher interviews over the last two weeks. Staff have found these interviews a valuable opportunity to gain further insight into the strengths, interests and needs of our children. Please remember that opportunities to discuss your child’s learning can be organised with class teachers at any stage throughout the year and are not limited to these formal occasions.

On Wednesday of this week, many of our students participated in the National Ride to School Day. It was great to see so many bicycles and scooters at school. Thanks to parents/carers who supported their children in enabling them to participate in Wednesday’s activities. In an effort to promote physical activity, I encourage students to ride to school on an ongoing basis where appropriate.

Many of you may have noticed the AFP presence at the front of the school during the week. They are working in partnership with the school and Roads ACT to promote school carpark safety. Negotiations are currently in place to improve the current carparking situation. Thanks to all parents/carers for their patience and understanding surrounding this issue.
I would like to encourage all students to participate in this year’s Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. This week our school librarian, Ms Melville, handed our cards for children to log their reading. Please see the article below from Ms Melville providing more details regarding the reading challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all interested parents/carers to attend the annual general meeting of the P &C which will be held on Wednesday, 26 March at 7.00 pm. The P & C are keen to include as many of our families as possible as we work together to support our school.

Assembly next Friday, 28 March is being facilitated by our school SRC. We will be taking the opportunity to commemorate ANZAC Day which occurs during the school holidays. As is the case, at most assemblies merit and You Can Do It awards are presented. This year in the interests of improved communication procedures, we will be continuing with our practice of informing parents/carers in the week prior to assembly if their child/ren are receiving awards. Also at this assembly next Friday, students will be receiving ribbons from the recent swimming carnival. We appreciate the support of parents/carers who are able to attend our assemblies.

I wish everybody a safe and happy weekend.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

**Library News**

**WORLD STORYTELLING DAY**

Yesterday to celebrate World Storytelling Day we had a visit from a community member who is a member of the storytelling guild sharing stories about Monsters and Dragons. Trish shared stories with the children from preschool to Year 2. The children had a wonderful time listening to some wonderful stories.

**CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE**

The school has registered for the chief Minister’s Reading Challenge for 2014. To complete the challenge the students are required to read 12 books before Friday 5 September. Eight of the books need to be from a list of books set by the Chief Minister. There are copies of the list in the library and with class teachers, or it may be accessed at [http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/chief_ministers_reading_challenge/book_lists_and_forms](http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/chief_ministers_reading_challenge/book_lists_and_forms). The students have a form that needs to be signed by a parent or teacher as they read each book. For younger students the books can be read to them. The completed forms are to be given to teachers.

**OVERDUE BOOKS**

As the end of term is fast approaching we are encouraging children to return any overdue books. There are a number of good reasons for Returning books on the due date or before:

- It develops the children’s organisational skills (one of our YCDI values)
- It encourages regular reading
- It means that books are available for all students particularly the popular series.
SPIKEY THE LIZARD
It is wonderful to see so many children visiting the library in the mornings to see Spikey. He is settling into his new home well.

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 to Dish Kitchen News
Children enjoyed making gnocchi this week.

P & C News

Canteen Roster

Thank you for volunteering for the first time in canteen this week Pia, we are looking forward to having you on deck. Parent Helpers are needed to help in canteen this coming Friday 28th - please contact Veronica if you can help on 62916357 monashpscanteen@outlook.com or pop in to canteen. :-)

Mon 24th March- Jo
Tues 25th – Eleanor
Wed 26th - Rachael
Thurs 27th – Lyn
Fri 28th – Helper needed

Mon 31st – Gill
Tues 1st April – Pia
Wed 2nd - Rachael
Thurs 3rd – Lyn
Fri 4th – Diane

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

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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Calling all children aged 5 – 15 years old!
- Come & enjoy a 3 day sports expo. You will get the chance to learn, enjoy and play a variety of sports, including Hockey, Touch Football, Volleyball, Cricket and Netball all in one place.
- Date: 14th -16th April, 9:00am- 3:00pm (All 3 days)

VENUE: National Hockey Centre, 196 Mouat Street Lyneham

COST: $55 per day

- **NetSetGO skills program** is run across 5 different centres in the ACT. Its consists of a 10 week program which teaches budding netballers about the fundamentals of netball in a FUN and SAFE environment. For ages 5-7 and beginners up to age 10. Cost is $75. Email development@netballact.com.au for more info or to obtain a registration form.

- **NetSetGO Holiday Programs** are run at Netball ACT indoor centre every school holidays. It runs for 2 half days from 9am – 12.30pm. This is for 5 – 10 year olds and the cost is $85. This covers the 2 day clinic as well as morning tea both days and a participation pack! Email development@netballact.com.au for more info or to obtain a registration form.

- **Junior After School competition** will be run at Netball ACT indoor centre in term 2 of this year for year 3/4 and 5/6 teams. This will run on a Thursday afternoon from 4pm. The cost is $45 for a team registration then $45 each week played. Email competitions@netballact.com.au for more information or to obtain a registration form.

- **Hockey ACT Sports Expo** will be run at Hockey ACT in Lyneham on the 14th, 15th & 16th of April. This will consist of many different sports including netball! All participants will get to experience all sports on offer at the expo. Click here for more info http://www.hockeyact.org.au/Development/Clinics
Lanyon Homestead
Open Gardens Australia Plant Fair

This weekend:
Saturday 22, Sunday 23 March: 10 am–4 pm

Lanyon Homestead and Open Gardens Australia are hosting a garden spectacular.

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate everything garden related, from tools to seedlings to garden sculpture in a gardener’s heaven location at Lanyon Homestead.

Two full days of plant and food stalls, speakers, tours and many children’s activities.

$10 per person, under 18s free.

Group booking enquiries to Open Gardens Australia National Events Office: (03) 5568 1138.

Lanyon Homestead
Enquiries: 6235 5677
www.museumsandgalleries.act.gov.au

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