Monash School Newsletter

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Notes Going Home This Week

Year 5 and 6 Cooba Camp Expression of Interest
Kulture Break information
Year 3 and 4 Birrigai Camp Expression of Interest
KC – parent information letter
Burroinjin Tournament Year 5/6 (selected students)
Rugby Gala Day Year 5/6 (selected students)

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Today, we were treated to a wonderful assembly facilitated by our Winyu students. We all enjoyed the entertainment and it was great to see so many parents and carers in attendance. It was also great to see many students from across the school receiving awards from their teachers recognising their wonderful efforts and achievements.
On Monday of this week, Monash School hosted a combined school’s band practise. Students from Gordon, Wanniassa Hills and Namadgi School attended this event. The progress that our band students are making is outstanding and it was great to see them performing on stage with other students from throughout the Tuggeranong Network.

Also on Monday, we held our first P & C meeting in the recently renovated Monash Community Hub. It was great to see so many parents in attendance (particularly those who have not previously been involved). I would like to encourage all interested parents/carers to participate in this organisation which is a crucial part of our school community. Please see attached information from the P & C President regarding the upcoming school fete.

On Wednesday of this week our preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 / 2 students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Our children loved participating in this event which was a great opportunity to showcase reading in a very positive way. I would like to acknowledge our school librarian, as well as Lori and her team of Year 12 students from Lake Tuggeranong College for facilitating this activity.

Yesterday, approximately 30 students from Year 2 - 6 represented Monash School at the Tuggeranong District Cross Country Carnival. I would like to congratulate these students both on their selection and also for being such fine representatives of our school. Well done!

On the same day, we also had a number of students from Preschool to Year 2 make the trip over to Isabella Plains Early Childhood School for a Literacy Enrichment Programme. A number of schools in our Tuggeranong Network were also involved. It was wonderful to see students building their knowledge in a range of literacy activities and also forming some new friendships with children from other schools.

In staffing news, I would like to inform parents that Kylie (Executive Teacher 5/6) has been required to take extended personal leave until the end of this term. Subsequently, Jillian will be backfilling Kylie’s position on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of the term. Parents and carers of students in KC should have received a note yesterday confirming that Jacqui will be replacing Jillian on the days that she is working in the 5/6 unit.

At the end of Week 6 Hayley will commence maternity leave until the end of 2014. She will be replaced in 5 / 6 G by Caitlyn, who will be spending time in class with Hayley during Week 6 to ensure a smooth transition.

Finally, I would like to inform parents/carers that teachers are currently in the process of preparing Semester One reports. This involves the collation of various forms of assessment data and rigorous discussion of individual student learning by the respective unit staff. Reports will be issued to parents/carers in Week 9 (27 June).

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support and remind you that you are always welcome to call to make an appointment to speak to either myself or any other member of the leadership team.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Shane Carpenter
Principal
Lockers For Sale
We have a number of lockers – bank of 12 – for sale. If you are interested, please see the front office and make us an offer.

Parent Tutoring at Monash School
As part of our Parents as Partners Program here at Monash School we are excited to launch our Parent Tutoring initiative. At Monash we are committed to strengthening the bonds between learning at school and home. We highly value the role parents play at home as tutors for their child/ren’s learning. To provide consistency of language and a shared strategy approach to the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy, both at home and school we are pleased to announce our new tutoring program. A drop in clinic is available on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 am - 9.30 am and on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm where parents and carers can drop into our Literacy and Numeracy Resource Room between these times to consult with a member of the Literacy and Numeracy team. Appointments are also available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm. These appointments can be made through the front office.

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.

Chicken Pox
A case of chicken pox has been reported in the Year 3 / 4 unit.

Library News
National Simultaneous Storytime
The children from Preschool through to Year 2 had a wonderful time on Wednesday morning listening to the story “Too Many Elephants in the House”. It was a joy to watch their faces change as the elephants had a pillow fight in Eric’s bedroom, to when Eric’s mum said the elephants had to go to the smiles when they came out of their new house at the end to play with Eric. Books take us on the most amazing journeys. Reading a book to your children is a chance to share that journey with them. Thank you to Lori for her enthusiastic reading of the story to the Year 1/2 students in the library.
Preschool Unit News

Joeys and Koalas

This fortnight in the Joey and Koala rooms we have continued with the Autumn fun with leaf rubbings, evolving into texture rubbings from all around the room and playground.

The Home Corner is now a Veterinary Hospital and all the soft toy animals are being cared for very well. The donation of some large boxes has been great for making animal cages and enclosures.

We are discussing many concepts in our classroom such as opposites, rhyming words, colours and shapes. The children are practising their counting with 1:1 correspondence and counting down from ten to zero in songs and games.

We are making patterns with beads and learning to blow our noses properly and playing colour and shape dominoes. Outside activities have been exciting with a Tarzan rope to swing on (developing upper-body strength), the mud pit open (on sunny days) fairy dress-ups and big boxes to paint and play in.

The Joeys were lucky enough to visit the school hall for a performance of the Combined School Bands – they came back wide-eyed and amazed at the sounds they had heard!

Possums and Echidnas

The Possums and Echidnas have been very busy creating their leaf splatter paintings and leaf people this fortnight. They have also loved using the clay to create clay people and they have been very interested in how the tools manipulate and change the form of the clay.

The Possums were very lucky to have Mala (Ramanuj’s Mum) in on Monday to cook Pedas, a sweet Indian dessert. We are very thankful to Mala for spending time with the children and teaching them about Indian Culture.

Our home corner is still a buzz with activity in the morning play time. We would love for our families to bring in photos of their homes so we can display them in our home corner and also discuss with the children different homes and houses.

We would also love to welcome Brenda and her family to the Possums class and Imogine and her family to the Echidnas class. Both girls have settled in beautifully. Allira in the Possums class did a beautiful autumn painting using classic autumn colours “I wanted to draw me as a butterfly and two trees and a sun.” Caitlin also did an amazing painting about the ‘Government’- “These are all the Government stripes and spots. The yellow bit tells about the Government and how they took war and the soldiers.” We are very proud and delighted of both their drawings.

Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)

As usual Kindergarten have been very busy. Firstly we would like to thank all the parents and carers that came and supported the Kindergarten Assembly last Friday. Kindergarten performed beautifully and we were very proud of their efforts.

Last week in Numeracy and Science sessions students were introduced to recording information in a graph. In class groups we collected data and children graphed their eye colour, favourite pets and on Tuesday we graphed what we had for fruit break. During Numeracy sessions next week we will be using concrete materials and informal units to subtract and students will be engaged in activities where they will be using everyday language to describe position and give and follow simple directions. Students will also represent spatial positions with concrete materials.
In Science we have had a focus on the five senses, we explored our sense of smell this week and next week we will be exploring ‘taste’.

During Literacy groups children have been gaining confidence in their writing and have been journal writing about their weekends on a Monday.

Netball clinics started on Thursday this week and Kindergarten will have another next Thursday.

Over the last two weeks we have had hatching chicks in Bimbi unit. The children have been enjoying watching the chicks hatch and observing the chicks grow and writing about what they are observing. Children even had the opportunity to hold the chicks this week.

Yerra Unit News (1/2)

Yerra would like to welcome UC students Andrew (in 1/2D), Tammie and Maddison (in 1/2W) who are pre-service teachers and will be on their first practicum at Monash. You might see them helping out in our unit so please make them feel welcome.

All Yerra students have had their heads down working hard. We can hardly believe it is almost half way through the term! Our afternoon student inquiry rotations have been running smoothly and students are engaged and settled. Teachers have found that this a great way to consolidate the days learning and promote independent work that is lots of fun. We have also begun a special project during rotations that will be revealed in our 1/2 assembly in week 8. Thank you to our wonderful parent helper who has assisted in this. We hope you can come along on Friday 20 June at 9.15am to see it.

Teachers are noticing pencils and glue sticks are becoming scarce despite majority of children having book packs at the beginning of the year. Without these essentials children are unable to complete tasks or use valuable work time searching for what they need. If you could please provide these essentials with your child’s name clearly labelled on them it would be greatly appreciated.

This week 1/2 have begun netball clinics on Thursday mornings. We are excited to learn new skills and practise our hand eye co-ordination.

Thank you to the parents and carers who have helped out with changing readers, open learning groups or come into our unit to see all our hard work. The children and teachers appreciate your time and dedication to our school.

Dulma Unit News (Year 3/4)

Talk of camp made for a very excited group of 3/4 students this week. Our camp will take place at Birrigai from Monday 28 July - Tuesday 29 July (Week 2, Term 3). We have planned an exciting two days of outdoor adventure activities. An expression of interest note went home this week with an estimated cost of $160. Please return the expression of interest by Thursday, 12 June along with a $50 deposit if you wish your child to attend. This will allow us to finalise numbers and therefore finalise costs. If you have any questions regarding our camp please talk to Belinda Bacon, our camp organiser.

Our Year 3 students had a very busy week last week completing NAPLAN. They all did their best and enjoyed their daily breakfast top up of milo and toast. Many thanks to our wonderful canteen for supplying this.
We are almost half way through immersion for our Arts based Independent Research Projects. We have been looking at Indigenous and Indonesian cultures through a visual arts, drama, dance and music focus. Next week we will focus on Japan and are looking forward trying our hand at Japanese Calligraphy.

In Numeracy both Year 3 and Year 4 students are focusing on the mental computation strategies of doubling and halving. Developing multiplicative thinking skills through strengthening knowledge of the relationship between multiplication and division is vital to extend understandings beyond the basic number facts. If you have any questions regarding these strategies please utilise our new parent tutoring program which is an exciting extension of our Parents as Partners program here at Monash.

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

Year 5/6 have had a busy few weeks with Year 5’s participating in NAPLAN. This gave the Year 6’s an opportunity to work on film study, which they all worked hard to complete over that time.

Students are now moving into independently completing their roles in Cooperative Reading, and are focusing on having in depth discussions and writing detailed reflections about their novel and what skills they are learning. In the coming weeks students will finish up with their class novel as they continue to familiarise themselves with the routine of Cooperative Reading. They will start to move into a range of different books for each reading group. Writing groups will begin to focus on speech writing as an alternative type of persuasive text in the coming weeks. This will also allow students to write and deliver speeches for the upcoming rostrum. Over the course of this time students will be selected for the school finals.

In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about multiplication and have enjoyed participating in times table activities, as well as a range of different strategies for multiplying larger numbers. They have started to work on learning about time, and will look at 12 and 24 hour time, and also how to read and use timetables. Year 6 have focused on measurement, particularly how to convert measurement between length, mass and capacity. They will be moving towards solving a range of measurement problems with this new knowledge.

Students are continuing to rotate between the 5/6 classes for their IRP immersion. This will continue to happen over the next week to ensure all classes have covered a range of historical topics. At the end of next week students will begin to think about their key questions for their project and start to draft their proposals. Students are being encouraged to think about which topic interests them the most, and could be a possible focus for their project.

**Winyu Unit News**

Thank you to all of the parents that came to our assembly performance. We are proud of how they conducted themselves up on the stage. We appreciate the parent support. The students in Winyu really enjoyed learning the songs and playing their musical instruments. They presented the You Can Do It value of organisation to the school, which they are becoming very good at in the classroom. We encourage our students to get their equipment out, pack away after themselves and keep their classroom neat and tidy. They are all getting better at these skills.

Winyu N students are concentrating on time and calendar in numeracy. They are learning to read analogue and digital clocks as well as how to read a calendar. If you have a calendar displayed at home it would really benefit your child if they could cross off the days or write on scheduled events so that they can practise how a calendar works. Also, if your child has an analogue watch, it would be helpful if they could wear it to school. Time makes more sense to children if they can see for themselves how the second, minute and hour hand move on a clock. Winyu B students are continuing with their unit on money and are practising using money in their make-believe shop that they created. The students are using $1 coins at the moment to purchase items. If you are at the shops, please give
your child an opportunity to use money and buy items as it will help consolidate their learning in the classroom.

In Discovery, Winyu N students are continuing with their push and pull unit and have experimented with using different sized and weighted balls with their catapults. They discovered that the smaller lighter ball went further than the larger heavier balls. They used their measuring skills from their numeracy unit and their literacy skills to write their results.

Across Winyu we have been busy doing testing with our students to assess their progress for writing reports. Student reports will go out at the end of this term.

"Hub Happenings"

The hub is buzzing after the excitement of its launch. What a great turn out! Our visitors were treated to hot drinks and yummy cupcakes as they checked out our new space (thank you to those who baked for us!). Children enjoyed the fantastic face painting skills of the lovely Jayde from 'Playtime Parties' and also created colourful monkeys for The Hub's jungle feature wall. It was a great day had by all - thank you to everyone who came along!

Our playgroup is up and running on a Friday morning from 9.30 am -11.30 am. Everyone is welcome, so please come along! It's a great time to relax and connect with others while the children play and create. The playgroup is sponsored by a gold coin donation each week, if you can bring a piece of fruit to share for the children's morning tea, that would be great.

The hub is open Monday and Tuesdays from 9.00 am – 3.30 pm, so feel free to come in, enjoy a cuppa, relax and connect with other parents, bring along a friend too all welcome. We are so privileged to have such a great space - let's enjoy it!

I am also open to any suggestions or ideas you might have for The Hub, so come and have a chat!

A few up coming events

- Friday 30 May 8.15 am - Breakfast Club will commence. Breakfast club will be run Monday,Tuesday and Friday mornings weekly in connection with the Red Cross. Breakfast club is open to all kids to provide a healthy start to the day. Parents are also welcome. If you are able to volunteer to help set up and serve any of these days, please let me know It would be greatly appreciated.

- Tuesday 27 May 9.30 am - walking group will commence this will be a weekly event so pop it in your diaries- we will meet outside of Hub - get fit and make friends! This is a great way to keep motivated and moving in a group atmosphere.

- Friday 27 June 6.00 pm - Father and son (carer/grandparent) movie night. This will be a great night out for the boys! Popcorn and movie on the big screen. If you are interested in coming please let the front office know or myself so I can get an idea on numbers.

Thanks!
Hub coordinator

Dirt to Dish Kitchen News

Hi everyone,

It has been a great couple of weeks in the Kitchen and Garden at Monash School. Last week you will have seen the recipe for the Fried Vegetable Fritters which were a big hit with all the classes. We used on average
ten vegetables to make this dish, so a very healthy snack was created! Good for afternoon tea, dinner and even cold in the lunchboxes.

This week we harvested our rhubarb from the garden and teamed it up with some in season pears to make a delicious and tummy warming crumble. Opinions were divided between those who loved the tangy flavour of the rhubarb and those who decided it was not for them!

Some alternative fruit was brainstormed and we came up with apples, strawberries, banana, apricots and peaches…all yummy!

Crumble is such an easy thing to make and is a great way to showcase the old fashioned rhubarb. No surprises that many students tasted rhubarb for the first time.

A huge thank you to all the students and families that came to visit the mini market stall in the garden last week – we had lovely bags of lettuce for sale as well as some home-made salad dressings and a green tomato relish made from the last remaining tomato plant in the school garden.

The stall raised $99 which completely exceeded all expectations!

The money went straight back into the garden and I was able to purchase a lemon tree, 4 blueberry bushes, 4 strawberry plants as well as some onions and cauliflower.

I am hoping to make the market stall a regular occurrence at Monash so please feel free to contact me with any suggestions and as always, keep an eye on our social media sites for updates about times, products etc.

I am looking forward to seeing what gourmet treats are created next week!

Until then 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

Next Thursday and Friday Canteen urgently needs parent helpers. 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.
Welcome to canteen Tracey, thank you for volunteering and joining our Roster. A Big Thank you to Annie for your never ending support and rescue when we have been short of helpers and have had so many lunch orders 😊

Flexischools lunch ordering has been very popular, thank you for your support and using this great system. It also makes it much easier for us in canteen! Go to flexischools.com.au to register.

Canteen Roster
Mon 26th – Jo
Tues 27th – Tracey
Wed 28th – Tonia
Thurs 29th – Lyn
Fri 30th – Rachel and Diane

Mon 2nd – Jo
Tues 3rd – Eleanor
Wed 4th – Rachel

Thurs 5th – helpers needed
Fri 6th – helpers needed

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

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

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