Dear Parents/Carers

**Dancing Through The Decades - End of Year Concert**
What a spectacular show we were treated to on Tuesday! I am sure all those who were in attendance, both at the matinee and evening performance, would agree it was a highly professional and entertaining concert! Congratulations to all students who worked so tirelessly to learn their choreography in preparation for the performances. The hours and hours of practise certainly paid off and the standard of items were outstanding!

A lot of time and extraordinary effort goes on behind the scenes for your children to shine as brightly as they did at the concert. I would like to acknowledge the time, dedication and commitment of our teachers who ensured that all children were supported to do their best and provided the opportunity for children to experience the excitement of performing in front of a sell-out audience!!!

I would like to acknowledge Dannielle Carney for her extraordinary leadership of the concert, working with Kulture Break to ensure the performances were polished and professional! Thank you to the Monash P&C who also acknowledged Dannielle’s effort with the amazing flowers presented to her on Tuesday evening.

I would also like to extend a massive thank you to all members of our community who supported the concert by attending the performances, providing costumes, whispering words of encouragement and your overwhelming sense of community spirit! It’s events like these that remind me how proud I am to part of the Monash Community!

**100 Word Story Competition**
It seems Monash has caught the writing bug!!!! We were overwhelmed with entries for the 100 word story competition and the standard was absolutely stunning!!! Marilyn Morris, Leia Grunwald and I thoroughly enjoyed reading each entry but it was tough choosing one winner per year group. The stories were very entertaining and some had us all ‘laughing out loud’ due to their hilarity! Congratulations to the following students who were winners:
### Year Level | Name
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Kindergarten | Sofie
Year 1 | Thomas
Year 2 | Lukas
Year 3 | Aidan
Year 4 | Amy
Year 5 | Jessica
Year 6 | Ella
Winyu | Haylee

Thank you also to the generous Monash P&C who provided each winner with a $20 gift card for Smiggle and also to Jean Pennell (Grandmother of Miss Pennell) and the Woden View Club who made the gorgeous library bags that were presented to each winner.

**iinspire at Monash**
Canberra Raiders’ Coach, Ricky Stuart visited the school during the week to meet with some of our student leaders who have been part of the iinspire project. Ricky spoke to the students about leadership and what it looks like to be a strong leader. He took the time to personally chat with all of the students and sign jerseys and footballs. We appreciate the time and effort Ricky took to visit and inspire our students!

**Year 6 Graduation**
Year 6 students and staff are eagerly anticipating the Graduation Ceremony and Dinner on Monday. This is such a memorable milestone and the preparations that have gone on behind the scenes will ensure the planned events are going to be a wonderful celebration of all of the achievements the Year 6s have been part of. Thank you to the Year 6 Graduation Team for all of your extraordinary efforts coordinating each of the planned events!

**End of Year Student Reports**
Student reports have been sent home today to all families. It has been a pleasure to read the academic and social achievements of your children. Areas for development identified in your child’s school report will assist 2017 teachers to work with families to set learning goals early next year. Reports can bring on overwhelming feelings for both children and their families. I have included an article entitled ‘Reading Your Child’s Report’ that may be of interest to you. Please remember to make contact with your child’s teacher to schedule an appointment if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s report.

**Quality Work Wall**
One of the highlights of my day is when students are sent to visit me to share their learning successes! My Quality Work Wall is absolutely filled with photos of students proudly holding up their work. Their sense of pride and ability to share their learning and in some cases, the challenges they have overcome to meet their learning goals is inspiring! I have included a very impressive poem that Layla shared with me this week entitled Spring Time. Thank you Layla for sharing your stories of eating cherries at your Grandma’s place and your amazing poetry!

**Staff Farewell Assembly**
Families are invited to join us to farewell staff who are moving on to new schools in 2017 on Thursday 15 December at 2pm. We will be acknowledging and celebrating the contributions of Amelia Doering, Lauren Brett, Jillian Coulthard, Laura Mackinnon, Dianne Peios, Ben Smith, Stuart Rendell and Emmaley Greene. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday!
**2017 Term dates**
Just a reminder that Preschool and Kindergarten students will return on Monday 30 January and all other students will return on Tuesday 31 January. Please mark these dates in your diary!

**2017 Book Packs**
Please ensure you order your child’s 2017 book pack online as soon as possible. Book packs will be delivered directly to your residential address ahead of the 2017 school year. Orders and payments are **NOT** accepted at the front office. All orders and payments should be done online. Please see the stationery lists attached to this newsletter.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and I’m looking forward to seeing you for our final week of 2016!

Lili Jankovic  
Deputy Principal

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**Spring time**

In the spring I love the flowers opening, but the best part is the cherry blossoms.

When the cherry trees are starting to blossom I pick the ripe cherries. When the cherries are ripe they are juicy and shiny red.

At evening time I go to sit under the cherry tree, and watch the birds sing and fly around. I also watch the sun go down.

The end  
By Layla G

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**Library News**

The library has now closed for borrowing.

Please return ALL library books you may still have at home as soon as possible. Books can be returned to the front office.

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**2016 End of Year Concert DVD**

Order form for the End of Year Concert is available at the front office.
As the school year comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Monash community for all the support it has shown for the Hub and the many programs, events and activities conducted throughout this year. Your support and engagement has been amazing!

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have given up their precious time and energy and everyone who contributed with donations including toys for the playgroup, uniforms for the clothing pool, lots of trash n treasure items for the twilight fair, humongous amounts of baking, and a gorgeous handmade quilt made by a grandmother at the school for our raffle. We have a very generous community here at Monash. I look forward to a exciting new year.

Breakfast club will wrap up for the year on Monday 12 December and we will be having a special sausage sizzle. Families are welcome to attend from 8.00 am to 8.55 am.

The last playgroup for the year will be on Tuesday, 13 December from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. This week we will be focusing on Christmas craft.

Merry Christmas and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. See you next year!

Hub Coordinator

As the 2016 school year is drawing to a close, we would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who has helped in the canteen throughout this year. We are one of the few primary school canteens in Canberra that are open for business five days a week. This would not be possible without the ongoing, valuable support of our volunteers who assist with food preparation and serving. If this is something you may be interested in doing during 2017 we need assistance from 9.00 am to 11.00 am or 12.00 noon, once a week, fortnight or month. Any support is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the people who helped with the two election barbecues we held this year. We raised approx. $4,000.00 over the two events, and had a lot of fun ‘hanging out’ together. Some people even managed to work on their tan!

Thank you also to all our families who have participated in the fundraisers and meal deal events held in the canteen this year. We have really appreciated your support. As an added incentive to the last fundraiser, Mr G’s Cookie Dough, points were earned from the amount of 1kg tubs sold. As a result we were able to donate to the School five netballs and five rugby footballs to add to the sports equipment.

And lastly, a very big “Thank you” to the Year 5/6 students that have helped serve in the canteen this year. You’ve done a really great job. We wish all the Year 6 students all the best as they leave us to move onto high school. Call back in some time and say hello, we’d love to see you.
It's that time of year again!

To assist with the end of year cleaning, the school canteen will be closed on the last day of term, Friday 16 December. If you can spare an hour or two from 9.00am we would really appreciate your help in completing all the tasks required.

Looking forward to another amazing year in 2017,
Rachael Lynnda
Canteen Manager Chair, Canteen Committee

School Banking

The last banking day for 2016 will be Friday, 16 December 2016. Thank you to all those who take part in student banking through the school. Look out for more special awards in 2017.

Student Banking Coordinator

School Uniforms

School uniforms are available from Savvy School Wear, shop 32, Homeworld, Soward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342/9529. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases.

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. Further information is available online at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804. The cost of the card is 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

Monash School has a number of students who are allergic to nut products. 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 Rule

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND PICNIC
Sat 10 December: 5–9pm
Carols commence at 7pm

An evening of magical Christmas fun.

Bring your own picnic to enjoy in the beautiful Lanyon gardens.
Sing-a-long with the Sing Australia Choir and Tuggeranong Valley Band as the sun sets over the Brindabellas.

The homestead is lit by candles and decorated for a nineteenth century Christmas. Enjoy Christmas ornament making for children, a sausage sizzle, musical entertainment and carols on the lawns.

Presented in association with Sing Australia Choir and the Tuggeranong Valley Band.

$10 per car, bookings are not required.
Parking is limited.

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