NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 14 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2014

**Dates to Remember**

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**Notes Going Home This Week**

- NAPLAN results for Year 3 and 5 students
- Kulture Break magazine
- Class Carer information
- Holiday Happenings magazine

**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents/Carers

Today our students had the opportunity to purchase gifts for their Dads and significant others so that they are able to surprise them on Sunday. There was an amazing range of gifts on display and on behalf of the children and the wider school community I would like to acknowledge the wonderful team of volunteers who made this stall possible. Many people were involved in purchasing, wrapping and selling gifts.

Plans are already well underway for 2015. It is our intention to communicate information about 2015 class placements to families by the middle of Term 4. This process involves gathering information from key stakeholders including parents/carers, children and staff. To this end I invite parents/carers who have requests relating to friendship groups and other significant matters to communicate this information to me before the end of this term, Friday, 26
September. It is important that this information is received by this date as staff will be beginning work on the class lists in Week 1 of next term. Information will be treated as confidential and can be addressed to me either via email at shane.carpenter@ed.act.edu.au or in hard copy which can be left at the front office.

This week NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of students in Year’s 3 and 5. If you have any questions regarding this data, please feel free to contact either your child’s home group teacher or member of the school leadership team.

Yesterday, in my absence, approximately 20 of our students were invited to join Mr Buesnel for morning tea in the staff room. Congratulations to all of these students who have been observed demonstrating our school values over recent weeks.

This week Kulture Break dance lessons have commenced. In the coming weeks the children will be learning more dance moves and will begin working on the routines that will come together to make our exciting end of year celebration a reality. Information about cost and ticketing will be made available in Week 1 of next term. A reminder that the concert performance day is Tuesday, 9 December 2014.

On Tuesday of this week, students in our 1 / 2 and 3 / 4 units were visited by the Crime Reduction Unit of the Australian Federal Police. The officers spoke to the children about the importance of treating others respectfully and maintaining “hands off others”. They also spoke to the children about talking to trusted adults when feeling uncomfortable about situations. The team will be visiting our 5 / 6 students next Tuesday.

Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond Monash School’s control, the First Aid course for students scheduled for next week has been postponed until Term 4. Once confirmed, parents/carers will be informed of the date.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Dads and significant others in our community a Happy Father’s Day.

Have a great weekend.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Députy Principal’s Brief

What Can I do to Support Positive Mental Health For My Child?

Families are the biggest influence on children’s mental health and play a very important role in KidsMatter. Children benefit when the important people in their lives work together and have a shared understanding of their development and their needs.

KidsMatter Primary has developed a range of information sheets with parenting tips and strategies to help all Australian families support the wellbeing of their children. View them online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Monash Primary is participating in KidsMatter Primary and there are many things you can do to help make it a success:

- Read the KidsMatter Primary information sheets to further your understanding about children’s mental health.
- Develop relationships with staff, so you can share knowledge and information about how they can support your child.
- Get involved in the Action Team (see Lilli, Amber or Virginia)
- Ask staff how KidsMatter Primary is being implemented.
- Participate in school activities to build a sense of community.
- Respond to any school requests for ideas or information.
• Talk to other parents and carers about ways the school can support your needs.
• Let the school know what skills or talents you are happy to share.

Andrew Buesnel
Deputy Principal

PAYING FOR EXCURSIONS VIA OUR WEBPAGE

You may notice on our excursion notes that it now lists a reference number eg 8200-000-00 this is a
reference which relates to a specific excursion on our MAZE system used for receipting payments.

The family code is usually the first five letters of your surname and the initial of your first name.

The bank account details for Monash School is Westpac BSB 032777 Account No. 001674.

If you have any queries, please phone the front office.

Thank you

LIBRARY NEWS

Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge
The Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge ends on Friday, 5 September. Eight of the books must be from
the Chief Minister’s list of books that will be located on special shelves in the library. For children who
are not yet able to read, the books can be read to them. All students who read 12 books will receive a
certificate from the Chief Minister.

Teacher Librarian

P & C

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you to all of the families who supported the Father’s Day Stall this year. The stall was a successful
fundraiser with over $700 raised for the school. The stall was very popular and as a result we ran out of
gifts before all children had had a chance to visit the stall. We will make sure that next year’s stall is even
bigger and better! Thank you, Monash P&C Fundraising Committee

P & C NEWS

New P&C President Required: Call for Nominations
The Monash School P&C welcomes nominations for President from the School community (up to the
AGM, March 2015). We would love to hear from interested School community members who would like
to have a taste of being involved in the School’s P&C. Please submit your nomination to either Sue
Visentin (front office) or to monash_pandc@hotmail.com.
FYI, here is a sample of President’s roles:
• Chair general and executive committee meetings
• Act as a spokesperson for the association
• Exercise some supervision of the functions of other office bearers, if needed.
• Ensure adequate and efficient communication exists between the members of the association and the
School board
• Encourage parents to participate.

Next P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm, Thursday evening, 11 September 2014 in the Community Hub.
**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED NEXT FRIDAY**

Parent Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please consider sparing some time to help in canteen, we really rely on parents to help in canteen. Contact us at canteen, or on 6292 6357, monashpscanteen@outlook.com

| Mon 8th Sept | Jo |
| Tues 9th    | Eleanor |
| Wed 10th    | Rachael |
| Thurs 11th  | Lyn |
| **Friday 12th** | **HELPERS NEEDED** |
| Mon 15th Sept | Jo |
| Tues 16th   | Tracey |
| Wed 17th    | Rachael |
| Thurs 18th  | Julie |
| Fri 19th    | Diane |

Please contact us at canteen if you can help in canteen. monashpscanteen@outlook.com or 62916357

Farewell to our canteen manager, Veronica
The P and C Committee would like to thank Veronica for her last year at Monash and wish her all the best in her new position at Jerrabomberra school canteen.

Over the past year, Veronica has been instrumental in implementing the healthy eating menu with many items prepared and cooked on site.

With the launch of flexischools online ordering, implementing health and safety procedures and making the canteen a welcoming environment for the volunteers and students, Veronica will be missed. We would like to welcome Kate as the acting Canteen manager for the rest of the school year. As Kate and Veronica have been working together over the last year at Monash we know we are in good hands.

The Canteen sub-committee would like to invite any interested parties to join us at the Queanbeyan Leagues Club on Friday, 12 September for a farewell dinner. Please RSVP to the front office by Wednesday, 10 September.

"Hub Happenings"

Next term I am happy to announce we will be having a special high tea for some of the residents of Goodwin Village. Their bus will transport the residents to Monash for us to spoil at the Hub

The residents will be treated to yummy food and drinks served by students of the school and will also listen to students read as well as enjoy some singing from the student choir.

If any parents would like to bake something for this event I would love to hear from you. The date for this event will be on Wednesday, 15 October, the first week back in Term 4.
Our freezer is starting to fill with yummy soups. If you would like to donate a meal or be on the calling list to make a meal please let me know. If donating a meal please put an ingredient list on the front and the date of when it was made, and if you hear of a family that is doing it tough and might need/enjoy a night off, we can organise a meal.

**Boot Camp** has been moved to Mondays at 3.15 pm on the school oval. Please come along as it is a great way to get fit and make friends. Also if you have a friend who would like to come they are more than welcome. (Boot camp is free of charge.)

**Breakfast Club** – Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8.15 am to 8.55am. This breakfast provides a healthy start to the day. I am still looking for volunteers, but very happy that a couple of grandparents have joined the team.

**The "Cool Little Kids"** program has been a great success so we are having an information session on Monday 15 September at 1.15 pm to give you an opportunity to talk with the lovely ladies one on one about any issues you may be experiencing with your child and anxiety.

Playgroup Fridays 9.30 am to 11.30 am everyone welcome.

Tuesday - As the weather is starting to warm up our walking group will commence again from 9.30 am. Please meet at the Hub.

**Up Coming Events**

Cool Little Kids brief on Monday 15 September 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm.

St Johns First Aid course 2 day workshop for $170 this will give a qualification for 3 yrs. At the moment I’m just after interest for this class to run. We need a minimum of 10 people, so if you are interested please put your name down at the front office.

Thursday 25 September at 7.00 pm we will be running a ladies pamper night at the Hub. This will be hosted by a lovely mum from the school called Kim who has a business through the Body shop.

On the night you will be pampered and also given the opportunity to purchase any of the products you might like and 10% of sales on the night will go directly to the Hub.

This will be a great night of relaxation and hanging out with other mums - children are welcome.

**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 Hats**

The front office has bucket hats for sale at $10 each in medium or large sizes.

**Sick children**

If your child is not well, please try to keep them at home so that illnesses are not spread amongst other students and staff. Also, please advise the front office if your child has had an injury over the weekend that may impact them when they return to school. Thank you
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!
Please return the Entertainment Book that was sent home with your child immediately as we are now finalising the fundraiser.

CLICK HERE TO BUY NOW!

Thanks you for your support!

SCHOOL BANKING

Why not join in the fun at your school!! School Banking operates 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 17 September - 7.00 pm in the school library

Wanniassa School’s Big Picture program is currently offered to interested students in Years 9 and 10. Students who choose this pathway have the opportunity to design their learning around their areas of academic, personal and vocational interests, using the Big Picture Education Australia design principles. This program is open to all students by application and meets Australian curriculum and ACTDTE Year 10 Certificate requirements.

This information evening will explore the educational design in more detail, current and past Big Picture students will share some of their work, and the application process for 2015 will be explained.

For more information on the Big Picture education design principles, and videos of Wanniassa students undertaking LTIs, visit the website www.bigpicture.org.au or contact Ann Hill at ann.hill@ed.act.edu.au or 6205 6200.
Do you like to Run, Jump and Throw? Are you aged between 5 and 17? Don’t miss out on the action!

Join Calwell Little Athletics
Come down to our registration sessions

Thursday 11th & 18th September 6-8pm
St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Casey Cres, Calwell
Saturday 13th & 20th September 1-4pm
Calwell Shopping Centre, Were St Calwell

Calwell Little Athletics meets at Calwell Playing Fields every Saturday morning starting 8:45am
Commencing 11th October through to end of March
For more information visit our website: www.clac.net.au
Or Phone David Lawrence (Registrar) on 0411 144 046

Calwell Little Athletics Club
Ph: 0411 144 046
Email: dlinsweden@grapevine.net.au
www.clac.net.au

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