Dates to Remember

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<th>Monday, 15 December</th>
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<td>Wednesday, 17 December</td>
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<td>Monday, 2 December</td>
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Notes Going Home This Week
End of Year Concert DVD order form

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week it has been as we approach the end of the school year! Staff and students alike have really enjoyed the events of this week, many of which have been a celebration of 2014.

On Tuesday we celebrated one of the highlights of our school year, our annual End of Year Concert. In collaboration with Kulture Break we presented the event based around the theme of ‘Friendship’. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and extended family members able to attend the performances in support of the children. I would like congratulate the children on their outstanding dancing and teamwork. It was clear that everyone really enjoyed this occasion. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of Kulture Break. A reminder that the DVD recordings of the performance are available for purchase at a cost of $20. Order forms are available from the front office.

Yesterday was an extremely significant day for our Year 6 students who will be leaving Monash in just a few days. In the morning they were presented with their Graduation Certificates during the farewell assembly. Some students were also recognised for outstanding overall achievement receiving Spirit of Monash and You Can Do It awards. There were some very proud parents/carers in attendance to celebrate the culmination of their children’s primary school experience.

Last night the Year 6 children again gathered to celebrate their graduation at the Year 6 farewell dinner held at the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Club. Parents/carers also attended this evening when more awards were given out. There was also an opportunity to further celebrate with some dancing. A huge congratulations to our graduating class. Monash will certainly miss you!
I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our wonderful Preschool students who have presented their end of year concerts over the last two weeks. It has been wonderful to see so many proud family members in attendance. We look forward to many of these children commencing Kindergarten in 2015. Please note that Kindergarten first day information was sent home in the children’s portfolios. If you have any queries about this information, please contact the front office.

At this point I am still in the process of finalising staffing for 2015. It is my intention to notify families directly when confirmation of 2015 teaching staff becomes available. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Mandii, who has volunteered to manage our school canteen over the last two weeks whilst we have been without a canteen manager. Mandii’s generosity has enabled this important service for our school community to be able to continue. The last day of canteen for this year will be Wednesday, 17 December with limited stock available for purchase.

Today Semester 2 reports have been sent home indicating your child’s progress over the last two terms. I encourage parents/carers to discuss the reports with their children, celebrating goals and achievements, also identifying goals for 2015. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s home group teacher next week if you require clarification around any aspect of the report.

A reminder that all students will require their own book pack to commence the 2015 school year. Thanks to the many families who have already purchased these. Order forms are available at the front office and will also be attached to this newsletter. Book packs will be available for collection at the school on Thursday, 22 January from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

This will be the final newsletter for 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and extended family members for your ongoing support throughout the year. As Principal I am proud of the many ways that we have progressed as a school this year. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2015.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a very safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to you returning in February as we embark on a new school year.

Have a great weekend

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Brief

I would like to take this opportunity in our last newsletter for 2014 to thank all of the members of our Monash School community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Monash, particularly getting to know many of you and your children. It has been a privilege to be part of the exciting things that are happening at the school and to see the amazing growth in our children in such a short time. I have formed many friendships since beginning here and look forward to running into you out in our community for a catch up! Kind regards

Andrew Buesnel
Deputy Principal

"Hub Happenings"

The Hub is buzzing after the excitement of our Goodwin Village visit last week. The residents were treated to a mini concert and on leaving, you could hear whispers from the residents saying how gorgeous and well behaved all the children were. During that week we also held our Carnival Book Fair in the Hub. We were very busy and had lots of
shoppers enjoying the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. It was great to see some new visitors.

Breakfast Club on Tuesday 16 December will be our last one for the year and we plan on having a treat. I encourage families and students to come along and enjoy our end of year celebration with a yummy start to the day.

Our last playgroup for the year was held today.

Relay for life
In March next year is the Relay For Life event and is a great opportunity to raise money and awareness for the Cancer Council. We have a Monash team for those that would like to join in. Our team name is "Monash Community Guys and Dolls" and registration cost is $25 which includes a Polo shirt for you to keep and a hot breakfast. For more details and to join the team please visit [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au)

Last but not least, as we come to the end of the school year, I would like to thank all the volunteers and parents who have helped in the Hub with activities, events, baking, donations, breakfast club and the list goes on. I appreciate all your time and effort. Thank you and hope to see you next year.

Hub Coordinator

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING TO MONASH IN 2015?**

Could you return the slip below if you are not likely to be returning to Monash School in 2015 (this does not include current Year 6 students).

Your assistance with this information is greatly appreciated.

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**Extra Days for School Holiday Program**

As Term 4 ends on Wednesday 17 December, Communities@Work Monash School Holiday Program will be open on Thursday 18 December and Friday 19 December 2014 to assist families who may need care for these two days. The School Holiday Program will then recommence from 5 January 2015 until the beginning of the 2015 school term.

At our program children have the opportunity to explore, experiment and experience a wide range of activities and excursions. Organisations are also invited to our program to introduce children to new and exciting ideas that have the potential to inspire.

Due to the expected popularity of these two extra days, we recommend you enrol your child as soon as possible. To enrol please visit our website at [www.commsatwork.org](http://www.commsatwork.org) or contact Communities@Work Enrolments Team at enrolments@commsatwork.org or 1300 212 273

**Monash School Holiday Program Team**
**P & C NEWS**

**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**
School Banking has now ended for 2014. Hope you have enjoyed receiving your special prizes over the year. The theme for 2015 will be ‘Space’ and there will be a new range of prizes for those who do their school banking. If you do not have an account, please see Sue at the front office to find out how to become part of the Dollarmites banking program.

Kinder students will receive their welcome pack in early 2015. All new bank accounts will earn the school a commission.

**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**

**CRICKET ACT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
Sign up now to learn the skills to play Australia’s favourite summer sport!

**MILO in2CRICKET**- For boys and girls 5-8 years old, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January 9am-1pm, Narrabundah Oval $60 includes participant pack!

**MILO T20 Blast**- For boys and girls 8-14 years old, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January 9am-1pm, Narrabundah Oval $99 includes participant pack!
For more information on how to register contact Matthew Paton on matthew.paton@cricketact.com.au or 0416 187 355
LANYON CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND PICNIC

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. See the homestead lit by candles and decorated for a nineteenth century Christmas. Enjoy Christmas ornament-making for children, a sausage sizzle, musical entertainment and cards on the lawns. Presented in association with Sing Australia Choir and the Tuggeranong Valley Band.

$10 per car, bookings are not required. Phone: 62355077

Saturday 13 Dec: 5–9pm [Carol commence at 7pm]