NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 12 – 8 AUGUST 2014

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Notes Going Home This Week

Unit Overviews (by email)

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy Week 3 it has been at Monash School. Our staff and students have been engaging very well together as work begins on our Semester 2 learning outcomes.

I would like to thank all parents/carers who were able to attend parent/teacher interviews this week. The intention of these meetings was to provide meaningful feedback about your child’s areas of strength whilst at the same time articulate clearly the focus goals for Semester 2. Please remember that communication with your child’s home group teacher is not restricted to these formal interviews and I encourage parents/carers to feel free to contact staff (including members of the leadership team) at any time.

This week all parents/carers should have received a copy of the unit overviews for Term 3. These overviews are designed to provide parents/carers with a summary of the main teaching and learning focus points within each unit. They are also intended to provide an avenue for parents/carers to support their child/children’s learning in partnership with the school. If you seek any clarification regarding information provided in the overview, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff.

As you would be aware whole school assemblies are conducted every second Friday morning at 9.15 am. It is great to see so many parents/carers make the effort to support their children as they perform in front of the whole school and/or receive awards. In recent times there have been occasions when parents/carers have filmed children other than their own and posted links on social media outlets. To ensure any privacy concerns are respected please consider the following before posting any photographs/videos online that you may have taken at school assemblies and events:
• If you upload photos/videos of your children, be mindful of who might be in the background. You might be happy to share your child’s successes with your friends and family via social media, but some parents are not.
• If you are tagging or naming students, consider that other parents may not want their child’s name attached to images online.
• Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.

Yesterday, in what was one of the highlights of my week, I had the opportunity to host the first Principal’s Morning Tea. It was wonderful to meet with students from across the school. We also had an opportunity to visit my office and see what goes on in there! Different students will be chosen for each morning tea and parents/carers will be notified prior to the event similar to assembly awards so that they have the opportunity to celebrate with their children.

Congratulations to all students who received ribbons at Meet and Greet this morning celebrating their achievements at the recent Monash Athletics Carnival. Many of these students will go on to represent Monash at the upcoming Tuggeranong Athletics Carnival on 12 August.

Finally, I encourage all parents/carers to read a new segment in our school newsletter written by our Deputy Principal, Andrew Buesnel. Each week this segment will focus on a particular area of relevance for our school community.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Brief

We are very conscious of children’s behaviour at Monash. Children can find it difficult to tell us how they feel with words. Instead, we can often see how they’re feeling through their behaviour. Behaviour is how children try to cope with difficult situations, and is often a good indicator of their mental health. Children change over time as they grow, and many behaviours are very typical at certain ages.

It’s an adult’s job to work out what’s going on. It can help to think of difficult behaviour as the tip of an iceberg – there’s usually an emotional cause hidden underneath. Children’s feelings are very different to adults’. What’s more, children have different responses to feelings depending on their temperament.
As children develop, so too will the complexity of their feelings. It can be useful for families to understand the types of feelings children are likely to experience at certain ages. Often this can provide clues to their mental health and their behaviour.

Acknowledging and accepting children’s feelings makes them feel understood and it’s easier for them to think things through and deal with problems.

Relationship skills are important to a child’s future success as an adult as well as their day-to-day life. We need to know how to make and maintain friendships, resolve conflict, make decisions and solve problems to get along in the world.

Children aren’t born with these skills. Like many skills, they are learned and improved with regular practice as children mature.

With positive and effective guidance from families and their school, children can develop these life skills and experience good mental health and wellbeing.
Through our values program, behaviour management procedures and KidsMatter initiative, we aim to support children and their families in responding to children’s behaviour and understanding what it is telling us.

I would also like to draw your attention to the KidsMatter website which has many helpful resources for families regarding children’s behaviour and is also where the information above was sourced: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families. Monash staff will continue the KidsMatter training this year into 2015 and beyond.

I would also encourage you to have a look at our Student Management Flow charts and behaviour management policies which can be found in the Policies section of our school website.

Finally, I would also like to draw your attention to our school satisfaction surveys which will be distributed on Monday of next week. You will receive details on how to access these online early next week and we would appreciate you taking the time to have your say.

Andrew Buesnel
Deputy Principal

**ICAS Maths**
Due to the Tuggeranong Athletics carnival being held on 12 August, the ICAS Maths competition will now be held on Monday, 11 August 2014.

**Book Week**
Book Week this year is from Monday, 18 August to Friday, 22 August. The students will be participating in a number of activities to celebrate books. They will be participating in rotations on Friday lead by the Year 6 students. Each day there will be “Drop Everything and Read” time.

On Friday, 22 August the children will have the opportunity to dress up as a book character. There will be a parade in the hall at 9.15 am. Students are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. There is no need to go out and purchase a costume, you can use something you already have or make something using things from around the house.

Here are some ideas of items you could use:
- Milk cartons, soft drink bottles, juice bottles and bottle tops
- Foil
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Cotton wool
- Material (from old clothing)
- Garbage bags
- Balloons
- Streamers
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons
- Stockings
- Ice cream containers
- Old blankets or sheets

Teachers look forward to seeing all the lovely costumes and characters in Week 5.
**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**

**Dirt to Dish Kitchen News**

With the frost keeping our fingers and toes numb this week, and more than a few runny noses about, Week 3 seems the perfect time for some warming and medicinal chicken noodle soup.

We have been lucky that many of our winter vegetables have survived the heavy frost and we have been able to enjoy the midday sun to harvest some celery, Chinese cabbage and carrots from our garden to form the basis of our delicious soup.

Along with some chicken mince, garlic and a few other key ingredients, the children have learnt how easy and quick it is to make a big batch of delicious and nourishing soup. We have had lots of good discussions about how chicken soup can help you feel better and make your body stronger – even if you are not sick!

Next week we will be going back to a sweet recipe and talking healthy lunch boxes.

I hope you all stay warm and enjoy some home-made Chicken soup.

Fridge quote for Week 3:

“Good manners: The noise you don’t make when eating soup”

Happy cooking everyone.

"**Hub Happenings**"

Boot camp started last Friday and it was a great success even in the cold and rain they powered on and a few ladies were feeling it the next day.

Friday’s at 3.15 pm on the Monash Oval. Boot camp is a positive, fun way to start to get fit and make some friends along the way. Come along and bring the kids to play together on the oval.

Hub Helpings is gathering momentum with our new deep freezer to start freezing our pre prepared meals for those in need.

Breakfast club Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays from 8.15 am – 9.00 am

Helpers are still needed.

Tuesday morning tea for parents and carers 9.30 am - 10.30 am

Playgroup on Friday’s from 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Please bring your gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share for the children’s morning tea.

Upcoming events at The Hub -
Girls night in at the Hub Friday 22 August 6.00 pm. 
Looming, nail painting and a girly movie. This is approaching fast please put your names down at the front office.

National Child protection week 7 – 13 September 2014.

Family pumpkin decorating competition starts on 1 October until 25 October. Entry fee is a gold coin donation. The prize for the best decorated pumpkin will be a family pass to flip out! You can start painting now.

P & C News

CANTEEN NEWS

**Phone App for Flexischools Online Lunch Ordering:**

**iPhone:** Browse flexischools.com.au on the internet and click 'share'(the box at the bottom of your screen, with the arrow pointing up). The click on ‘add to homescreen’ button (located at the bottom of your screen). Click ‘add’ (located at the top right of your screen).

**Android:** Bookmark the webpage in the browser and then hold your finger on the bookmark and select 'add shortcut' or 'add to home screen' from the options that appear.

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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

As Term 3 begins, just a reminder that Sunsmart hats must be worn in the playground each school day.

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
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Clubs operate eight times a year and offers a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. Simply select books your child would like and fill in the Order Form on the back page (remember to fill in child’s name and class). **Return the order together, with payment, to the Front Office by the closing date.**

Please remember the following:

- **PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB MUST BE SENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE**
- Cheques must be made out to “Scholastic” (one cheque for the whole family will do). **A credit card facility is available for ORDERS OF ANY AMOUNT** (one credit card payment for all orders)
- Orders should be in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class listed
- **Orders must be back by Wednesday, 13 August 2014**

Many thanks for your support as our school library benefits from your orders.

Suzan Visentin, Book Club Coordinator

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!

Whether you choose the Digital Membership or Book – you have over 400 offers that you can use all year!


Thanks you for your support!

Please remember to reference Monash School when registering your 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Membership.

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.