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NEWSLETTER UPDATE NO: 5 – 4 APRIL 2014

Dates to Remember	
Saturday, 5 April	Mosaic Working Bee 9.00 am to 11.00am (in the school hall)
Monday, 7 April	P & C Hot Cross Bun orders are due back
Tuesday, 8 April	AFL Clinics
Wednesday, 9 April	FFA Schools 5-a-side Gala Day SRC Meeting
Friday, 11 April	AFL Clinics Last day of term 1
Monday, 28 April	First day of term 2 Preschool online enrolments begin
Tuesday, 29 April	Year 3 to 6 Parent Information Session SHFPACT 6.30 – 8.00 pm
Friday, 2 May	Monash Cross Country
Monday, 5 May	Wanniassa School open night 5.30 – 7.30 pm
Tuesday, 6 May	School Photos for Kinder to Year 6, Joeys and Possums Monash Open Night
Wednesday, 7 May	Board Meeting 5.15 pm
Thursday, 8 May	School Photos Koalas and Echidnas
Friday, 9 May	Community Hub launch Mother's Day stall Assembly Year 3 /4 presenting at 9.15 am Cross Country Sponsorship forms due back
Sunday, 11 May	Mother's Day

Notes Going Home This Week

School Photos – envelope for each student
Cross Country sponsorship forms
Head Lice note – Yerra Unit
Holiday Happenings

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a very busy week 9, I would like to acknowledge the great work that our students and teachers have been doing together in their units. Please feel free to contact your child/ren's home group teacher if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child/ren's learning.

Wednesday this week was a fantastic day for our Kindergarten, Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 students. The year 3 / 4 students participated in an excursion to the National Museum as part of their history unit. I would like to congratulate these students who were wonderful representatives of Monash School.



Our Kindergarten teamed up with their Year 5 buddies for our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic event. This year it was held at Tidbinbilla. Again the behaviour of all



students was excellent. It was particularly pleasing to see the wonderful leadership skills of our Year 5 students on display. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Yesterday, 12 of our students represented Monash at the Tuggeranong Swimming Carnival at the AIS. I would like to congratulate all of these students on their outstanding achievement in representing the school at district level.

Today, all students received an information note explaining this year's cross country carnival. In addition to information surrounding the event, students were also provided with a sponsorship card. Details are contained within the information document. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries. I would be very grateful if families are able to support the sponsorship process as this is a major fundraising exercise for our school. This year funds raised will contribute to the construction of our new outdoor learning area.

This Saturday, there will be a community working bee in our school hall to prepare the squares for our mosaic project next term. The working bee will be held from 9.00 am to 11.00 am, even if you are able to spare an hour it would be greatly appreciated. When completed by the students next term, the mosaic squares will be erected on the wall facing the basketball court where the students assemble each morning for meet and greet.

I would like to encourage any interested parents/carers to join our school 'Green Team'. This group is being coordinated by Jess who has included a short article provided a brief overview for your information. This group will potentially align very well with our school's kitchen and sustainability programme.

It has been brought to our attention that some children at Monash School are using a web site/ app called kik outside of school hours. This site/app is for children aged 13 or over and if your child is 13 they still require parental permission. There have been complaints made by students of bullying through the use of this site/app. Our advice for parents is to talk to your child/ren about cyber bullying and contact the police if your child continues to be bullied in this way. If you require further information please contact an executive teacher.

With only one week remaining, it is clear that our students are looking forward to the upcoming school holidays. Please be reassured that our staff are working hard to ensure that the students remain focussed.

Have a great weekend.

Shane Carpenter
Principal

Chicken Pox

There have been two reported cases of Chicken Pox in Bimbi Unit (Kinder). Information regarding Chicken Pox is attached with the newsletter email.

Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice reported in Yerra Unit. Please check your child's hair and treat as required. Information regarding head lice is attached with the newsletter email.

Library News

OVERDUE BOOKS

It has been great to see students returning their books and borrowing ready for the holidays. Overdue notices have been sent out to student this week. If your child received a notice can you take some time on the weekend to ensure the book/s are in their bag ready to return on Monday.

Thank you for your support.

There are a number of good reasons for Returning books on the due date or before:

- It develops the children's organisational skills (one of our YCDI values)

- It encourages regular reading
- It means that books are available for all students particularly the popular series.

Dirt to Dish Kitchen News

What a popular week it has been this week in the kitchen at Monash! We have all been working hard making pizza this week as we continue to learn about dough.

We have been talking about the history and tradition of pizza and how the “real” pizza (eaten in Italy) is so different to the Aussie version we enjoy here. (Definitely **NO** BBQ sauce or ham & pineapple!)

Many children were amused to learn that in Naples, Italy there are “Pizza Police” whose job it is to monitor local restaurants to ensure the quality and tradition of authentic pizza is upheld. Often the best pizza is the one with the simplest ingredients. A few fresh basil leaves, a lovely ripe tomato and a sprinkling of mozzarella cheese. We made some very simple pizzas from tomatoes and basil, grilled zucchini and fresh mint and rosemary and potato.



The children also learned about the amazing ingredient yeast and how it is a living organism that grows when given the right environment: food (sugar) water and warmth (making the water warm). It was amazing to see the yeast grow and change in these conditions and to discuss how it helps us make beautiful bread and pizza dough.

Our garden is continuing to thrive with our first zucchinis ready to pick and enjoy. The strawberries have gone in as well as cabbage and silver beet.

I have drawn up a garden roster to encourage any enthusiastic parents, carers and friends to feel welcome in the garden at Monash. We really appreciate any help you can offer, even if it is ten minutes of watering or weeding of an afternoon. Any contribution you can make is greatly valued and helps us enormously.

Free times are:

Monday morning 9.00 am - 10.00 am, Wednesday between 11.00am - 1.45 pm

Thursday, between 9.00 -11.45am, Friday afternoon between 1.30pm - 3.30 pm

Also, if you have any of the following items at home that you can spare, we would love to make use of them in the garden:

Shade cloth, netting, chicken wire, stakes (or material suitable to use as stakes), wire, cardboard toilet paper rolls, newspaper, hessian, straw, potting mix/seed raising mix. (No Plastic Pots please as we have plenty!)

Please drop them off directly to me and if you wish to volunteer your time, please contact me through the school.

Happy cooking everyone!

P & C News

Canteen

Flexischools.com.au is a fantastic option to Online Order your **lunch orders**, order the **Hot Cross Buns** Fundraiser, use for **Special Lunch** Offers, pay for **disco's** and any other events the P and C may offer in the future!

Register now and make a lunch order this term to go in the draw to **win** a Nutrimetics Pamper Pack.

It is very easy and extremely convenient! You can place lunch orders from your iphone, ipad or mobile device! We would like to encourage you to try it. Once you do, you will see how easy it is to use!

To start all you need to do is REGISTER to setup your account, TOP-UP your account with funds, and you can start to ORDER.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

1. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click REGISTER
 - Enter your email address (you will be emailed a link to setup your account)
 - Follow the link and choose a username and password, add each student and their class
2. "TOP-UP" the account to put funds in your account (with the amount you expect to use over the next 6 months)
3. Start ORDERING

Canteen Roster

Mon 7th – Jo

Tues 8th – Eleanor

Wed 9th - Rachael

Thurs 10th – Julie, Tonia

Fri 11th – Pia

To be added to the roster or for roster changes please contact Veronica by email at monashpscanteen@outlook.com

Second Hand Clothing Pool

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The Second hand clothing pool will now be running twice a term. Next term we will open on Wednesday 7 May. More information to come early next term.

Lost Property

Please check lost property for any lost items. Next week any item left in lost property will be donated to the second hand clothing pool or donated to charity.

P & C Netball News

The Year 5/6 Netball Team Monash Mars Bars had their first grading game last weekend, and although we missed some of our old players who have moved on, we are very excited to welcome Jessica, Stephanie and Tia for their first season.

Miss Freckleton has already started getting the girls into shape with her expert advice and training, and we are very pleased that she has also offered to umpire our Saturday games. As a badged umpire and having previous coaching experience with representative teams, we consider ourselves very fortunate to have her on board this year.

We have had some great success with seeking sponsorship this year. Thanks to Donna, Anne Marie, and Sharon for helping with some contacts. Firstly, Capitol Chilled foods have kindly donated some red Canberra Milk shirts for the girls to train in and Sportsman's Warehouse of Fyshwick have also kindly donated a netball and some player of the week vouchers.

Please support these local businesses so they can continue to support our kids.

Amber, Team Manager

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



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

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.



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