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Dates to Remember

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Notes Going Home Last Week

eBook Information (email attachment)
eBook/Audio Book log on information for students Kinder to Year 6

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Week 10 has been another busy week, culminating in our final of ‘Monash Has Talent’ this morning. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our performers, those who auditioned over the last fortnight and did not perform today. Special thanks must go to Judith Percy for organising such a wonderful event where students could display the diverse range of talent that we have here at Monash.

Last Saturday morning we had an overwhelming turnout for our garden working bee. Thank you to everyone who supported the program by giving some of their precious Saturday time to spread mulch, plant seedlings, upturn soil, eat sausages, build scarecrows and enjoy the sunshine. Our children will benefit from all of the hard work and I look forward to seeing what the spring will bring for our Dirt to Dish program.

Over the last week we provided two opportunities for family members and carers to come into school and share in their child’s learning through our Learning Expo. Thank you to those who took the time to come
and visit. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers in attendance. I also noticed a large number of grandparents who were able to come along. Grandparents and extended family members are always welcome at Monash School. Please be reminded that although we have formal reporting processes built into the school calendar like our Learning Expo, we also welcome parents and carers at any time throughout the school year to share in their child’s learning. We received a significant amount of positive feedback about the format of this year’s Learning Expo and will look to continue these in 2015.

Over the upcoming school stand down period we are expecting a couple of changes to our school’s physical environment. You may have noticed some temporary fencing that has been erected at the front of the school. This area has been allocated for extra car parking and work will be commencing on the car park in the coming days. We also expect that our portable building beside Yerra Heights will be removed over the school break. I encourage all members of our school community to keep an eye out for any other activity in the school grounds that may be of concern as we strive to work as a community to monitor potential vandalism.

As we head into the break information has just become available which will allow all of our students to access eBooks through our Directorate’s “Digital Backpack”. Students can use their school based log on details to access a range of texts for the computer, smartphone and tablet devices. I would encourage all families to familiarise themselves with the attached material around eBook access.

Thanks for your ongoing support this term. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents/carers as we move into the final term of 2014.

Have a great holiday and enjoy the Spring weather!

Shane Carpenter
Principal

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**e-books and Audio books**

All students at Monash Primary will have received a card with log on details for borrowing e-books and audio books through the library catalogue. Please keep these details in a secure place. The Education Department has set up and supplied the e-books and audio books for ACT government schools.

The students are now able to access e-books and audio books from both school and home. They are able to borrow 5 items and will have access to them for 2 weeks. There are detailed instructions writing by the Julie Goodall from Information and Knowledge Services attached, that will step you through the process. For the audio books the students will need the Overdrive App that can be downloaded for free and for anyone under 13 they can choose the “I’m under 13” option.

**HAPPY READING!**

Teacher Librarian

**Mr D’s PE**

First a big congratulations, to Mareli (1st in 12 yr old girls discus, 27.78 metres), Nathanael (1st in 10yr old high jump, 1.30metres) and Ryan (4th in 10 yr old long jump, 4.10 metres) at the ACT 12 and Under Track and Field Carnival. They have all made the ACT National Team which will go to Penguin, Tasmania from the 27 November to the 1 December. Keep your ears open, as we hope to help them with some fundraising early in Term 4.

The hockey clinics finished this week with Zac taking the groups through some hockey games. I was there for the 5/6 and 3/4 clinics and the children have improved their hockey skills and enjoyed the coaching. They certainly showed their improvement in the sideline hockey games they played.
To conclude this term the year 1/2 classes played some Crocker (combination of cricket and football (soccer)) where the children were able to kick a football (soccer ball) and roll it underarm at a target. They began learning how to catch, field and throw during a game and how important it is to be ready with your body during a game.

The Kindergarten classes participated in obstacle courses in the hall which included climbing, jumping and balancing.

In Term 4 we will definitely do some skipping with all of the groups for the first couple of weeks. So during the holiday take a skipping rope with you. We hope everyone has a great holiday!

Mr D
PE Teacher

PRESCHOOL
Joeys and Koalas

Joey and Koala groups have been enjoying the spring weather and lots of associated activities.

We are enjoying watering our vegetable garden and watching the vegies grow – the snow peas are ready for a trellis!

After the Dinosaur Museum visit we have learnt a lot about dinosaur attributes. We have collaged our own dinosaurs and written a story about them, made dinosaur booklets and printed with dinosaur shapes.

Shay’s hen, Henny Penny, visited the Joey and Possum groups and laid an egg while we played outside! She will be visiting the Koala and Echidna groups during Week 1 of Term 4 when the ‘Chicken Hatching Program’ is here and we will see ‘her eggs’ hatching!!

Other interests have included: making mystery boxes, weddings, boats, masks, swords, lawn mowing, racing cars and doing large floor puzzles together.

Wishing all our families a safe and happy holiday!

Possums and Echidnas

The last week has finally come for this term and the children (and teachers) are certainly tired! We have had a very busy term and to celebrate the children’s achievements, the Possums and Echidnas today had a Milk and Milo on their last day for Term 3.

Kenny Koala visited Preschool this week. He taught us all about Stranger Danger and who we can trust if we get lost. Some of the children knew their home address but most were unsure. We ask families, in the holidays, to teach your child/ren their address and possibly a parent’s mobile number. Constable Stewart says this is the best way for a child to be found if lost.

We continue to be very interested in dinosaurs, ballet, The Avengers, drawing, counting, bugs, guns, flowers and building tall towers.

Next term we will continue to be looking at bugs and their different features, the life cycle of a chicken, where our food comes from and basic addition. The children have built some great towers out of the bamboo building set this past fortnight. Charlie so far has built the tallest one with 5 levels and no base at the bottom! The amount raised in our Footy Colours
Days was $111.30.

The next book of the fortnight will be *Old MacDonald had a Farm*. I am sure all families have read this old favourite and it is to get us excited for our visit to the Farm in Week 3. The Hatching Chicks program will start first day back of Term 4. We will have live chickens in an incubator and we will watch them hatch. They will then be transferred to a brooding box and we will watch them grow for two weeks.

### Bimbi Unit News (Kinder)

What a wonderful way to end the term! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers that made time to come and see Kindy’s Learning Expo. We loved sharing all the learning we have been doing and especially appreciated playing, reading, building and making things with you. We are all so proud of all the students.

We have a lot of lost property with no names on them, so if you are able to, pop back into the Bimbi unit and check out the lost property.

It has been a busy two weeks in Kinder. We had visits from the Fire Brigade and from Kenny Koala. The firemen taught us to “stop, drop and roll” if the fire alarm goes off at home. Students were asked to learn their address so that they can tell the Fire Brigade where to come if there is a fire at their house. We got to ride in the fire truck and hold the hose and water the gardens!

Kenny Koala reminded us about who we can talk to if we get lost at the shops or in another public place. He also suggested that we learn mobile numbers for our mums or dads so that if we are lost, we have a contact number other than 000 to call.

In Maths Kinder have been learning about how to match words to numerals. We have been playing a wide range of games that reinforce these concepts. Over the holidays have a chat to your child about numbers and ask them to spell them out to you. If you see numbers written out (addresses) ask your child to read it to you.

Kinder has been writing every day. We are working on a range of sounds and the different ways to write them. During the holidays, you might like to do some writing about the exciting things you have done that day or that week. The teachers would love to read about your holidays!

Kinder has been working on the end of year concert. We have been using some of the school values to learn the new dance with Rachel from Kulture break. Persistence has been a real focus for us! We can’t wait to show you what we have learnt!

Have a safe and happy holidays.
See you next term!

### Yerra Unit News (1/2)

Term Three has definitely been a busy one for us all and especially this last week with everything that the children participated in. We will all be happy to have some time to rest up in the holidays.

Some of the activities we have been involved in this term have been the police visits, sports clinics, the dentist incursion, the learning expo and the teddy bear’s picnic which have all contributed to the learning experiences for our students.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Learning Expo on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents here to support the students and for them to display their work and show you the great progress they have made so far this year.
We all had fun at the Teddy Bear’s picnic held in the middle session yesterday. It was a lovely way to end the term with all the Yerra students sharing food and participating in organised games on the oval.

A big congratulations to all the children who auditioned for the Talent Show. They had a lot of fun and proved that we have some budding stars in Yerra. Thank you to Percy Sensei for all her hard work in organising the event.

We would also like to thank Mr D for organising the hockey clinics this term. The Year 2 children learnt some new skills and enjoyed the sessions very much.

Also if required it would be helpful to restock your child’s stationery supplies and label any clothing and hats over the holidays.

Finally we would all like to wish you a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday. The 1/2 team will be looking forward to a wonderful ten weeks in Term 4 and to end the year on a positive note with happy and confident students.

**Dulma Unit News (Year 3 / 4)**

Dulma students have completed their Science experiments and related scientific procedures for their IRPs this fortnight. They have done a fantastic job at planning, carrying out and recording results for their investigations and we would like to thank the Dulma families for their support and help at home with students’ IRPs.

Dulma Unit would also like to thank all of the parents, carers and friends who came to our Science Expo this week. The students enjoyed showcasing their work and performing their science experiments to our special visitors. They have worked very hard all term and are very proud of their achievements.

The 3/4 students have been participating in hockey this term. The students have learnt some essential motor skills and have enjoyed the games and team activities that the hockey clinics have provided.

In Maths, the year 3’s have revisited multiplication and division facts for 2, 3, 5 and 10. The Year 4’s have been measuring and comparing length, temperature and mass using scaled instruments this fortnight. Both years have also done some fabulous artworks based on symmetry.

The Dulma teachers would like to wish all students a happy holidays and are looking forward to Term 4!

**Bural Unit News (Year 5 / 6)**

Thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents and family members who attended the Learning Expo this week. Year 5/6 have been working really hard this term to improve their knowledge of Health and Physical Education, as well as developing their research and presentation skills. We loved sharing our work with all visitors on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

We were very impressed with the students’ dedication and enthusiasm throughout the process of their Independent Research Project.

In English next term Year 5/6 students will continue to work on their reading skills through Cooperative Reading. Our writing focus will be Poetry with students focussing on improving their language choices.
In Maths groups, the Year 5 students will complete their study of data collection and graphing, and then begin focussing on Fractions and Decimals. Year 6 students will continue working on Decimals and Percentages as well as begin a focus on Statistics and Probability.

Next Term our IRP focus will be on the area of Geography. Students will look at continents including Asia, Europe and North America.

A reminder that camp, for participating students, will be held in Week 3 of Term 4.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to all the hard work and learning continuing during Term 4.

**Winyu Unit News**

The children have been busy this term learning about different art techniques and artists. We love our Unit at the moment, it is full of our beautiful artistic creations which the children are very proud of.

With the term coming to a close we would like to thank all the Winyu parents and carers for coming to the Learning Expo. It was great to see you all and we hope that you enjoyed seeing all the hard work the children have done.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. We are looking forward to a busy and productive Term 4. We are looking forward our swimming lessons!

**Dirt to Dish Kitchen News**

Firstly I would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the Monash families, staff and friends who attended our Garden Working Bee last Saturday. The turnout was amazing (and luckily the weather was perfect)!

Our garden is looking amazing and I am sure as we move into our peak growing season we will have a wonderful return. You may notice a new “helper” as you walk through the garden on your way to Meet & Greet. Our resident gardener is named Russell Crow. His job is to ward off any unwanted wildlife who may seek to get their beaks on any crops (or lunch boxes). Make sure you give him a wave & say hello!

We have been spending this week in the garden making the most of the sunshine and getting to know all the newly planted crops. The children have been watering with precious rain water from our tanks and have been learning about the value of a greenhouse and how it can help protect our seedlings from the harsh weather we sometimes experience in Canberra.

I hope you all have a wonderful & safe break and I look forward to meeting lots of new chefs in Term 4 for some fun times in the Monash School Kitchen.

Happy cooking everyone!

**P & C NEWS**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED NEXT TERM**

The Staff in the Canteen would like to thank those wonderful people that have helped us over the term. We hope your support will continue in Term 4. Parent Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. We rely on parents to help us out on a daily basis so as we can continue to offer fresh and healthy food for the students.
The telephone number direct to the Canteen is 6292 6357, or alternatively you can drop us an email. monashpscanteen@outlook.com to discuss your interest.

As the warmer weather is upon us we are now offering a New Summer Menu for the Students to enjoy. The Menu can be found on the website, at the front office or if you are already using the Flexischool arrangement it can be found on this as well.

## Parent Volunteer Roster

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"Hub Happenings"

Term 3 has come to a end and it is holiday time, I hope everyone has a lovely break and comes back nice and refreshed ready for the fun and adventures in Term 4.

Up coming Events in Term 4

Wednesday, 15 October 10.30 am - 11.30 am - we have the lovely residents of Goodwin Village coming to the Hub for a high tea. Students will help to serve our visitors drinks and yummy food then treat them to some reading and maybe a song or two.

If you would like to get involved or make some food for the morning please let me know.

Pumpkin decorating competition starts first week back in Term 4 and judging of the best decorated pumpkin will take place on Friday, 31 October.

It is a gold coin donation to enter and the prize for the winning pumpkin will be a family pass to flipout.

This is a great opportunity to show your creative talents and create a family masterpiece. School holidays is a great time to get started.

Hub magazine

For the next Hub magazine we are looking to cover the front double page with a collage of families from the school and community. This could be a family selfie or a picture taken by a friend.

Bringing Up Great Kids is a parenting program built upon the principles of attachment, reflection and mindfulness. It provides the opportunity for parents to reflect on their parenting style, identify the messages their children are communicating, overcome obstacles and manage effective parenting despite pressures. They will learn about the importance of self esteem, and discover ways to take care of self and find support when needed. This is a great program and is open to everyone.

-When: 9.30 am to 11.30 am on Thursday 23 and 30 October.
-Where: Gilmore Primary School
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. Information and application form can be picked up from the Front Office. The completed form can then be lodged at the Government Shopfront with the cost of the card being 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

As you may be aware Monash School has a number of students who are allergic to nut products and 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 Grounds

Please note that bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden within the school grounds or school corridors. Thank you.

School Rule

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

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK!

If you would like to keep your copy of the Entertainment Book, please enclose your payment in the envelope the book came in and return to the Front Office as soon as possible. The P & C receives $12 on each copy sold.

Any unwanted copies of the Entertainment Book must be returned in the envelope it came in to the Front Office immediately.

If you would like to order additional copies of the book, please see the Front Office.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from Savvy School & Formal Wear, Shop 32, Home world, Sward Way, Tuggeranong. For any enquiries, please phone Savvy on 6293 4342. All Monash parents receive 10% off uniform purchases.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking operates each Friday, except the last day of term. Please bring completed bank books to the Front Office

Small Boxes

If you have any small boxes at home ready for recycling please consider bringing them in to Kindergarten. Please do not send in toilet rolls.

Many thanks