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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to 2015! I trust that all families enjoyed a happy and relaxing holiday period together. We have certainly heard many stories from the children this week detailing the adventures of the last six weeks. The staff are certainly all excited to be back at school and we look forward to a productive and happy school year in 2015.

The children have commenced their teaching and learning programs this week. The staff have been busy planning in preparation for Term One over the break. Overviews for each unit will be sent home with children in Week Three.

I would like to extend a big welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this year. We have a variety of new students in all classes, some joining us from as far away as South Australia and the South Coast. Also, a large contingent of Year 3 students have joined us from Isabella Plains Early Childhood School.

Our new staff have had a great Week One. Again I would like to welcome Renee Berry (Deputy Principal), Ben Smith (Executive Teacher 3/4), Lauren Brett (KB), Laloma Ware (3/4W), Dominic Nixon (5/6N) and Frances Kleine (Japanese). Welcome back to Hayley Gannon (5/6GL) and Alex Taylor (1/2T) who are both returning from maternity leave.

I would like to inform all parents/carers that there will be a Parent Information Night this Wednesday, 11 February from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. This meeting will commence as a whole school function in the hall and following this, parents/carers will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and have an informal chat with the teachers. Formal parent/teacher interviews will occur in Week 5 of this term and interview preference forms will be sent home in the coming week.

On Wednesday of this week, our school hosted the launch of the Progressing Parental Engagement Project by Minister Joy Burch. Monash has been chosen as a pilot school to trial this exciting project which explicitly aims to develop connections between home and school, and enhancing the role of parents as partners in their children’s learning.

Our 2015 swimming carnival will occur at Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre on 26 February. Please note that event nomination and general information forms are being sent home today. We would appreciate prompt return of these by 13 February 2015. Non swimmers will not be attending this event and full supervision and programs will occur at the school on this day for these students.

Finally, I would like to remind all families that we value the importance of communication between home and school. Key to this process are our school Facebook page (Monash School) and our Monash School App. Both avenues provide important reminders and daily updates about what is happening at our school. We invite your “like” if you have not already had the opportunity to do so.

Have a great weekend everybody and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday night at the Parent Information Evening.

Shane Carpenter
Principal
Message from the Deputy Principal

It was with great excitement and pleasure that I commenced my position at Monash Primary School this week. I’ve had a wonderful start to the year already and I would like to thank all staff, students and community members at Monash Primary School for a very warm welcome. During my short time at Monash I have been impressed with the quality of and diversity of programs on offer, commitment of staff and strong community support.

In week one I have had an opportunity to not only work with teachers and students across the school but also to meet parents and members of the Monash community. I’ve also spent time this week talking to students about Monash and listening to all the things that make Monash so great.

Over the coming months my priority will be to create opportunities for students, staff and parents to share their ideas about how we can build on the strong foundation already established at Monash and continue to ensure our students and parents are at the centre of all we do.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families joining the Monash Primary community. After speaking with parents this week I am pleased that our new students are settling in and enjoying their new learning environment.

I look forward to continuing to get to know students and parents over the coming weeks and meeting parents and carers at our upcoming information evening.

Renee Berry
Deputy Principal

MONASH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 AND 2016

Nominations are called for the election of two parent/citizen representatives on the School Board of Monash School for two years (1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017).

Nominations must be in writing and must contain the signed consent of the candidate.

Nominee Forms are available from the Monash School front office from 11.00 am on 2 February 2015.

Please note nominations close at 11.00 am on 16 February 2015.

The following position is open for nomination (2 positions available):
Name of Position: Parent/Citizen Representative.

Eligibility Criteria: Members of Monash P &C – which all members of our parent body are deemed to be, or citizens of the school community. Current members may nominate.

Lodgement of Nominations: Place your completed Nomination Form in the ballot box in the Front Office from 11.00 am Monday, 2 February to 11.00 am Monday, 16 February 2015.

Polling: Elections, if required, will be held by ballot from 11.00 am Monday, 23 February to 11.00 am Monday, 2 March 2015.

Declaration of Nominees: The Assistant Returning Officer will declare the nominations as soon as practicable after the closure of nominations. Nominations will not be made public until after the time of declaration of nominations.

Suzan Visentin
Assistant Returning Officer
Monash School Song

We are children of Monash Primary,
We all take part in our community
We form a part of one big family
This school is for you, this school is for me,

Chorus:
Touch the earth, reach the sky
you can challenge the future if you try
Reach on high, let your spirits fly
you don’t know what you can do until you try

Pre School to seniors is a long way
With tears and laughter and lots of play,
but through it all we have to say
Monash helps us grow everyday

Some of us will leave and go on our way
the rest of us return and face another day
Farewell to those who part, you’ve made a good start.
You’ll always be in our heart.

Resilience, organisation getting along
Persistence, confidence, respect, getting along
Honesty, responsibility, care and compassion
don’t forget inclusion it’s part of the solution.

Chorus:

Library News

Welcome back to the new school year.
Children have commenced visiting the library and borrowing books. It is important that all students have a library bag to protect the books from damage in their school bags. The bags can be cloth or shopping bags. Please label the bags so that they can be easily returned if mislaid.

Help Needed
If you would be able to assist with covering books either at the library or at home please contact the library. If you would like training on how to cover books, this can be arranged. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you

Veronica Melville and Margaret Brittan

“Hub Happenings”

Welcome back to a new and exciting Term 1.

We have a lot of new events and courses planned for this year in the Hub and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Breakfast club will be held on Monday and Tuesdays from 8.15 am to 8.50 am starting this Monday, 9 February 2015. We will kick this year off with a sausage sizzle breakfast and we encourage students, parents/carers to attend this event and enjoy sharing a meal together. Breakfast club is open to all students to provide a healthy start to the day, parents/carers always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the breakfast volunteer team I would love to hear from you.
**Playgroup** will occur on each Tuesday from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome! A relaxed atmosphere where children play and create while parents connect with others and enjoy a cuppa. Gold coin donation and please bring along a piece of fruit to share for children’s morning tea.

**Relay for life.** This year Monash School and community have a Relay For Life Team. We would love more team members to join in. Children are welcome. You can walk, run or hop your way around the AIS track to raise money for the Cancer Council. Registration is only $25 which provides you with a shirt, entry and a hot breakfast. Our name is Monash Community Guys and Dolls. To register hop on line to [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au). This is a fantastic event and one close to many hearts.

**Virginia**
Hub coordinator

**P & C News**

**Second Hand Clothing Pool**

The pool will be running every Wednesday of the school term out of the Monash Family Hub. Opening hours are 8.30am to 9.30am. We have range of brand new and second hand t-shirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts and dresses. New items are $5 and second hand items are $2.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

School Banking day is Friday – so please remember to hand your completed bank books in to the front office before school.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Sue Visentin
Student Banking Coordinator
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.