



# Monash Primary and Preschool

## NEWSLETTER



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“Successful schooling - Our future’s foundation”

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### Respect, Responsibility, Success

## Dates for your Diary

### April

8th—Pupil Free Day  
9th—MMM Meeting @ 7pm followed by Governing Council Meeting  
12th—Term 1 ends  
29th—Term 2 begins

### NAPLAN PREPARATIONS & PRACTICE

As you may be aware from correspondence last year, Monash Primary has been nominated to complete our NAPLAN tests online this year. This is obviously a big undertaking, as we need to ensure our IT systems and equipment can cope with the demand. This Friday, most Year 5 students and possibly some Year 7 students will be involved in a “Nationally Co-ordinated Practice Test”. This is a time when a number of schools across Australia log on to the testing platform and complete a trial to ensure our systems can cope with the demand. The types of questions will reflect those that will be part of the NAPLAN tests, so it is also a great opportunity for students to get a sense of how the testing will look when it happens in May this year. The practice tests are not marked, student answers are not recorded, and reports are not generated. It is simply a test of the system to try and prevent potential issues when the actual tests occur next term.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN online, you are welcome to be in touch with Alana Kitson.

### STUDENT LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

This week *Student Learning Discussions* are happening across Preschool to Year 7 – what a fantastic opportunity to hear from your child about their learning goals and plans for progress! The Year 3/4 class completed most of their discussions last week, and there were some very proud children excited about being able to ‘meet’ with their families. We will seek feedback from families in our Week 11 newsletter, so look out for that info. Thank you to all families who are able to commit time to prioritise these discussions – they are a valuable part of building strong links and connections between home and school.

### PUPIL FREE DAYS

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, all teachers in the Riverland were involved in a training day (Pupil Free Day) as part of a 3-year project called “Visible Learning”. This year is our third and final year of being involved in the training program. Since we began in 2017, we have made significant gains in *developing successful learners* at Monash. The training aims to improve teacher capacity to support students to become life-long, engaged learners who understand what they are learning, why they are learning it, how they are progressing and what they need to do to progress or improve – and that is what our *Successful Learner Framework* is all about!

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April we have another Pupil Free Day, this one focussing on our work with the Berri-Barmera Partnership in *learning design, assessment and moderation*. This day will see teachers from Berri, Barmera, Monash, Cobdogla and Glossop working together in teams to plan quality maths learning tasks.

Throughout the year the same teams will continue to meet together with the plan to assess student learning and build a common understanding across schools of what A, B, C, D and E standards of achievement look like in maths.

These full-day training opportunities are an essential part of our teacher development program, and we appreciate Governing Council’s endorsement of the days throughout the year.

Preschool families: The Preschool also has a ‘Pupil Free Day’ on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to align with the School Pupil Free Day. On this day, Preschool staff will be engaging in training and development, reflecting on student learning discussions, clarifying current goals for each child and using these goals to plan and program for Term 2.

### FACEBOOK FOR MONASH PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL



We now have a Facebook page! Governing Council endorsed this at their last meeting, and we have it up and running. We will trial it until mid-term 2, and then review its success, work through any issues and make a decision on whether it is something we will maintain long term.

A few things for you to know:

- The intent for the page is to provide another way for families to access information about events. At this stage it will not replace any other current methods of communication, but be in addition to.
- It will also be used to **celebrate successes and showcase our school and preschool**. It will provide easy access for families to see what is happening and be reminded about things.
- It will also enable potential future families to connect with information about our site and see some of the fantastic opportunities we provide.
- The page will be administered by a small number of school staff, and closely monitored.
- At this stage, photos of children will not be published on the page until we ensure we have all relevant permissions organised.
- As the purpose of the page is to **celebrate and positively share what is happening at Monash Primary and Preschool**, inappropriate content, comments or material will not be tolerated, will be removed from the page and follow up with the person involved will occur.
- The Facebook page is not a forum for communicating with the school or preschool about student absences, permissions for excursions, asking questions or the like. These should be done by contacting us directly, writing a note in your child’s diary/ message book or via the SkoolBag app.

We are looking forward to seeing how the Facebook page goes, and will seek your feedback mid next term. In the meantime, if you have any questions or feedback, please be in touch.

Our Facebook page can be found by searching for “Monash Primary and Preschool SA” on Facebook, or at <https://m.facebook.com/Monash-Primary-and-Preschool-SA-356423228302976/>

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Alana Kitson

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Second-hand uniforms will be for sale in the multi purpose room during breakfast club on Friday mornings between 8:30am-9:00am.

## PAYMENT OF 2019 FEES

**REMINDER** that School Fees for 2019 should be paid by the end of Term 1 unless there is a payment plan in place.

If you require a payment options, fees can be paid via instalments, BPoint, Direct Debit or Centrepay. Please feel free to come to the office to discuss.

If you wish to apply for School Card, applications need to be completed every year. 2019 School Card Applications for Form A can be completed online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) or paper forms can be completed in the office. Please note **Swimming Fees** are **NOT** covered by the School Card Payment.

*Nicole Cawse*  
Finance Officer

## KISS & DROP

In recent weeks, morning parking out the front of the school has caused inconvenience to those parents wishing to 'kiss & drop'.

Parents are reminded that the school side of Jackson Street is a no parking area between 8.30am and 9.00am.

If you wish to get out of your car and walk your child to the classroom please use other designated parking areas around the school during this time.

## RIVERLAND SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Zy, Nathan, Ella, Emily, Mackenzy & Bridget for being selected in the Riverland SAPSASA Softball team to play in the State Carnival in Adelaide. The four girls will be playing in the girls team and Zy and Nathan will be playing in the boys team. This is the second year in a row that Emily has been selected for this team. The Carnival will be held in Week 11 of this term (April 8-11). This will be a great opportunity and experience for these students and we wish them all the best for the Carnival.

*Jimmy Vlassopoulos*



### YEAR 6/7 EASTER RAFFLE

From tomorrow, Year 6/7 students will be invited to sell tickets for their spectacular Easter Egg Raffle. They will be available on the verandah from 8:30am—9:00 and at home to family and friends. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Traditionally these Easter baskets are full of goodies and should set you up nicely for Easter. All money raised will help offset costs for the Canberra Camp. Please help our Year 6/7 students to help themselves.

Winning tickets will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday, 12th April. Best of luck to you!



## MESSAGE FROM NATALIE BROCK (STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER)

A significant focus for the first 4 weeks of the school year at Monash has been on student wellbeing, with staff explicitly planning activities that help students make strong connections with their peers, teachers and the wider school community.

To review our goals around this, 30% of our students were surveyed and our results were very positive. Of all of the students surveyed, 91% reported that they feel safe and respected at school, while 9% reported that they sometimes felt safe and respected. 100% of Yr 4-7 students could name an activity that they were involved with to enable peer interactions and a sense of belonging to be fostered. 83% of Reception - Yr 3 students were able to name an activity.

Student responses around the change in the process of electing SRC representatives in classes were very positive, with reflections including that they enjoyed the challenge of making a speech, thought it was a much fairer process and that the 'best people' were elected for positions.



## MAMMOTH MONASH MARKET INFORMATION

### MAMMOTH MONASH MARKET MEETING

The Mammoth Monash Market is our annual school fundraiser and continues to be a significant event on the local calendar. This year the market day falls on Sunday, 26th May. The success of our market is built on a combined effort between staff, students and parents. Plans for the 2019 Mammoth Monash Market are underway and our **first meeting has been set for Tuesday, 9th April at 7.00pm in the school staff room (prior to the GC meeting)**. This meeting is open to all families and we would love to see a big turnout of parents ready to support the 2019 market.

**Please contact the front office for further information. Thank you**

### PRODUCE STALL REQUEST

This year we are looking for a couple of families to help support Bev and the fantastic work she does on our produce stall. Bev's son Todd is moving on to high school next year and we are hoping to find at least two wonderful Monash P S families who would like to take on this important role.

**Please pop into the front office for a chat if you can help. Thank you.**

Net of  
Kindness  
Award

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Abby R  
Ashleigh H

## BERRI NETBALL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The following students from Monash PS have made the U13 Berri Netball Development Squad:

Ella W  
Jessica R  
Meg M  
Emily D-C

The girls trialled for 3 consecutive weeks, a total of 16 girls trialled and 9 were selected. They are required to play in the U13 Berri Netball Competition on Friday nights and they will also play U15's on a Saturday morning in the Riverland competition. Congratulations girls!





Term : One

Weeks :7&8

**Respect Responsibility Success**

Well done to these students for demonstrating our values in class!

**R/1:Miss Iskra**

- ★ Fletcher & Frankie—Success—Persisting with our word work to make interesting and more complicated super sentences.
- ★ Lucas O—Success—Working hard to stay on task during learning time.

**R/1:Mrs Barnett/Mrs Jackson**

- ★ Ameera—Success—Making connections with literacy skills of decoding.
- ★ Hunter—Success—Persistence with his learning in literacy, using multiple skills.

**2/3:Miss Kunoth**

- ★ Charlie—Success—For showing persistence in reading.
- ★ Kobe—Success—For making connections and explaining his learning about base words in English.

**3/4:Ms Thompson**

- ★ Lexi—Success—Listening to and following instructions in PE lessons.
- ★ Lilly—Success—Developing her maths mental strategies.

**4/5:Mr Thiele**

- ★ Kirah H—Responsibility—Packing up after other people without being asked.
- ★ Cody—Success—Cody persisted when working on his times tables and didn't give up when he made mistakes.

**4/5:Ms Strout/Mrs Neumann**

- ★ Lexie—Responsibility—For assisting others in finishing class tasks and in being a reliable helper when sports shed monitors are away.
- ★ Max—Responsibility—For using great patience and encouragement with his little buddy.

**6/7:Mrs Kilsby/Mr Vlassopoulos**

- ★ Ayden—All Values—Upholding all of our values to a high level in all areas of learning and classroom procedures.
- ★ Ella W—Success—A clear, detailed and well articulated presentation of her goals during Student Learning Discussions.

**6/7:Mr Trobbiani**

- ★ Molly—Respect & Responsibility—Noticed going out of her way to help another student with practising Japanese conversation.
- ★ Noah—All Values—Great resilience and positive mindset to pick up work he had missed from being away.

**Mrs Walters (Art/Design & Digital Technologies)**

- ★ Year 3-7 students—Success—Using problem solving skills, computational thinking skills, persistence and resilience in the 2019 Bebras Challenge.

**Mrs Ridley (Music/Dance & Drama)**

- ★ Vanessa M & Jett R—Success—For concentrating and persisting with reading a chart when playing the keyboard. Well done Jett and Vanessa!

**Mr Vlassopoulos (Health & PE)**

- ★ Zy H, Nathan A, Emily D-C, Ella W, Mackenzy P, Bridget P—Success—For making the Riverland SAPSASA Softball team.



# SAPSASA Athletics

On Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 38 students from Monash Primary School participated in the Riverland SAPSASA Athletics Carnival which was held at Loxton High School. 21 schools from across the Riverland participated in this Carnival and we were competing in the Large Schools Division. Students born between 2006-2009 were only able to participate in this Carnival and our team was selected based on performances in trials conducted earlier in the term. Students were only able to compete in a maximum of 3 individual events and a relay. The events were 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, 4x100m Relay, Discus, Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump.

The students who participated in the Carnival were:

3/4 Thompson - Cooper S, Lillie H

4/5 Strout/Neumann - Nikita A, Zach H, Emily R, Karmpreet S, Lincoln B, Matthew A, Max A & Steven M

4/5 Thiele - Dillon M, Anthony L, Keira C, Miley M & Maddie H

6/7 Kilsby/Vlass - Brayden P, Josh K, Oscar M, Zy H, Ella W, Emily D-C, Melody B, Jessica R, Kyle K, Noah B

6/7 Trobbiani - Deklan G, Dimitri H, Hayden L, Liana A, Sarah R, Mitchell C, Kaitlin I-F, Molly W, Lachlan M, Meg M, Nathan A, Mackenzy P & Akusha M

All students performed very well and it was also great to see a number of them win or place in their event(s). The following students placed in their event(s):

Brayden P - 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Long Jump for the 2007 Boys

Cooper S - 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500m for the 2009 Boys

Lincoln B - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m and the Long Jump for the 2009 Boys

Emily R - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m for the 2008 Girls

Zy H - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Discus for the 2008 Boys

Emily D -C- 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Shot Put for the 2006 Girls

Zach H - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m for the 2009 Boys

2009 Boys Relay Team (Cooper S, Lincoln B, Dillon M & Zach H) finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

2007 Boys Relay Team (Brayden P, Mitchell C, Dimitri H and Hayden L) finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dillon M - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500m for the 2009 Boys

Noah B - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m for the 2006 Boys

Our school finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 in the Large Schools Division and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 21 schools overall, which is a fantastic effort!

Congratulations to Brayden P, Zach H and Cooper S who have been selected to represent the Riverland at the State SAPSASA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide next term.

A big thank you to Mr Trobbiani for assisting me on the day and to all parents who volunteered to transport students to the Carnival. This event would not have been possible without your contribution and commitment to the school community. Once again it was fantastic to see so many parents supporting the students on the day. Thank you again.

Jimmy Vlassopoulos





**Taco (cup shell) and Choc Chip Cookie**  
*Please bring back by Thursday morning (28<sup>th</sup> March)*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please order me a **taco cup** with: cheese lettuce tomato cucumber salsa sauce  
 All orders come with a delicious chocolate chip cookie

@ \$5.00



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**SPARKLE TOP ORDER FORM**

Parents/Caregivers of Year 4/5/6/7 students who are/will be involved with Choir or SAPSASA events over the years—Would you be interested in purchasing your own sparkle top? Depending on the number of students wanting a shirt the cost (of the shirt) will be between \$40-\$48. Please place your order by this Friday 29th March.

Name of Child/Children _____	Size	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L
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Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

