Monash Primary and Preschool NEWSLETTER

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"Successful schooling - Our future's foundation"

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Dates for your Diary

July
22nd-26th—Bike Ed Years 5-7
29th—Preschool 'Child Free' Day
30th—Parents & Friends Meeting

August
2nd—SAPSASA Soccer
5th—Tag Rugby Clinics
6th—Choir Performance Chaffey Theatre
9th—SAPSASA Tag Rugby / Canberra Camp Fundraising event @ Monash Club
13th—Musica Viva (Monash Hall)/Governing Council Meeting
19th—Preschool Photos/Book Week begins (Reading is My Secret Power)
21st—School Photos
22nd (Boys)/23rd (Girls)—SAPSASA Basketball
28th—Footsteps Disco (5pm—7.30pm)
29th—Preschool 'Child Free' Day
30th—SAPSASA Hotshots Tennis

September
3rd—Parents & Friends Meeting
3rd/4th—Year 4/5 Camp Glenhaven
6th—School Closure
10th—Governing Council Meeting
18th—Cricket Clinics
20th—SAPSASA T20 Cricket
25th—Sports Day
27th—End of Term 3

October
14th—Term 4 begins

Welcome everyone to Term 3! It has been lovely to see all the smiling faces and hear about different holiday adventures. Children enjoyed spending time reconnecting with each other and revisiting routines yesterday, and again today. The *Dates for your Diary* section of this newsletter highlights some of the many events that will be happening this term – it will be another busy, fun-filled one! Some key things include a Year 4/5 camp, Festival of Music performance, many SAPSASA events, photos, Book Week, Footsteps Disco and Sports Day. Wow! Looking forward to it all.

REPORT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND FEEDBACK SLIPS

All students received their written report at the end of last term, indicating their progress and achievement against standards for Semester 1 this year. All report envelopes included a *Report Acknowledgement and Feedback* slip, and all families are requested to fill this in and return it to their child's class teacher by the end of this week. Additional copies are available at the front office if needed.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Monash Primary & Preschool Jerrick and Declan. Jerrick is in Year 2 in Miss Kunoth's class and Declan is in Year 6 in Mr Trobbiani's class.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) VIABILITY SURVEY

Accompanying this newsletter is a survey from Governing Council, who is considering establishing an out of school hours care service at Monash Primary and Preschool. Current families are invited to complete the survey and return it to the front office by the end of Week 3, and the surveys will be forwarded to Governing Council. The survey is designed to provide an indication of the needs of our community in regards to OSHC and will be used by Governing Council to determine if further exploration of the service is worthwhile.

NEW SIGNAGE AT MONASH PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL!

You may have already noticed some changes occurred around our site over the holiday break – a number of signs were replaced as part of our amalgamation between our school and kindergarten! In total, there have been 6 signs revamped - have you spotted them all?! Some of them are shown here. Thank you to Brett and his team from Rivergraphics for their great work and timely service.

ADVANCED NOTICE—CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISING EVENT

We have been granted a night on the Monash Social Club Community Fundraising Calendar to receive their raffle takings for the night. This is set for **FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST** .

This will involve a minimum of 10 people aligned with our group going for dinner on the night. Joining in and promoting their raffle would be good but not compulsory.

Already we are generating considerable interest in joining this outing for a meal on the night so I'm sure we'll meet the minimum quota required. This is open to everyone though, so if you're interested in coming please book individually with the club beforehand (phone 85835343) and mention 'supporting Monash Primary School Canberra Camp Group'. We're thinking 6.30pm for 7.00pm would work.

Might see you there.

John Trobbiani, Sami Kilsby & Jimmy Vlassopoulos

WELCOME TAHNEE DACK

This term we welcome Tahnee Dack to our staff team. Tahnee is a Year 12 Glossop High School Head Prefect, and will be completing a traineeship in Education Support with us at Monash for the remainder of the year. Tahnee will be working mainly with the Junior Primary classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. Welcome to Monash, Tahnee!

CHILD FREE DAY—PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

Preschool families please be advised that Governing Council has endorsed a 'Child Free Day' on **Monday, 29th July and Thursday, 29th August** for the purpose of Training & Development. Please note these are normal school days for school children.

Act of Kindness Award

Lachie M

Sponsored by: Parents & Friends / Toyworld Berri

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2019

The 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program came to an end late last term. Thank you to everyone in the community; kids, parents, grandparents, staff, neighbours and friends for your efforts in collecting stickers to help our school buy some new equipment. In total we had 315 sticker sheets completed, which enabled us to purchase:

- Jumping Bouncing Balls
- Scooter Boards
- Skipping Ropes
- Balance Rockers
- Team Walker
- Jumping Sacks
- Target Mat

We will receive this equipment in Term 4. Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed and we look forward to taking part in this program again in the future. *Jimmy Vlassopoulos*

SPORTS DAY 2019 - SPECIAL GUEST

We will be holding Sports Day on Wednesday, September 25th (Week 10). We are currently trying to find someone to open our Sports Day this year. If you happen to know of someone, can you please let Mr Vlass know asap.

BOOK WEEK 2019 (17th-23rd August)

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is 'Reading is my Secret Power', and to celebrate we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library as well as have our Dress Up Day. Please check our next Newsletter for more information on this fabulous, fun week. *Sue Henwood*

SPARKLE TOPS FOR SALE

The following sparkle tops are available for purchase from the front office:

2 x size 10
3 x size 12
2 x size 14

The cost of a sparkle top is $46. We really encourage you to purchase a sparkle top for your child if you think they are going to be involved in SAPSASA Carnivals, Choir and Instrumental Music (even just one of these things) in their time at primary school.

Jimmy Vlassopoulos

NEWSPAPER

Mrs Walters has run out of newspaper in the Art Room. If you have bundles of newspaper at home and are looking to get rid of them she would certainly appreciate it.

Please note : PIZZAS ARE TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE TO ORDER FROM THE MONASH STORE.

Fruit Cutters required Wednesday 9.00-10am every week

CROISSANT HELPERS SLIP

Helpers are required with the ham and cheese croissants on Friday, 26th July between 11.20am and 1.00pm. If you are able to help out, please fill in the tear off slip and return to Jane or Nicole in the front office.

PARENT NAME: _____ CHILD'S NAME:_____ CLASS:_____

Ham / Cheese Croissants and Fruit Juice

Please order by Thursday morning (25th of July)

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Please order me a ham and cheese croissant @ $5.00

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Developing 'Social and Emotional Learners' at Monash Primary & Preschool

We have been doing a lot of thinking, reflecting and discussing about the problems we face. Because nobody is perfect and friendships are messy, we all need to learn how to better resolve conflict. School is the perfect opportunity for us to learn to solve challenging problems.
We are learning the steps to solving problems and conflict.

0. Calm down
1. Say and understand the problem
2. Think of solutions
3. Explore the consequences
4. Pick the best solution
5. When there is a problem it is really important to calm down before trying to solve it, otherwise our emotions can get in the way of solving problems.

In the JP Unit we like to use strategies such as 5 finger breathing, thinking about something we really like, having some time by ourselves or holding onto a furry classroom toy.

When you are calm, you can start talking through the problem. It's important to be honest in this bit. Blaming other people won't solve any problems, we all need to take some responsibility about our role in conflict.

I statements can help others understand how you felt when something happened. Here is an example… "I felt left out and I felt hurt because he wouldn't let me play the chasey game, so I threw his water bottle to annoy him."

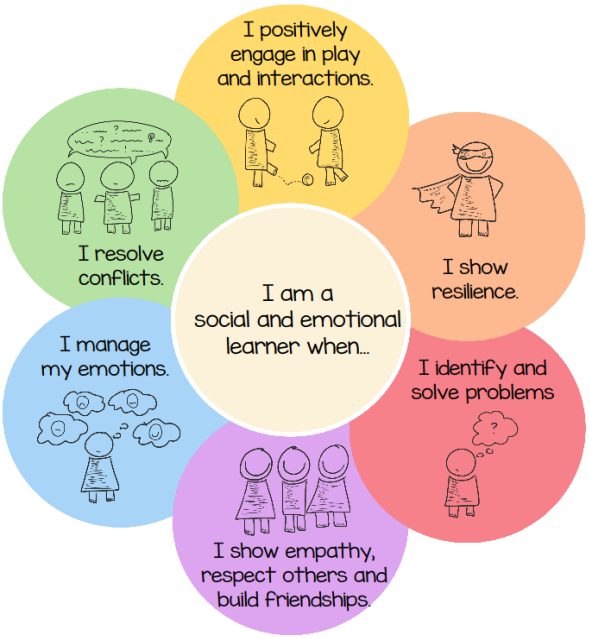
It's a really powerful tool to be able to resolve conflicts by ourselves. Part of this is to think of solutions like compromising, playing with someone or something else or trying to fix it.

You might be thinking to yourself, "What does compromising mean?".
Well… when you compromise you give up a little of what you want so everyone can agree. Even if you REALLY, REALLY want something.

After you think of solutions for your problem you need to explore the consequences of your solutions, that means what effect it can have. You can think to yourselves…

(Indigo) What might happen?
(Sebastian) Will that be a safe choice?
(Kasey) How can we all have fun?

Once you have had a think, pick the best solution. This might mean that:
We all get what we want.
We all get a little of what we want.
I can get what I want next time.



Sharing by the R/1 Class (Miss Iskra)

TUESDAY AUGUST 6th 2019

A CHOIR NOTE!

I hope you have your ticket! This night is going to be a sell-out.

Our choir is sounding really lovely. We can't wait to join with the other schools in Cluster A and show you what we can do. When you hear that beautiful high pitched vocal work floating over the rest – that's us!!

Congratulations to all of our singers. After the last rehearsal at the Town Hall I was packing microphones away and you were all lined up in the foyer waiting for the bus. Someone started to sing *Minoi Minoi* and when everyone joined in - the sound that drifted back up into the Hall was just beautiful! I had to stop what I was doing and come and look at all of you very special young people. You are about to amaze your audience and represent yourselves, our school and our Festival with distinction. Jo, Miss Strout and I are so very proud of you.
This is the SAPSASA of singing. Some of our young singers are not quite ready to come with us to Performance. We look forward to their continued involvement in our school choir at the events planned for the rest of the year.

We have a number of singers who auditioned for, and won, special parts in the Festival as Soloists, Troupe members and Comperes. These singers have been attending extra workshops and rehearsals in preparation for our Performance: Ella, Jess, Isla, Ethan, Liana, Mia, Melody, Emily and Lachlan.

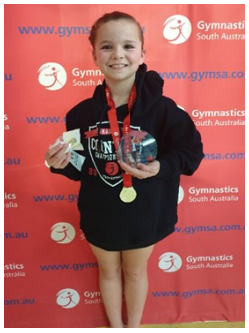
A huge thank you to;

- Cathy Miegel from Lameroo who choreographed the Troupe.
- Karyn, Gill and Sue for their support of the troupe and comperes.
- Me, well, I get the privilege of working with our soloists.

Anything your singer attended after hours was facilitated by a dedicated, skilled, professional - volunteer.

Gymnastics Country Championships

On the first weekend of the school holidays, Chloe M represented the Riverland Gymnastics Academy at the Country Championships in Adelaide. There were 5 people representing the Riverland. Children from across all regional areas in South Australia competed in this Championship. Chloe was competing in the 'Women's Artistic Gymnastics Level 4 Open' division. She was up against 30 people and the ages of her competitors ranged from 10-16. Chloe used 4 apparatuses, they were the floor, beam, bar and vault. Overall, Chloe came 2nd out of 30 which is a fantastic achievement. She has now been selected to participate in the State Championships in Adelaide (where she will be competing against metropolitan and regional people) which will be held in October.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Families are invited to have their say on moving year 7 to high school

Regional communities are invited to have their say on how year 7 will move to high school. The consultation will test the possibility of providing families with the choice to keep their year 7 child in primary school, if their primary school is located more than 20 kilometres from its nearest area or high school.

For details of forums in your area and to register, go to the YourSAy website at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au. You can also share your views directly through this website. Contact the Year 7 to High School Project team at Year7toHS@sa.gov.au if you have questions.

All Stars Gymnastics

(Commencing classes this term)

Cobdogla Primary School Gymnasium
$60 Registration & Insurance per year
$75 Fees per term

Classes (Ages as of 1st January)

Little Stars (5-6 years) Wednesdays 4.15-5.15pm
Lucky Stars (7-8 years) Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Rising Stars (9-10 years) Mondays 4.15-5.15pm
Shooting Stars (11-12 years) Mondays 5.30-6.30pm
Blazing Stars (Open age) Mondays 6.45-8.00pm
Superstars (Selected) Wednesdays 6.45-8.00pm

To register your interest call Jane Schrapel
ph: 0408 113 833

ALL STARS GYMNASTICS