



Monash Primary and Preschool

NEWSLETTER



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“Successful schooling - Our future’s foundation”

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Dates for your Diary

January

28th—Term 1 begins

February

3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th—Reception to Year 5 Term Time Swimming

5th—Year 6 Aquatics

6th—Year 7 Aquatics

10th—Pupil Free Day

17th—SAPSASA Swimming @ Renmark

18th and 19th—External School Review

19th—Adelaide Crows community visit 1.30pm-3.30pm

24th—Adelaide Crows player visit in the COLA 1.45pm-2.45pm

March

3rd—SAPSASA T20 Cricket @ Berri

9th—Adelaide Cup

13th—National Ride to School Day

20th—Choir rehearsal 9am—1pm

April

2nd—SAPSASA Athletics @ Waikerie

9th—End of Term 1 - Dismissal 2.20pm

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW

In Week 4 of this term, our school will have an *External School Review* (ESR). All Department for Education schools are reviewed every 3 years. It will involve 2 panel members from the Department (a Review Officer, who is a former leader, and a current school Principal from another area of the state) coming to Monash and spending two days reviewing our improvement practices and plans. The aim of an ESR is to affirm, challenge and strengthen the work we do in order to continue improving learning outcomes for our students. A letter printed on the reverse side of this newsletter, provides more information about the ESR and how students and families may be involved.

RECEPTION—YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Week 2—Monday 3rd February

—**NO SWIMMING Tuesday 4th February**

—Wednesday 5th February

—Thursday 6th February

—Friday 7th February

Lessons will be for an hour each day.

These lessons are an important part of the Health and PE curriculum with teachers reinforcing key water safety messages through their classroom based programs.

Lesson times are as follows—

9:30-10:30

Mr Thiele’s Year 5’s & Ms Thompson/Mrs Ridley 4/5

10:30-11:30

Miss Kunoth 2/3

12:00-1:00

Mrs Barnett/Ms Iskra 1/2

1:00-2:00

Mrs Scholz/Ms Iskra R/1

NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We welcome to Monash Primary & Preschool for the very first time -

- **Preschool children**—Aarav P, Abigail B, Ashton W, Brodie T-W, Celise D, Eamon P, Elliot R, Evelyn C, Evie K, Gurnoor N, Kadence-Lee F, Kaiden F, Kane P, Mackenzie B, Oliver C, Oliver F, Payton F, Rayner K, Riley V, Sabastian R, Seth J, Willow M
- **Reception students**—Aidan J, Alyssia P, Callum K, Harneet K, Heath P, Kate S, Kaylee G, Lennox K, Lewis B, Logan J, Penelope R, Poppy H, Ruby B, Sienna K, Tyler E
- **Year 4 students**—Brendyn H-B, Eli C, Will C
- **Year 5 student**—Shakirra R
- **Year 6 student**—Bonnie T-D

Alana Kitson

ADELAIDE CROWS COMMUNITY TEAM VISIT

On Wednesday, February 19th (Week 4), the Adelaide Crows Community team (**No Players**) will be visiting our school to conduct a presentation on a school program they are promoting. They will present to us in the COLA. The presentation will run from 1:30pm—2:30pm.

ADELAIDE CROWS PLAYER VISIT

On Monday, February 24th (Week 5), some Adelaide Crows players will be visiting our school. Classes will make their way to the COLA at 1:45pm for an assembly where they will meet the players and have the opportunity to ask them questions. Students are also invited to bring along merchandise to get signed by the players. Families are also welcome to attend. The assembly will finish at approximately 2:45pm.

Jimmy Vlassopoulos



WELCOME

Welcome to all students, families and staff to 2020! We have been busy over the last couple of weeks preparing for the upcoming year, including organising learning spaces,

developing learning plans, sharing student information and preparing for upcoming events. These events are listed in the diary dates section of this newsletter. It will be a particularly big year at Monash, with 100th birthday celebrations to be planned for later in the year and our External School Review happening early in Term 1.

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

Our office is open from 8.30am—4.30pm, Monday—Friday.

YARD DUTY

Supervision of students before school will begin at 8.30am and afternoon supervision will be from 3.20pm—3.35pm.

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2020

In the first few weeks of this year, the 2019 Governing Council will hold their last meeting of their year, organise the AGM and call for nominations for 2020 Council. Governing Council plays an important role in the effective management and running of our site, and supports the work of staff. I encourage those interested in nominating for Council to speak with myself or a current Councillor about the role, and look out for information to be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

NEW STAFF

Since the end of last year when our teaching staff was finalised, we have welcomed a second preschool teacher to our staff team! Mrs Bev Crowhurst will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, alongside Mel Allder, and Sarah Doupis and Daniele Nobile continue with us as preschool support staff. Bev is looking forward to meeting all preschool children and families tomorrow. Welcome to Monash, Bev!



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Dear Families,

As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review panel.

The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools are externally reviewed every 3 years.

The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school's performance. The review panel includes a review officer and a trained review principal. Our school review will occur on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th February 2020 (Week 4 Term 1).

The review panel will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be invited to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate everyone's support and time in helping us with this external school review process.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the admin office if you **do not** want your child to participate. If you would like more information please contact me via the admin office on 8583 5361.

Kind regards,

Alana Kitson
Principal

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS – return by Friday 7th February (Week 2)

I do not want my child _____ to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Parent/carer name: _____

Signed: _____