



# 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

#### February

3rd—Year 6/7 Aquatics  
4th—Year 6/7 Aquatics  
16th—SAPSASA Swimming

#### March

5th—Schools Clean Up Day  
8th—Public Holiday—Adelaide Cup  
21st—Harmony Day  
24th—SAPSASA Athletics

#### April

2nd—Public Holiday—Good Friday  
5th—Public Holiday—Easter Monday  
7th—SAPSASA—Football & Netball  
9th—Term 1 ends—2.20 dismissal  
26th—Public Holiday—Anzac Day  
27th—Term 2 begins



#### WELCOME

Welcome to all students, families and staff to the 2021 school year! I trust that the holiday break was a happy and healthy one for you and your family and friends. Here at Monash 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 class and school events.

#### COVID UPDATE

As shared on Facebook and Dojo last week, we are able to welcome adults back onsite - we are so pleased, as we have missed this important connection with families!! We must still adhere to physical distancing and indoor density guidelines, but it's a great move forward from how things were last year. We are also able to welcome back volunteers, as well as plan SA-based camps and excursions and participate in SAPSASA.

Next week, we will have a QR code for 'check in' at Monash Primary and Preschool. The specific information about how we will implement it at our site and who will and won't be required to 'check in' will be shared with our community once we have established our processes.

#### 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.

#### CLASS DOJO

All classes Preschool - Year 7 will be using Class Dojo as a communication tool and a way to connect with families and share what is happening with learning and events. Parents can expect regular updates ('posts') from class teachers to the class page, and we encourage all parents to connect with Class Dojo if you aren't already. Teachers will be sharing details of their class' page with you in the first week.

The following information is important for Class Dojo to be used effectively:

\*Teachers are not able to check messages during the day, so if you have an immediate question or information relevant to that particular day, please contact the admin office and leave a message. For instance, if you need to pick your child up early, please contact admin staff rather than send a message to a teacher, as they are unlikely to see it in time.

\*Our preferred process for reporting an absence continues to be parents contacting the admin office via a phone call.

\*Teachers will respond to messages on Dojo at their convenience - the same way that they respond to messages written in a diary/ message book or a phone call. They may see a message but are not in a position to respond at that time, but they will get back to you. This is the same if a teacher sends a message to you - you are not expected to respond immediately, but getting back to the teacher at your convenience will be appreciated.

\*Our use of Class Dojo intends to provide a positive way to engage families with what is happening at school and preschool and offer another way of communicating with your child's teacher. We will continue to have our Facebook page, newsletters, email and phone messages as options for communication, and each class may have diaries or message books as well.

If you are new to Dojo, or aren't sure how to set it up properly or change your notification settings, etc, then please be in contact with your child's teacher. We want to make sure Dojo is a positive and engaging experience, not an added stress. We are happy to do what we can to help.

#### BEFORE SCHOOL CARE/YARD DUTY

- Students are not to arrive onsite before 8.30am, unless they are booked into OSHC.
- Students can arrive from 8.30am, when a member of school staff is on yard duty. Preschool children can arrive at 8.45am.
- Students who arrive before 8.30am and are not booked into before school care must be under the direct supervision of their parent/carer until 8.30am, when a member of school staff is on duty.

The duty of care and safety of your child is of the utmost importance. Families can contact Happy Haven OSHC or our Admin office for further information.

## TEACHING STAFF 2021

### Preschool—Building 13

Mrs Mel Allder

### Reception/Year 1—Building 5

Mrs Kylie Scholz (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Miss Kim Axon (Thursday & Friday)

### Reception/Year 1—Building 5

Miss Tahlia Iskra

### Year 2/3—Building 11

Miss Stacey Braum (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Ms Laura Strout (Thursday & Friday)

### Year 3/4—Building 14

Ms Julie Thompson

### Year 4/5—Building 14

Miss Lauren McGargill

### Year 6/7—Building 16

Mrs Helen Neumann (Monday & Tuesday)

Mrs Dee Barnett (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

### Year 6/7—Building 16

Mr Matthew Thiele

### Health & PE

Mr Jason Beck (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

### Performing Arts

Mrs Cindy Ridley (Tuesday & Wednesday)

### Visual Arts

Ms Laura Strout (Tuesday & Wednesday)

### Student Wellbeing Leader

Mrs Natalie Brock (Tuesday & Wednesday)

### Teaching & Learning Improvement Coordinator and Intervention

Mrs Dee Barnett (Monday & Tuesday)

### Literacy & Maths Intervention & Teacher Release

Miss Kellie Kunoith

## SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF 2021

Nicole Cawse—Finance & Admin

Jane Woolston—Admin

Sue Henwood—Library/Admin support/Classroom support

Wayne Castle—ICT/Classroom support/Grounds

Colleen Duggin—Classroom support

Peter Schramm—Classroom support/Grounds

Judy Knight—Classroom support

Lorraine Poulos—Classroom support

Jo Dixon—Choir/Classroom support

Chelsea Greer—Classroom support

Jodie Wright—Classroom support

Sarah Doupis—Preschool support

Tahnee Dack—Classroom support

Moira Beech—Classroom support

Erin Taylor—Pastoral Support Worker

## FRUIT FLY

Attached to this newsletter is information from PIRSA regarding the Fruit Fly outbreak and their direction regarding students and staff bringing fruit to school and preschool. This direction applies to all schools and preschools in outbreak and suspension areas, which is quite a lot of sites in the Riverland! If you have any questions you can access the links in the flyer or contact our admin staff.

## DRINK BOTTLES

All students must have their own drink bottle at school, which they refill using the drink taps. Bottles can be kept in classrooms overnight, so that children have them for the next day.

## TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 — January 27th—April 9th

Term 2 — April 27th—July 2nd

Term 3 — July 19th—September 24th

Term 4 — October 11th—December 10th

## ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

Please find the following attached to this newsletter -

- Monash Store School Price List
- Fruit Fly Advice—From Primary Industries and Regions
- Fruit Fly Host Checklist—From Primary Industries and Regions

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Freestyle Karate



## Junior



Ages 5 to 13

**BERRI TOWN HALL**

**TUESDAYS: 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**BARMERA LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL**

**FRIDAYS: 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY & AFFORDABLE**

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**FIRST LESSON FREE!**

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