Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost half-way through the term already. We made it through Day 8 with 79 students enrolled, which means we keep all of our staffing and classes for this year. This has also allowed me to finalise where all of the staff will go and which programs they will be supporting.

Reading

This week we have started our three reading programs across the school. From Tuesday to Friday, every class will be running a reading block from 10-11, concentrating on the essential skills of reading and providing each student a chance to practice reading. Some students who require additional support will also be undertaking one-on-one programs. Those students have also begun their programs this week. Our primary focus for all of our reading programs this term is to build routines with the students so that everything runs smoothly and effectively.

Attendance

Our attendance rate across the school currently sits at an average of 93%. On Friday and Monday we hit 95%. Our aim for Monkland is to maintain at least 92% daily attendance so I want to congratulate the school community for already breaking that goal. Remember that every day counts.

Kind regards,
Craig Greer
Principal
BE SAFE

State Schools eBooks Digital Library

Students at Monkland can access the State School eBooks Digital Library. This allows them to borrow a wide range of books to read on digital devices at home, including computers and ipads.

To access the library, please visit:

educationold.lib.overdrive.com/

Students will need their EQ username to logon. This can be obtained from the school if they cannot remember it.

How can I find something to borrow?

There are several ways to find titles in your digital library. You can simply browse to see what your school has to offer, or you can search for something specific.

Browse

Browse titles on the homepage, or select a category from the Subjects, Collections, or Levels menus.

Search

Search quickly using the search bar. This is good for searching by title, author, or keyword.

Select the Advanced Search link for more search options. This is good for searching by subject, text difficulty, format, and more.

The advanced search also lets you search only for titles that are currently available.

BE RESPECTFUL

What do the icons on the covers mean?

This icon tells you whether the title is available for you to borrow, or if all copies are currently checked out. Available titles have filled-in icons, and unavailable titles have grayed-out icons.

BE RESPONSIBLE

Student Leaders’ Parade

Our 2016 School Leaders will be presented their badges of office at a special parade at 9am tomorrow.

Bullying

Bullying is a serious problem, and Monkland stands by our commitment to prevent and reduce bullying wherever it may occur. Bullying has a specific definition and it is important that we are able to distinguish bullying behaviours from normal interpersonal conflicts. It is a normal part of any child's development to experience conflict with other children; indeed, even as adults, we often experience conflict with other adults. It is part of our role as a school community to provide students with strategies to help them negotiate such conflict in an effective and appropriate manner. Parents can also access helpful resources at the Bullying. No Way! website at http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Be a learner

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Where incidents like this occur, they will be dealt with under the School's Responsible Behaviour Plan, and where necessary and appropriate, parents will be contacted.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Free Microsoft Office Software

Did you know that all Queensland state school students can download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 365 Student Advantage to their personal devices? Students will need to access the Learning Place to download. For more information visit the Student Space section of The Learning Place: www.education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/

We are a READING school – every child, every day.

What have you read today?

Office 365