Tuesday, 2nd December, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Awards Night:
The Awards Night is scheduled for Thursday the 5th of December 2014 beginning at 6.00pm. The P&C are coordinating a dinner for families in the shape of a BBQ beginning at 5:00pm. Attached is basic program and criteria for award recipients. We are expecting 100% student attendance as we celebrate and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students. A reminder also, that all students are expected to wear their school uniforms.

Reports:
The Semester 2 report cards will be issued this Friday the 5th of December. Our students are nearing the completion of their assessment and teachers finalising their reports. It is timely to remember that the new Australian Curriculum uses an A to E achievement standard. A ‘C’ achievement means that your child has successfully completed and learned the knowledge, understanding and skills for that year level. This ensures that your child is ready and able to learn the curriculum demands of the following year.

Prep Enrolments:
Our numbers are looking strong for Prep in 2015 and a large number of parents and future students have been attending our Pre Start Sessions on Friday mornings at 9:30am. Mrs Robertson has run the sessions that help next year prep familiarise themselves with Monkland.
Please contact the office for Prep enrolment forms for 2015 or if you want more information.

2015 Classes:
With anticipated numbers for next year we can expect to have a four-class structure once again. On current numbers and anticipated prep enrolments the classes and their teachers are as follows.

Prep/1 - Mrs Megan Robertson
Year 1/2 - Miss Tegan Sayers
Year 3/4/5 - Mr Paul Holmberg
Year 5/6 - Mr Ashley Lawless

This will allow for approximately 20-25 students per class.

Booklists:
With the support of our P&C we are looking at a textbook resource scheme to support student learning across a variety of curriculum areas. The standard stationery will still be required and they can be exclusively purchased at Patrick’s Newsagency in Mary Street. Our booklist will also go home in this week’s newsletter and student report cards, while also attached to both Patrick’s Newsagency websites and ours. The textbook scheme will be $25.00 paid at the school. That will get each student over $75.00 of student workbooks in Spelling, Writing, Math and History. This has been achieved by generous subsidising from P&C and the State Governments Greater Results Guarantee Funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school for further information.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

WHAT’S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Tuesday 2nd December
3.30 – 4.30pm
P & C Meeting in Library

Wednesday 3rd December
Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner
6-8pm Gympie Pines Golf Club

Thursday 4th December
Awards Night

Tuesday 9th December
Last Swimming Lesson (Yr 4-7)
Uniform Shop Open 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 10th December
10am in the Art Room
Drama Monkeys Performance

Thursday 11th December
6.30 – 8.00pm
School Disco

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2nd December, 2014

SCHOOL NEWS:

Please note the newsletter is published fortnightly. If you miss a newsletter or want to refer to a back copy, Monkland State School newsletters are available on our website: www.monklanndss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION DINNER
The Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner is this Wednesday (3rd December) from 6 to 8pm at the Gympie Pines Golf Club. The cost is $25 and all monies are to be paid to the office.

ALL THE BEST TO ALL MONKLAND YEAR 6 AND 7 GRADUATES!

DRAMA MONKEYS PERFORMANCE
The Monkland SS drama group “Drama Monkeys” have been working very hard in their own time this term and are proud to announce they will be putting on another play this year. The play is called “Chaos in Fairy Tale Forest” and will be staged on the last Wednesday of school (10th December) in the Art room commencing at 10am. All are welcome.

Mrs J Wilson

Monkland Drama Monkeys

ANOTHER SCHOOL PARKING AND VEHICLE SAFETY REMINDER
At Monkland SS we are very lucky as we are one of the very few schools in Gympie where parents can drive on the school campus to collect their children. Therefore, it is vital that this is done safely and sensibly. Please remember that the speed bumps are there to slow people down - not to use as a slalom course, the speed limit is 10 KMS PER HOUR and the roundabout is a Stop-Drop-Go zone only and parents are not to park there as it causes traffic congestion and confusion and endangers the lives of any students who are getting in and out of vehicles there. Also, please remind your child to always cross at the designated crossing.

SPEED LIMIT 10

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AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 28th November: Lachlan, Tiara, Amy, Holly and Shanel

Gotcha Awards Monday, 1st December: Maddison-Lee, Kobi, Joshua and Ben

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

Monkland Awards Presentation Night
Thursday, 4th December
School Parade Area

6.00pm sharp – Performances and Awards
5.00pm - P & C BBQ
Please remember: All students must be in school uniform (Maroon shirt/black shorts or Gold shirt/maroon shorts)

Hope to see you there!

P & C Awards Night BBQ Menu

🍔 Burgers - $5 🍗 Sausages - $2
🥤 Soft Drink / Iced Coffee - $4

The Awards Night Program is enclosed in today’s newsletter
SCHOOL DISCO
The last Disco for 2014 will be held on Thursday the 11th December from 6.30 to 8pm sharp. The P & C will be having a sausage sizzle at 6pm prior to the disco starting. The theme for this disco as chosen by the Year 7s will be “Beauty and the Geek” so students can come dressed as a breathtaking beauty or let their inner nerd shine through – or both at the same time! Dressing up is only for fun and is not compulsory. Our regular DJ “J-Dub” will be pumping out some great tunes and there will be fun and games galore. This will be a fun night before the last day of school for 2014.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The annual Monkland SS swimming carnival was held recently and was an awesome day. All competitors gave it their all in the pool but the winning house at the end of the day was Scottish. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Mr H for organising such a fun day and to the P & C for their wonderful catering. See the insert in today’s newsletter for photos of all the fun and action.

Scottish House Captains Kirra and Teagan with the swimming carnival trophy.

Congratulations Scottish!!

Swimming Carnival Age Champions: Bailey, Billy, Bella, Mary-Helen and Sarah

LIBRARY NEWS:
Library Helpers: A big thank you goes to all my library helpers this year. Particular mention goes to Jan Spedding, Marg Ross and Leisa Stuart for all their help in preparing and covering books. Without this help it takes a lot longer for students to be able to use resources. Thanks ladies!

School Holidays: Be sure to check out the Gympie Regional Library over the holidays. As well as having an extensive collection of books to borrow, there are often fun, free activities and workshops for school aged students.

Headphones: Individual pairs of headphones are on the booklist for all students. These headphones are used for computer lessons in the library and classroom (eg. Reading Eggs) and it is a health and safety reason that each child has their own. Can parents please send headphones to school for their child and not ear buds, as they are often uncomfortable (especially for P -3s) and the cords often get very tangled up, which means students and staff spend valuable lesson time sorting them out. All headphones should be named and in a clip seal bag for storage.

Overdue Books: As we are heading towards the end of term, I am looking at getting all library books shelved and ready for next year. Borrowing is now finished for the term. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY BY THIS THURSDAY AT THE LATEST PLEASE. Thank you to those students who always make a really big effort to return their library books. The following students have overdue books at time of printing this newsletter: Prep/1: Shaelyn Yr 2/3/4: Kasey, Monique, Shakane, Tayleigh Yr 4/5: Billy, Keanu, Ben, Breeanna Yr 6/7: Alyssa, Storm Please help your child to remember to return their books. Library books can be returned to the library or the office Monday to Friday.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

TERM DATES 2014/15
The information listed below is current and sourced from the Education Queensland website. For more information on school holidays and Pupil Free Days go to www.education.qld.gov.au

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A full Education Queensland 2015 school year calendar is enclosed in today’s newsletter for your convenience.

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The last P & C Meeting for 2014 will be held on Tuesday, 2nd December at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open from 10am to 2pm on Tuesday the 9th December as well as the regular Thursday 8.30 – 9am.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITION STILL VACANT
Volunteer Position - 1 day per week (Convenor’s choice) $40/month Fuel Allowance. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the office.