Tuesday, 3rd February 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome
Thank you for choosing to enrol at Monkland for 2014. I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you about some of the important information you and your child might find useful before you begin this year. As Principal, I will strive to continually ensure that Monkland remains and provides the best possible learning environment. I believe it is my role, as your Principal to assist you in the education of your child and as such I encourage us to have clear and open channels of communication. My email address is aclay16@eq.edu.au and the school mobile is 0467 762 560.

In 2015, our aim is to continue to build on from our successful 2014 with driving student performance in both literacy and numeracy areas. The schools Annual Improvement Plan will highlight how that can and will be achieved. The AIP will be published towards the completion of February 2015.

New Staff
With the departure of Desley Meadows in 2014 it gives me great pleasure in welcoming back Sandy Mohlyuk. Sandy is a former music teacher of Monkland and comes highly credentialed. I would also like to introduce Kimberley Bachmann to staff this semester as apart of our continued plan to improve student literacy levels across the school. Kimberley will be working closely with teachers and students each Wednesday and every second Thursday.

Enrolments
Today we have student enrolments at 86 and four well-established classrooms.

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Total: 86

Playgroup
We are committed to providing a playgroup in 2015 every Tuesday and Thursday much like 2014. We would like to expand our organisation and offer young families an opportunity to mix with like-minded people and professionals to give their child every chance of a better start to school. Within our playgroup we also like to provide prospective Pre-Prep students the much needed support and preparation for school in 2016. This program is endorsed by Playgroup Australia and will be headed by a paid trained member of staff. More information will be going home after day 8 figures are confirmed this Thursday.

Road Safety
A reminder to all parents that the roundabout is a drop off and pick up only. Please do not park on the roundabout, as this tends to create traffic congestion. Monkland also has a speed limit of 10 km. By not adhering to these rules you are endangering the safety of our students.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT'S ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Tuesday 10th February 3.30pm
P & C Meeting in the Library

Tuesday 10th February
Book Club Orders Due Back

Wednesday 1st April
School Photos

Thursday 2nd April
MSS Cross Country
Last Day Term 1

Monday 20th April
First Day Term 2

Our Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.30pm.

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

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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.monklandss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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Welcome to Term 1 2015!

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. Also, please remind your child to always cross at the designated crossing.

SPEEDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS ENDANERS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

BIBLE BREKKY CLUB:
The Bible Brekky Club with Matt resumes Tuesday 10th February where the children enjoy breakfast and a story from the bible.

WORDS OF THE WEEK
Improving vocabularies is a big business at Monkland State School. From this issue on, we will be printing “Wondrous Words” on the back of the newsletter for all to enjoy and expand their vocabularies.

STRING NEWS
String lessons will be held on Monday again this year in the music room. All lessons will resume in week 3 (9th February) There are still places available for interested students in Year 3 and up. The instrumental library levy of $20 and instrument hire of $40 is now due - payable to the school office. I look forward to a great year of music.
Candice Patrick - Strings Teacher

PLAYGROUP NEWS
Hello and welcome back to our Monkland families. Playgroup will commence back this week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 – 11am. We are looking forward to building and extending our Playgroup community and creating lifelong lasting friendships. Children will be given opportunities to build upon their areas of development -- their fine and gross motor skills, language, cognitive and social skills will be enhanced while they interact with others. Children will explore, create, build, dance, sing and listen while having lots of fun together.
Shiri Toffoli (Mrs T) Playgroup Co-ordinator

PRIMARY SCHOOL 7-A-SIDE HOCKEY COMPETITION
The Gympie and District Hockey Association will be conducting a four week pre-season 7-a-side hockey competition for students in Years 3 – 6 at the Hockey Centre at Southside. The competition, which is of no cost to students, will be starting on Friday the 13th of February and will run from 4 to 5.30pm for four weeks. No previous hockey experience is necessary and equipment can be borrowed from the club. A parent will be required to supervise the Monkland team if possible. If your child is able to participate they can put their name down for the team with Mr Holmberg by Monday the 9th of February.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Awards Monday, 2nd February: Makayla and Ben
Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

VALE MRS DAPHNE TeBBUTT
Monkland State School would like to pay tribute to Mrs Daphne Tebbutt, who recently passed away in Brisbane. Mrs Tebbutt was a highly regarded teacher here at Monkland SS for 22 years from 1963 to 1985. She was a lovely lady who taught Year 1 in the classroom that is now the Music Room. There are a few current Monkland parents (and staff members) who were taught by Mrs Tebbutt and I am sure they would all agree that she was a kind and wonderful teacher.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Welcome to the 2014 School Year! I am very excited to see all the eager readers back in the library (and lots of lovely new faces). I am looking forward to providing lots of exciting new books for children to enjoy. Borrowing has resumed for the whole school and library day is each Thursday. Each student will be given a Monkland Library Bag for them to keep as we have a “No Bag, No Borrow” policy in place to protect our
library books from damage in school bags. Please feel free to put clips or Velcro on those bags to make them a bit more secure. The library is open at 8.30 each morning, Monday to Thursday and all students and parents are welcome to come in.

Book Club: Issue 1 for 2015 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the front of the brochure (Tuesday, 10th February). Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia) or online credit card payment at www.scholastic.com.au. The order will be placed on the due date and are usually returned to the school the following week. These books are usually very reasonably priced and orders go towards free books for our library for students to borrow.

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 if possible, 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: Thank you to those students who made an extra effort to get all their books back at the end of last year. There are a couple of students who still need to return overdue books: Yr 1/2: Shaelyn, Yr 5/6: Keanu, Breanna 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

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**Term Dates 2015**

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.

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**P & C News:**

**P & C Meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting held on the 2nd December, 2014 are enclosed in today’s newsletter. Being involved with the P & C is a great way to contribute to your child’s educational environment. Monkland State School has a very active and supportive P & C. Why not come along to a meeting – it is a great way to meet other families and be involved with your child’s school. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th February at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The Annual General Meeting will be held in March and all positions will be declared open. Training and support is provided for anyone taking on an executive role.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 8.30 – 9am. Please note the Uniform Shop will not be open on the 12th, 19th and 26th of February as Bec is away – please see Madonna in the office if you require uniforms on those days.

**Tuckshop News**

Tuckshop will resume this Thursday the 5th of February. A menu is enclosed in today’s newsletter.

**Tuckshop Home Bakers Required**

- If you are able to assist with Home Baking to sell at the Tuck Shop, please fill out and return the form below to the office.

- **YES** I can assist with Home Baking for Monkland Tuck Shop

  Name:  

  Contact Number:  

**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.

**Have a Cuppa with the P & C**

The Monkland State School P and C would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Monkland families to the 2015 school year. All parents and carers are invited to the P & C Cuppa this Friday at 9am in the Playgroup Room for a coffee and a chance to meet other parents.

Hope to see you there!