Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Headlice
Headlice is a problem across a majority of schools in Australia and Monkland is not immune. Headlice is preventable if constantly checked and treated at home. It only takes one student with headlice for it to be easily spread amongst the school populace. Wednesday last week every student received headlice notice forms in which parents were to complete a head check and inform the school that this process and actions had taken place. On Friday we had received only 6 forms indicating head checks had taken place. Monday this week staff conducted visual head checks and a variety of students were identified to have evidence of headlice. These families have been notified that treatment for headlice must take place immediately. Education Queensland’s policy clearly stipulates parents must be responsible for the treatment of headlice and that parents must not send their child/ren to school with untreated headlice. It will be a whole school community approach to limit the impact of headlice in our school community. Please ensure that you check your child/ren’s hair every second day to ensure clean heads. Information regarding treatment for headlice is included in this newsletter.

School Leaders
It gives me great pleasure to introduce 2015 Monkland State School Leaders

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P & C
At our first P&C meeting last Tuesday, it was clearly discussed the need to grow our numbers and parental support. **Tuesday the 10th of March at 3:30pm in the Library** will be the Annual General Meeting with all official positions open. **I encourage all parents to get involved** as each year the P&C help fund and support through a variety of ways quality learning at Monkland. Elections for positions such as:-

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Attendance
Taking into account recent flooding and the impact it had on attendance our rate has dropped from 95.7% to 91.1%. Can I encourage all parents once again that "**Everyday counts.**" Monkland State School cannot stress enough how important it is to have your children at school. If by any chance your child/ren are not at school please contact the office explaining their absence on 07 5489 8888

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

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

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

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

Tuesday 10th March
Book Club Orders Due In

Wednesday 1st April
School Photos

Thursday 2nd April
- MSS Cross Country
- Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday Public Holiday

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.

- SAFE - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE - LEARNERS

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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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SCHOOL PARKING AND VEHICLE SAFETY REMINDER

A reminder to all parents to drop kids off at the school crossing please. Kylie the lollipop lady has noticed parents dropping off students near the funeral home to cross there which is not only very dangerous, but against the law. 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 ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

STUDENT LUNCH BOXES

If your child has food for lunch that requires a spoon or fork, can parents please remember to put one in their lunch box. We have a growing number of students who have yoghurt or pasta etc and no cutlery to eat it with.

LOST PROPERTY

Can all parents please take care to label their children's belongings, particularly hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. Our lost property box is overflowing with unnamed and unclaimed items. If your child is missing any belongings, please see Madonna in the office.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Awards Monday, 23rd February: Class Award: Sophie Makayla and Billy

Awards Friday, 27th February: Brayden, Leon, Alex and Jayah

Awards on Parade Friday, 27th February: Charlotte, Monique, Jessica, Alex, Gabby and Tegan

Gotcha Awards Monday, 2nd March: Willoe (Class Award), Danielle, William and Izak

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
MONKLAND SCHOOL LEADERS
Last Wednesday saw the Investiture of our School Leaders for 2015.

School Leaders 2015: Back - Shakeelle (Eastern House Captain), Perci and Daniel (Scottish House Captains), Benjamin (Eastern House Captain). Front - Ashleigh (Vice Captain), Brayden (School Captain), Principal Ashley Lawless, Sarah (School Captain) and Jasmine (Vice Captain).

Congratulations to all students who nominated and are taking on a school leadership role for 2015.

GYMPIE TIMES CLASSROOM MAKEOVER COMPETITION
The Gympie Times is running a competition to win a school classroom makeover valued at $5000. All that you have to do, is collect the tokens from the Gympie Times (starting from Saturday the 14th of February) and drop them into the school office. The school with the most tokens per student wins the makeover. The competition is running until the end of March so send in your papers and tokens. TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED NO TOKENS – PLEASE SEND THEM IN!!

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Club: Issue 2 for 2015 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. This is the last Book Club for this term. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the front of the brochure (Tuesday, 10th March). 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. Keep an eye out for Book Fair early next term!
Redgum Book Club Reminder: Brochures went home with the last newsletter. A reminder that all orders must be in by the 9th March. Instructions on how to order are in the brochure.
Overdue Books: Thank you to those students who make an extra effort to return their books each week. Students with overdue books are not allowed to borrow until those books are returned. The number of students with overdue books has increased dramatically, so a few more reminders may be required!

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/1: Cain, Tiah, Ray, William, Allana, Avril
Year 1/2: Imogen, Tegan, Shaelyn, Rhyder, Ellie, Maia, Jayah, Shanel and Ursula
Year 3/4/5: Jessica, Brylee
Year 5/6: Keanu, Maddy, Perci, Brayden, Elina, Danielle, Lattrel, Daniel, Shakeelle

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! Library Mrs Wilson

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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HEAD LICE
It is every parent’s responsibility to check their children’s hair and treat them accordingly if eggs or lice are found. To be effective and to break the breeding cycle, the treatment needs to be repeated after 7-10 days to kill any lice that have hatched. This is the only way to avoid reinestation. Some information sheets to help families manage head lice has been included in today’s newsletter.

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
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 and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th March at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. All P & C 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 see Madonna in the office if you require uniforms on those days.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
A big thank you to Cheryl for running the Tuck Shop each Thursday until a Convenor is appointed.

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.
1. LOGOPHOBIA: -- An obsessive fear of words. (noun)
2. TOPPLE -- To fall forward or tumble down, to overthrow authority (a verb from Prep/1)