Tuesday, 4th August 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you all for such a warm welcome to Monkland School. I am beginning to get many of the student’s names down and learning the procedures.

Student Absences
This fortnight I would like to remind parents/caregivers that all student absences require an explanation; if your child brings home an absentee note, please just fill out the details and sign before returning the note to the classroom teacher.

Gympie Eisteddfod
This week many of our students will be attending the Eisteddfod and I would like to wish them all the best with their chosen activity. I had the pleasure of listening to our Choir and last week and was blown away by the amazing voices.

Winter Woollies
Our lost property is to the point of explosion once again, if your child is missing a jumper, lunchbox or any other school related materials – there is a chance the lost property basket is holding it. Lost property will be displayed on Friday morning after parade if parents would like to come and peruse for lost items. Any left over clothing/lunchboxes after Friday afternoon will be donated to charity.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Sarah Thomas for being awarded a Creative Arts scholarship to James Nash State High School. Well done Sarah!

Yours truly,

Mrs Deanne Biddle
Acting Principal
4th August, 2015

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 PARKING REMINDER
A reminder to all parents and carers that due to safety and congestion issues, the top car park is for Education Queensland staff and Monkland SS P & C volunteers who have permission to do so. Parking spaces from the old tennis court down to Brisbane Road have been set aside for parents and carers. Thank you to those parents who make an effort to park in the correct areas.

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN
Monkland State School is participating in the Woolies Earn and Learn rewards program. If you have any stickers, please send them into the office for collection or we have a box outside Southside Woolies. All stickers collected will go towards great educational resources for the school so the more stickers we get, the more resources the school gets to purchase.

Woolworths Earn & Learn program

SCHOOL BANKING
One of our wonderful Monkland parents, Jess Cunningham has kindly volunteered to run the Commonwealth School Banking program here. School banking day will be Thursdays. Please make use of this wonderful service for your children if you can.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade Friday, 24th July: Thomas, Lily, Ellsie, Ursula and Holly

Gotcha Awards Monday, 27th July: Shakeelie, Halle and Phillip


Gotcha Awards Monday, 3rd August: Charlie, Jack-Diamond, Jorey and Ashleigh

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
LIBRARY NEWS:

Scholastic Book Club: Thank you to all those who supported Scholastic Book Club. Orders have been placed and are due in any day now. All orders go towards free books for our library for students to borrow.

Redgum Book Club: Issue 3 of Redgum Book Club is enclosed in today's newsletter. Orders are to be placed directly with them according to the instructions on the brochure. Orders close on the 17th August and goods are delivered to us by the 31st August.

Book Week: Monkland students will be celebrating Book Week on Thursday the 27th August. The theme this year is "Books Light Up Our World". We will be exploring the Children's Book Council short listed books for Book of the Year during our library lessons that day. We will also be making lovely lanterns to decorate the library with. All staff and students are also invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Costumes can be worn to school or brought along with students to change into.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2015

BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books. Parents please remember that reading is a life skill you’re your children will use forever. Encouraging children to love books helps encourage them to love reading. This has a wonderful flow on effect that helps children to develop in other areas such as writing and spelling. Reading ability is used in all subjects, therefore it is vital that children develop strong reading skills to support them through their academic career and beyond.


Please help your child to remember to return their books. Library borrowing is a great opportunity to teach children respect and responsibility. Library books can be returned to the library or the office Monday to Friday. If you have any issues or questions regarding your child's library borrowing, please feel free to see me before school in the library Monday to Thursday.

Happy Reading! Library Mrs Wilson

REMEMBER EVERYDAY COUNTS!

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TERM DATES 2015/16

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

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P & C NEWS:

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone, firstly please have a look at the Duck Pond Dash flyer. The P&C is putting on a sausage sizzle to support this event and do a bit of fund raising on Saturday, August 22nd. It is really all about Seniors Week, so ring up your granny, grandma, pa or elderly neighbour and treat them to a day of fun in the park. We will need some home baking to sell. We already have a few helpers for the stall but anyone else who is keen is most welcome. We are looking forward to meeting your grandparents on the day!

You also might like to know that we have nominated a representative to help choose a new Principal for the school. The first of two panel meetings is on the 11th August and we should have a new school Principal for next term.

The Muster Wi Fi Cafe contract is signed and the volunteers are sorted. Part of the contract is that we pick up and return the coffee machine to Nestle at Logan. I am picking it up and would like to know if there is anyone who might be able to help with the return of the coffee machine to Nestle on Monday 31st of August or Tuesday? Petrol money provided. Give me a call or catch me Thursday morning at school about the home baking or coffee machine. Bec 0403139643

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 will be held on Tuesday, 11th August at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY BACK TO TUESDAYS.