Tuesday, 5th May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing program is to occur in all schools across Australia this term. This involves all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

On Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests will be conducted. On Wednesday our year 3 and 5 students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday students will finish the testing program with the Numeracy tests. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

Over the past 12 months, students at Monkland have sat a variety previous year’s tests, to practice the process and to minimise any concerns that students may have about them. Children can take these as an opportunity to focus on doing their best and trying hard to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Parents can help by ensuring children are well rested and relaxed about the process and at are school on time to be settled in class before the tests start each morning. More information can be found online at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html.

If you have any concerns or want more information about this National Assessment Program, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself.

If students are absent on any of the testing days, arrangements can be made for the tests to be completed at another time in the week, or our reserve day of Monday the 18th of May.

2015 Progression
Below is a table illustrating our progression so far this year. As you can see we have improved in our regular attendance and have reduced the number of negative behaviours occurring throughout the school.

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<td>71.3%</td>
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Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
5th May, 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 WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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LOST PROPERTY

With the weather starting to turn a bit cooler, please remember that there is a winter school uniform in place and warm clothing is for sale at the uniform shop. Please also remember to name your child’s jumper and all other belongings.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Monkland State School students honoured serving, returned and fallen soldiers at their recent ANZAC Day service. To commence, the school choir gave a beautiful performance which was followed by an address from guest speaker Gympie RSL Sub Branch President Mr Frank Bontoft. School leaders read the ANZAC Day poem ‘Sir’: by Dib Morgan and The Ode. The Last Post followed and one minute’s silence was observed. The assembly was completed by the Reville/Rouse and the singing of the National Anthem. Monkland students believe it is important to learn about history and to show respect to those who have served their country. Twenty-four Monkland students participated in the march through Mary Street which is an awesome effort for such a small school. They all did an awesome job of representing our school in front of the whole town. Please see the insert in today’s newsletter for photos. Thank you to Monkland staff and parents who supported our students in the ANZAC Day March and to Karen Gresham and Sonia Greig for taking photos on the day.

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.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

**Awards on Parade Friday, 24th April:** Maddison-Lee, Tiah, Holly, Maia and Jorey

**Gotcha Prizes on Parade Monday, 27th April:** Alissa, Daniel, Jorey and Thomas. The lucky Gotcha Prize winners this week got to choose $15 worth of products from Book Fair thanks to Scholastic Book Fairs.

**Awards on Parade Friday, 1st May:** Back – Sarah, Jasmine and Shakeelie. Front – Monique, Jack, Thomas, Sophie and Pippi.

**Tennis and Gotcha Awards on Parade Monday, 4th May:** Ben, Sarah, Halle, Charli and Shakeelie

*Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!*
MONKLAND CROSS COUNTRY:
It was a close one, but congratulations to SCOTTISH HOUSE!!

Scottish House Captains Perci and Daniel with the Monkland SS Cross Country Trophy.

First, second and third Cross Country place getters. Well done!

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Fair: A big THANK YOU to all who supported Book Fair last week. As always, I am overwhelmed by the number of students and parents who visited Book Fair to help me raise funds for more library books for students to borrow and enjoy. I must also compliment Monkland students on their excellent behaviour in Book Fair. We managed to not only reach my goal of $1000 in sales, but we passed it which has earned the school some wonderful new books that I know will be very popular with students.

We were very lucky to have the famous book character, mouse detective Geronimo Stilton visit the school to help promote Book Fair. He loves visiting Monkland and is a always big hit with students. I will be hosting another Book Fair in October.

Overdue Books: Thank you to those students (and helpful parents) who make the extra effort to return their books. Students with overdue books are not allowed to take books home until those books are returned.

Redgum Book Club: Issue 2 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 18th May and goods are delivered to us by the 29th May.

STUDENTS WHO STILL NEED TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/1: Zayne, Ruby K, Willoe
Yr 1/2: Jayah, Shaelyn
Yr 3/4/5: Evie
Yr 5/6: Keanu, Brayden, Elina

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 in the library from 8.30 am Monday to Thursday. Happy Reading! Library Mrs Wilson

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 www.education.qld.gov.au

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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 will be held on Thursday, 7th May at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop is on this Thursday. Please note there will be no Tuckshop next Thursday the 14th of May due to the Gympie Show.

GYMPIE SHOW MONKLAND SS COFFEE SHOP – HELPERS STILL REQUIRED!!!
The Monkland State School P & C will be running a Coffee Shop again at the Gympie Show in May. Volunteers are needed to help out in the Coffee Shop. No experience is required and A FREE SINGLE SEASON PASS to the Show is provided (valued at $30!!) for those who do at least one six hour shift. The Show Coffee Shop is the major fundraiser for the P & C this year, and all funds raised goes towards our children. If you are available to help at the Show, please phone Lisa Lingard on 0400 835 257 ASAP.

"COME AND TRY" MONKLAND COFFEE SHOP GOODIES
This Friday the 8th May, the P & C will be offering free samples of their Coffee Shop goodies to all Monkland parents. Come and try some coffee and cake from 8.30am in front of the staff room.

Free Coffee and Cake!!
MSS WONDEROUS WORDS

1. AUTONOMOUS: – Independent or self-governing (adjective)
2. PERSPICUOUS – Clearly expressed or easy to understand (adjective)

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