Monday, 7th December 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to our final newsletter and our final week of school for the year. It has been a very busy term and I just wanted to again say how privileged I feel to be the Principal at Monkland.

Report Cards

Reports Cards will be sent home on Wednesday this week. If any students are unable to collect their report cards, we will mail them out on Friday.

Awards Night

I wanted to say thank you to those students and family members who attended our Awards Night last Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the excellent achievements of our students and recognise their hard work.

Last Day of School

This Friday is the last day of school for the year. School will still be open; however, we will not be running a standard day. Students will continue to be supervised by staff members throughout the day.

Term 1 2016

A reminder that due to the Australia Day holiday falling on Tuesday next year, students will not be starting Term 1 until Wednesday 27 January 2016.

Finally, I would like to wish the whole school community a very Merry Christmas and a safe school holiday. The school looks forward to welcoming our continuing and new students back for Term 1 next year.

Kind regards,

Mr Craig Borrett
Principal

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WHAT’S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Ms T

Thursdays
Tuckshop
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Tuesday 8th December 9.30am
Drama Monkeys Talent Show

Wednesday 9th December
6 – 7.30pm Sharp (Chicken Nuggets on sale– 5.30pm)
Aussie School Disco

Friday 11th December
Last Day School 2015

Monday 25th January 2016
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th January
Australia Day Public Holiday

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Date Claimers

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Great state. Great opportunity.
7th December, 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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DRAMA MONKEYS TALENT SHOW

Drama Monkeys will be putting on a Talent Show this year to entertain the Monkland School community. This year instead of putting on a formal play, students were asked to come up with their own acts for a Talent Show. The Talent Show will be held on Tuesday the 8th December in the Art room commencing at 9.30am. All are welcome. Mrs J Wilson

Gotcha Awards Monday, 30th November: Jayah

P&C Highest Raffle Ticket Seller Winner: Izak

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

The Year 6 graduation dinner was held at Kingston House last Tuesday. All students were beautifully presented and had a lovely meal with presentations afterward. Students were joined by staff and even a surprise visit from ex-Monkland Principal Ashley Lawless.

Congratulations and all the very best to the graduating Monkland class of 2015.
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.

Swimming Carnival Age Champions: Lattrel, Holly, Taj, Jorey, Sarah and Daniel

**Congratulations Scottish!!**

Scottish House Captains Perci and Daniel with the swimming carnival trophy.

**Age Champion Ashleigh**

**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 http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

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There is a 2016 school calendar enclosed in today’s newsletter for your convenience.

**LIBRARY NEWS:**
Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who have returned their library books. Any outstanding library books are now considered overdue and need to be returned ASAP so they can be shelved before the holidays.

**STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:**
Prep/1: Ruby K., Cain  Yr 1/2: Jayah, Ursula, Alex Yr 3/4/5: Shakane, Jarrod. Yr 5/6: Keanu, Elina

I would like to wish all Monkland families a safe and Merry Christmas. I look forward to another great year of borrowing, reading and helping students discover great books next year.

Be sure to visit the town library over the holidays for great books and great activities. Happy Reading!
Library Mrs Wilson

**P & C NEWS:**

**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**
Hello Monkland. Congratulations to all the Award winners on Thursday night and wishing the very best to the grade sixers who are moving on to high school. Go get em! Big Thank you to Izak for selling the most tickets for the raffle. Also big thanks to Tegan’s dad Brad, Alissa and Ashleigh’s mum Vicki, and Danielle’s mum Cheryl for help with the BBQ. Lachy and Tamara’s mum Laura also did a brilliant job of getting everyone to buy a heap of tickets for the raffle on the night. Also Sarah’s dad Don for cooking the BBQ at swimming carnival! Before that a big effort rounding up prizes from Levi’s mum Jacqui, Bella’s mum Mrs Robertson and Holly and Elsie’s mum Naomi who also put all the prize buckets together. Please keep it in mind to support the local businesses around town who donated to our raffle and head to Patrick’s news agency in Mary St for your book list supplies if you can because they made a big donation to the school at the beginning of this year. There is a list of businesses who supported the raffle enclosed in today’s newsletter. All of the students clay bells have been fired, hope they don’t drive you too crazy with them. Last week - here we go and see you at the Disco on Wed night. A big thank you to the Foster family for putting on a disco for us all! Happy holidays! Bec Lindemann

**SCHOOL DISCO**
The P & C will be holding a disco next Wednesday the 9th December from 6 – 7.30pm sharp. The (optional) fancy dress theme as decide by our Year 6 class is “Aussie, Aussie, Aussie” so students can come in Aussie colours or dressed up as an Aussie icon. Disco entry price is $3 and for safety reasons parents are to sign their children in and out. There will be Chicken Nuggets for sale from 5.30pm with 5 nuggets for $2.00, punch for 50c. See the flyer in today’s newsletter for more details. Hope to see you there!

**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 next year – it is a great way to meet other families and be involved with your child’s school.

**THANK YOU TO PATRICK’S NEWSAGENCY IN MARY STREET FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF MONKLAND SS.**
Please support the businesses that support our school.
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Fabulous Fakes
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Spun Mud
Mitchell’s Fruit Barn
Mitre 10
Ideal Electrical
BBQ’s Galore
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