Wednesday 8th February
As part of our commitment to providing a safe, supportive and inspiring place to learn we have been participating in social skills lessons using the Zones Program. This program aims to teach kids to self-regulate and moderate their behaviours based on their feelings. Students have been learning about the four coloured zones and the feelings typical of the zone. Our aim is to stay in the Green Zone where we are in our optimal state for learning and we are flourishing! In a beautiful, inspiring, place like Monkland staying in the Green Zone is easy.

Voluntary Contribution
In 2017 Monkland will be offering a range of sporting, cultural and extra-curricular activities. This is in-line with our intention to create a holistic and robust educational experience for all our students. These activities will always involve a cost for participants, however the cost has been traditionally subsidised by the school. In 2017 we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of $30 per student towards our extra-curricular programs at the school. This money will go towards subsidising the cost for everyone and ensure that our students of Monkland experience an outstanding education.

The voluntary contribution is, by nature voluntary, and no invoices will be issued. It is not mandatory to make a voluntary contribution but it will ensure that we can offer a wide range of programs across the school. There will continue to be costs involved in programs like swimming, sport, excursions and performances - as facilitation of these programs is at a considerable additional cost the school.

Your valued contribution will ensure that we can offer a diverse range of programs and make Monkland State School a fantastic place to learn. To make a part or complete payment simply return your money to the office. We appreciate your support.

Ben
Ben Ryan - Principal

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Week 2

Monkland Diary

Playgroup with Shirl
Wednesdays 9-11am

P&C Meeting & AGM
3.30pm
Tuesday 14th MARCH

Last Day Term 1
Thursday 13th APRIL

Easter Monday
Monday 17th APRIL

First Day Term 2
Tuesday 18th APRIL

ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 25th APRIL

Congratulations Award Winners!
LEAVE THE TOYS IN THE TOY BOX
Monkland has a range of playgrounds, equipment and
lunchtime activities. Therefore toys are not needed to
have fun at our great school. Please ensure that no
toys are brought to school. This ensures that your
prized toys do not get broken, stolen or misplaced.
Please support us by reinforcing this message at
home.

UNO!
A Uno competition will be held next Monday in the
library. Interested people should contact Hannah,
Rhyder or Mr Ryan. This is a great student-led
initiative.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup with Shirl has resumed and is on each
Wednesday from 9am to 11am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
Monkland Senior Students will have the opportunity
to enrich their science Learning in partnership with
some of our dynamic secondary and tertiary
institutions. James Nash State High School in
conjunction with the University of the Sunshine Coast
is conducting a Middle School STEAM Excellence
Program. It is scheduled to begin on Week 2 of Term
2, 2017. The program runs for six weeks from 3.30 pm
to 5.00 pm each Thursday and is available to all
students in Years 6-8 who enjoy the challenge of
science and mathematics. During the course, students
will undertake various hands-on scientific experiments
and explore the underpinning mathematics. More
information, including costs and benefits will be sent
home soon - register your child’s interest at the office.

READING ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILD
Children who are routinely read to day in and day
out—and immersed in rich talk about books and the
various activities in which they are engaged—thrive.
And those children with less exposure to books face
tougher learning challenges in school and beyond.
Studies show that literacy is the foundation for
emotional and physical well-being, intellectual growth,
and economic security. Furthermore, reading aloud
improves listening skills, vocabulary acquisition, and
the understanding of common story themes and
structures that will factor into children’s future
success.

LIBRARY NEWS
Scholastic Book Club: Thank you to those families
who ordered from Book Club. Orders will be returned
to the school next week. There are usually two Book
Clubs each term unless I am running Book Fair. Book
Club and Book Fair rewards earn our school books for
all children to borrow and enjoy.

Library Borrowing: Borrowing has now resumed and
each class has allocated borrowing days. They are:
Prep/1—Thursdays  Yr 1/2—Wednesdays
Year 3/4—Thursdays  Year 4-6—Tuesdays
School library books are considered overdue after two
weeks. Please keep in mind that if your child has
overdue library books they are depriving other
children from the chance to borrow and read that
book. If students have repeated overdue books, they
will be limited to classroom borrowing only.
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

MYCP
Do you have children aged 2-6 years whose behaviour
is difficult to manage? If so you may be interested in
the Management of Young Children Program. This
program is has been developed and is run by staff from
Education Queensland.
MYCP is an individual parenting skills training and
support program for parents of children with
challenging behaviour. It takes a practical approach
aimed at restoring the parent-child relationship.
On the Sunshine Coast this program costs participants
in excess of $1000. Through the support of all Gympie
schools we are able to offer this program free of
charge!

If you are interested and would like to know more
please contact Wayne Bahr 0408701039.
ASSROOM NEWS

EP/1
Prep/1 students have all settled in very nicely to their school routines. They have all been getting to know each other, building friendships, helping and encouraging each other and learning about respect. In class they have been playing activities involving the letter “S”. All in all a great start to the year!

EAR 1/2
1/2 have had a great start to 2017 and have been exploring narratives and working on their team catchers.

EAR 3/4
3/4 have had an active and busy start to the year. They are currently working on exploring narratives and have started coming up with some great adjectives and nouns to help with their writing.

EAR 4/5/6
4/5/6 are currently working on short stories and are very familiar with the format of writing them including the orientation, complication, resolution and characters. The class is also studying local area history, in particular the 150 years since gold was first discovered here in Gympie. This will be a recurring theme throughout the year.

HAPPY DI
Our lovely school chaplain Chappy Di has resumed her visits to Monkland this year. For more information see he insert in today’s newsletter.

LOCAL SPORT SIGN ONS

CRICKET: 10am—2pm, Saturday 18th February
Gympie Hockey Fields

NETBALL: 3.30—6.30pm, 13th February—Netball Courts
1pm—1pm, Saturday 11th February—Central Shopping

ARTS: Join at Rimmington’s Martial Arts and Fitness Studio before February 17th to receive a free uniform (valued at $100) and 2 free private lessons

P & C NEWS

The Monkland Parents & Citizens Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
will be held on:
Tuesday March 14 at 3.30pm in the library
This will be a short meeting, followed by a regular meeting.
*All are welcome to attend - no pressure to take a position*
Please come along, meet other parents, and get involved in our great school.

MONKLAND SHORTS GO TO LAOS!
Monkland P&C recently donated the remaining stock of our maroon school shorts to children in a remote village of Laos. These shorts, in new condition, were left over from our previous uniform, and we wanted to send them where there was a need. They were transported by Gympie Birthworker Jenny Blyth, who went to Laos to run a birth training program for village healthcare workers. It is an extremely poor area, and the Monkland shorts were very happily received by the children. Some of the children are pictured below with Gympie nurse, Carolyn Mandersloot, who also travelled to Laos.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
An updated Tuckshop menu for 2017 was sent home recently. Copies are available from the office or the Monkland SS website. The Pay As You Go card system is fully operational. For more information see the office or Bec and Rodney at the Tuckshop on Fridays.