Tuesday, 1st April 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parenting Ideas
Attached to today’s newsletter is a copy of an article that focus’ on Parenting ideas and support by well-renown parenting expert Michael Grose. Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, including his new release “Thriving!” and the best-selling “Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change it.”

His popular parenting columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia. He appears regularly on television including Channel 10’s The Circle, and is a popular & entertaining speaker as well as a frequent columnist for a variety of written media. He also has a regular fortnightly half hour parenting segment on ABC radio Victoria.

Follow the link www.parentingideas.com.au and click on the school members tag. Enter the log in details below and surf the articles for handy tips that provide an insight to the world of parenting ideas.

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Attendance
A huge congratulations to all students this year for their improved attendance for term 1. Our current attendance rate is 93.5%, which is slightly up on 2013 of 91.5%.

Cross Country
Cross-country is scheduled for the final day of school term. Of course if too wet, it will be postponed to earlier next term. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be available after the event. $1 sausage on bread / $1 popper / 50c – mini muffins. All profits will go to Year 6/7 camp fundraising.

Gympie Times iPad Tokens
I would like to thank all families who handed in tokens for the Gympie Time iPad competition. We collected a grand total of 1754 tokens which is over 20 tokens per student – a result that is quite astounding. It was truly wonderful to see Monkland students and their staunch supporters make such a huge effort to give us a decent chance of winning the set of 10 iPads for the school. Monkland students show that they truly care about their school with their enthusiasm towards this event, and that is as good as winning any competition in my books.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
MONKLAND MEMORIES
Monkland State School celebrates 130 years of golden education in 2014. Each fortnight, an insert in the newsletter will be dedicated to help commemorate this special occasion with photos and articles. All ex-students and staff are welcome to contribute with photos and/or stories.

AWARDS ON PARADE:


Gotcha Prizes Monday, 24th March: Shanel, Caleb, Tyler and Rhianna

Awards on Parade – Friday, 28th March and Gotcha Prizes
Monday, 31st March: Back – Billy, Sarah, Kyle, Tyler and Jarrod
Front – Jayah, Alisa, Jackson, Alahni and Jorey.

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

DATE CLAIMER – MOVIE FUNDRAISER
There will be a movie night on Friday the 23rd May to raise money towards the Year 6/7 camp. The movie is the new “X-Men: Days of Future Past”. Tickets are $12 each and will be available to purchase from Jodie Wilson in the Library or through the office after the Easter break. More information about this will go home next term.

GYMPIE TIMES IPAD COMPETITION

This competition is now closed. Monkland SS collected an amazing 1754 tokens. That is over 20 tokens per student which is an amazing achievement for a small school. A massive thank you to those who brought tokens and papers in!

Special mention goes to Betty Mackaway and Jan Spedding (mothers of our two Mrs Wilsons), Betty’s friends Heather, Russell, Stan and Westley, Vicki Wilson, Cindy and Mary-Helen Buchan, Karen and Georgia Browne for their tireless collection and collation efforts. Well done ladies! Thanks also to the Monkland General Store, Lyon’s Newsagency in Mary Street and Mick-Fee’s Horseshoe Bend Store for their assistance.

THANK YOU!!
CHORI NOTES
This is a reminder to parents of students in the choir that they must have a display folder for their music. At present, the choir is in the process of learning about 7 songs and they have been given music for each song. However, if they don’t have a folder, they have to collect the music at the start of every rehearsal and return it at the end. This is taking up valuable rehearsal time and it means that some choir members are unable to learn lyrics and practise at home. Could you please ensure that if your child is in the choir they have a display folder and that they remember to bring it to school on Wednesdays. Thank you - Desley Meads - Music Teacher

MONKLAND CROSS COUNTRY:
The annual Monkland Cross Country will be held this Friday from 9.30 to 11.00 am, weather permitting. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support their children. Students can wear their house colours (Red for Scottish and Blue for Eastern) but please remember no singlets or tank tops and footwear must be suitable for running in. Hats and water bottles are also a must for the day. Hope to see you there! Please note that for student safety reasons, the school gates will be closed for the duration of the event.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE / POPPERS - $1
MINI CHOC MUFFINS - 50c
Go Scottish!

Go Eastern!

BAKERS DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS PROMOTION
Bakers Delight are generously offering to donate $2 to the school for every six pack of their delicious, freshly made Hot Cross Buns purchased from them up until Easter. Vouchers to use in this promotion are again enclosed in today’s newsletter. Give them to your friends and family. Please see the office if you require more vouchers.

Happy Easter!

TERM DATES 2013/14
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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LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Fair is back next term! There will be a three day event on the 1st, 2nd and 5th of May in the Library before and after school. More information will go home after the holidays. Library borrowing is now finished for the term and all books must now be returned to the library for shelving. ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR BOOKS BY THURSDAY THE 3RD OF APRIL WILL RECEIVE AN EASTER EGG.
Books can be returned any day of the week either to the office or to the library. Students with Overdue Books: The following students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
- Prep/1: Ellise, Baylee, Shaelyn, Tyler, Dusty, Emmalee, Jayah, Malia
- Yr 2/3/4: Jeremy, Tyler
- Yr 4/5: Mathew, Elna, Billy, Justin, Braydon, Lattrel, Seb
- Yr 6/7: Corey, Kyle, Jack, Alyssa, Tyshelle, Jaidyn, Storm

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing all the eager readers in the Library next term. If you are looking for something to do over the holidays, check out the amazing range of books and activities at the Gympie Regional Library.
Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING:
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th May at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The position of P & C Secretary is still vacant. Full support and training is provided. Please see Mr Lawless or Lisa Lingard if you are interested.

EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
The P & C are having an Easter Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser to raise money for the Year 6/7 camp. Chocolate boxes can be collected from the staffroom on Thursday the 3rd April at 3pm and must be signed for by a parent or carer. All monies and unsold chocolates are to be returned after the Easter break. This is a great opportunity to buy chocolates for Easter and support our school.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
The next Burger Day will be Tuesday 29th of May. Order forms will go home with students. Order forms are also available from the office or can be printed off from the Monkland SS website.

CROSS COUNTRY SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Sausages and Poppers will be on sale at the Cross Country - $1 each. Mini Choc muffins - 50c each. Profits will go towards Year 6/7 camp.

To all Monkland Staff, Students and Families

Have a relaxing and safe Easter Break.

See you next Term!!

(please note that school returns on Tuesday, 22nd April)