Tuesday, 10th November 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Principal Business Meeting
I will be away from school on Tuesday and Wednesday to attend the North Coast Region Principal Business Meeting and Small School Principal Forum. Principals from all over the region will attend, and will be updated on the latest information affecting your child’s education and the State and regional priorities for next year.

Staffing for 2016
At present, Monkland will be continuing with the same classroom teachers for next year. We are in the process of looking at potential class compositions and I hope to release classes around Week 8. To assist with allocating students to classes, if you have a child who will be Prep-aged next year, or know anyone who does, I encourage you to enrol them as soon as possible.

Specialist staff, including Music and PE, will be released to schools shortly. At this stage, Monkland will be returning to the PE circuit next year, and Mr Holmberg will be back on class full time.

Technology
Education Queensland has released a policy named Advancing Education. At its heart is a new focus on robotics and coding for all State School students. As part of this, Monkland is committed to ensuring our students have the most up-to-date access to technology. I have arranged for the purchase of 10 new computers to start replacing our older classroom computers and I have also been informed that we will be receiving a full upgrade of our Wi-Fi in the next round of funding. The P & C is also supporting the school through its Monster Raffle for our Awards Night in Week 9.

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More information regarding attendance is on the back cover.

Kind regards,

Mr Craig Barrett
Principal
10th November, 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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DAY FOR DANIEL

Thanks to all who supported Day for Daniel recently by wearing red and donating a gold coin to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. It is always beneficial for children to be educated and reminded about doing all they can to keep themselves safe.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

School Banking Awards on Parade Friday, 30th October: Charlie, Tom, Tamara, Mrs Robertson, Sophie and lanthe-Jade

Awards on Parade Friday, 30th October: Ursula, Rex, River and lanthe-Jade

Gotcha Awards Monday, 2nd November: Jorey, Malachi, Cain and Elina

Awards on Parade Monday 9th November: Jessica, Monique and Levi (Absent are Rhyder and Will)

Gotcha Awards Monday, 9th November: Dusty, Sophie, Halle and Lattrel

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
CLAY WORKSHOPS WITH BEC LINDEMANN
Monkland State School students were very lucky to have local clay artist Bec Lindemann do some workshops with them. Students have made beautiful bells which will be fired before Christmas. Thanks Bec!

SMITH FAMILY TOY & BOOK CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Monkland State School will be involved in The Smith Family Christmas Toy and Book Appeal for 2015. The Smith Family is a community charity that assists disadvantaged families. Please see the leaflet in today’s newsletter for more information.

MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Scottish vs Eastern Who Will Win??
Wednesday, 2nd December from 9.00am
Kandanga Swimming Pool

Bus money ($3) and entry fee ($2)

SCHOOL JERSEYS – REDUCED PRICES!!
The Monkland State School jerseys are still available to buy and are now at a reduced price. The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the Monkland school uniform. They are now $30 each and are available from the office (not the uniform shop).

LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Club: Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the back of each brochure (Tuesday, 17th November). Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia) or online credit card payment at www.scholastic.com.au. The order will be placed on the due date and are usually returned to the school the following week. These books are usually very reasonably priced (some items are only $1 or $2) and orders go towards free books for our library. This is the last Book Club for this year.

Book Covering: Our school has just received a very large order of classroom reading books that need to be covered. If any of our wonderful parents can help out with this, can you please come and see me in the library before 9am. They can either be taken home or done here in the library. All materials are supplied. Thanks!!

Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books each week.

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/L: Cain, Linkon, Jessica, Ella
Yr 1/2: Ellise, Jayah, Ursula, Jack-Diamond
Yr 3/4/5: Shakane, Jarrod. Yr 5/6: Keanu

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

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

Term 4 2015 Tue 6th October – Fri 11th December
Term 1 2016 Wed 27th January – Thu 24th March
Term 2 2016 Mon 11th April – Fri 24th June
Term 3 2016 Mon 11th July – Fri 16th September

P & C NEWS:

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
Questacon, the science show, was on at school today. Make sure to squeeze some info out of the kids about that! We also had some fun making clay bells last week which I will fire before Christmas. The P&C has been gathering goodies for the monster raffle. A big thanks to Zayne, Shakane and Keanu’s Mum Taya for giving us 4 excellent gift packs from their new Street Wise Clothing shop on Brisbane Rd just before the Tin Can Bay turn off. Also donations from, Fabulous Fakes Sunglasses Centro, Gympie Packaging, Bella Casa, Monkland Convenience Store, some Spin Mud Ceramics from me, gifts from Dimmey’s through Taj and Percy’s mum who works there and more to come. Now it is up to all of us to sell as many tickets as possible to raise money for our new computers. Look out for the tickets and note about free dress day (to gather raffle hamper goods) next Monday. Have a great Week. Bec

SCHOOL DISCO
The P&C will be running a school disco on Wednesday the 9th of December. More details will be in the next newsletter.

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 Monday the 7th of December at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome!!
Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school every day, every school day:
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

For more information, please read the enclosed Regular school attendance sheet.

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