Tuesday, 10th September 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Student Attendance
Over the previous weeks I have been highlighting student attendance and the importance that everyday counts. Semester twos current attendance is 94.1% two percentage points up on last semester of 92.5%. This is to be highly commended. Reaching 95% attendance in 2013 is a real possibility. I remind parents the importance of informing the office of your child's absence. In 2012 of all absences for the year was 38% absenteeism was unexplained. This is a record we aim to smash!!

Who is the best class??

Year 7 - 94.7%
Year 6 - 94.9%
Year 5 - 92.1%
Year 4 - 93.1%
Year 3 - 94.3%
Year 2 - 87.9%
Year 1 - 95%
Prep - 91.9%

Remember- If by any chance your child is away or going to be away call the school on 07 5489 8888.

Nude Food
Over the next few weeks' students will be encouraged to pack foods that do not involve large amounts of packaging. We are building for the 16th of October (Nude Food Day) where we aim to be completely litter free on that day.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT'S ON

Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.15am
Uniform Shop

Thursdays
Tuckshop

Tuesday 10th September
3.30pm in the Library
P & C Meeting

Thursday 19th September
6.30 – 8pm Bling Bliing Disco

Friday 20th September
- Last Day Term 3
- Small School Ball Games

Monday 7th October
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 8th October
Term 4 Begins

Wed 16th – Wed 23rd October
- Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 16th October
Nude Food Day

Monday 21st October
Our Parents' and Citizens' Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.30pm.

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

SAFE - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE - LEARNERS

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10th September, 2013

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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SCHOOL DISCO

The next school disco will be held on Thursday the 19th September from 6.30 to 8.00pm. The theme is "Bling Bling" so wear your flashiest, sparkliest outfit. Music will be provided by special guest DJ "J-Dub" and there will be lots of fun and games. Please remember that our discos are for Monkland students only and all students attending must be signed in and out by an appropriate guardian. Entry cost is $3 and there will be food and drink available to purchase.

ADOPT-A-COP

Can you spot our Adopt-A-Cop?

SMALL SCHOOLS BALL GAMES CARNIVAL

Friday 20th September at Widgee State School. Students must bring a hat, wear sensible shoes to play sports in, a water bottle and bring lunch or money for tuck shop. The bus to and from Widgee costs $5 per student or parents may wish to transport children themselves. Please be aware that all students going to school that day will be required to attend this carnival as there will be no supervision at school.

INTERMEDIATE STRING WORKSHOP

The Instrumental Music Intermediate String Workshop will be held on Tuesday 17th September starting at 8am at the Gympie South State School Hall. Students must take lunch, water bottle and a hat for play time. The workshop concludes at 2.30pm. Parents are responsible for transport to and from the workshop.

CHORAL FEST

Well done to the Monkland Choir for participating in this year's Choral Fest and receiving a Silver award for their performance.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Thank you to those students and staff who participated in and contributed to Footy Colours Day on Friday. The school collected $40 which will be donated to Fight Cancer Foundation which supports children with cancer.

NUDE FOOD UPDATE

We are into our third week of Nude Food at Monkland and we are so happy with how it is going. It is wonderful to see most children participating when they can and there has been a definite reduction in the rubbish left lying around our eating areas. We are well on our way to have a 100% litter free lunch on National Nude Food Day- Wednesday, 16th of October. Congratulations to the winners so far of the Bin Buster containers filled with healthy treats- remember you've got to be in it to win it!! Mrs Robertson

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Prizes- Monday, 2nd September: David, Ray (Class Award from previous week), Alisa and Scott

Bin Busters 02.09.13 – Kasey, Jack, Taj and Alyssa
ALL OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP. Invoices will be sent home to families with seriously overdue books.

Scholastic Book Fair: Next term we will be holding another Scholastic Book Fair in the library. It will start at 8.30am on Wednesday the 16th October and finish at 3.30pm on Wednesday the 23rd October. All funds raised gets paid in new books for the library that all students can read and enjoy.

Council Footpath Letter Response: We have had a really positive response from the Council regarding our footpath letters and petition. Each student who wrote a letter received a personal response. Enclosed is a copy of the response.

Moaikland Drama Group: I have started an extra-curricular drama group (Drama Monkeys) with a group of students who signed up to participate in their own time. I have had an overwhelming response with over a quarter of the school involved. We will be putting on a play for all to watch in the last week of school next term. Plays and drama are a great way for children to express themselves creatively, whilst reading for expression and comprehension and I look forward to being involved with this project.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

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:

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P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th September at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

MUSTER VOLUNTEERS
Certificates were presented on parade last week to our wonderful Muste Volunteers and supporters.