Tuesday, 11th November 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Prep Enrolments and Class Numbers for 2015
The next few weeks are a very important time for our school as we set the direction and priorities for 2015. Accurate information now enables a really smooth start and hopefully an uninterrupted start to the following year. Our first big task is to create classes and staffing. It is very important for our school that all enrolments for 2015 are completed and returned right now. We have already got 11 Prep students on the books and I have had the pleasure in meeting a number of these very excited students and parents at our Pre Start days which run every Friday morning at the school. If you would like further information regarding enrolling please call Madonna in the office on 5489 8888.

Our biggest challenge is to get accurate numbers of students for the 2015 year and knowing which students maybe leaving us. It only takes a couple of unexpected students not to return to force our school to reorganise classes in the New Year. If you are considering a move at the end of the year please advise the school or your class teacher. Please let us know even if it is only tentative at this stage.

Car Parking
Please be reminded that the Drop off/ Pick up area at the top of the round about is for pick up and drop off only, this space is not for long-term parking. Congestion tends to form and student safety is put in danger.

Remembrance Day
At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month Monkland will pause for a moment’s silence to remember those that sacrificed their lives for Australia.

Behaviour
At no stage has the school ever accepted the use of poor or foul language within the school. The same can be said about physical misconduct. It is absolutely imperative that we make Monkland State School a safe environment for all students, staff and parents. Please be mindful of the impact your behaviours have on children at school and how as parents we can conduct ourselves better.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
11th November, 2014

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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PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
As parents you are our students’ biggest role models. Accordingly, the School expects a high standard of personal behaviour from parents when on School grounds, including but not limited to such things as:
1. Refraining from offensive, insulting or derogatory language or conduct on school grounds. This includes wearing clothing with offensive language or insignia.
2. Dressing appropriately. Revealing clothing should be avoided whilst going barefoot or without a shirt is not appropriate.
3. Department of Education facilities are strictly non-smoking. Please refrain from smoking within sight of the boundary of the school property.
4. Not possessing on School grounds, or attending School grounds if affected by, alcohol or any other intoxicant.

Interaction with staff, other parents and students:
Parents and all other visitors to Monkland State School are expected to interact civilly with staff, students and other parents at all times. Abusive language, raising your voice, insulting or violent behaviour to anyone on School grounds is not appropriate and action will be taken.

MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Scottish vs Eastern Who Will Win??
Thursday, 27th November from 9.00am
Kandanga Swimming Pool

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

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Awards Monday, 3rd November: Daniel, Charli and Rhianna

Kidsing Participants 2014: Back – Courtney, Mary-Helen, Georgia, Rhianna. Front – Amy, Teagan, Alyssa, Kirra, Sarah and Jasmine

Class Awards Friday 7th November: Back – Sarah, Jeremy, Ben Front – Maddison-Lee, Rhyder, Jeremy, Zalia

Gotcha Awards Monday, 10th November: Brayden, Charli, Jai

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
LIBRARY NEWS:

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, 18th 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.

Overdue Books: Thank you to those students who make a really big effort to return their library books. The following students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter:

Prep/1: Shaelyn, Imogen Yr 2/3/4: Shakane, Gemma Yr 4/5: Keanu, Ben, Elina, Shakeelee Yr 6/7: David

Please help your child to remember to return their books this week. Library books can be returned to the library or the office Monday to Friday.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

RIVER DENTAL COMES TO MONKLAND

Last Friday Prep/One were very pleased to welcome Dr Tim Topalov and his assistant Kristina to our classroom. The children sat and listened as Dr Topalov talked about proper diet and good dental hygiene and drew funny pictures on our whiteboard. After that we completed small group activities including brushing on a model mouth, making ghosts out of mouth gauze and dental floss, drawing pictures of healthy smiles and watching Kristina blow up rubber gloves with helium. We had a wonderful afternoon and we learnt a lot. A big thank you goes to Dr Tim and Kristina for giving up their time to come to Monkland!! Mrs Robertson - Prep-I

TERM DATES 2014/15

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 2014 | Tue 7th October – Fri 12th December |
| Term 1 2015 | Tue 27th January – Thur 2nd April |
| Term 2 2015 | Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June |
| Term 3 2015 | Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September |

P & C NEWS:

NEW P & C SECRETARY

The P & C welcomes Su Foster who has extended her P & C involvement to take on the role of Secretary. Good on you, Su!

P & C MEETING

The minutes from the meeting held on 14th October are enclosed in today’s newsletter. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th November at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please note that due to school activities, Thursday the 20th of November will be the last Tuckshop Day for 2014. That will be a Pizza Slice Day. Order forms will go home with each student next week. Thank you to those families who have supported Tuck Shop this year. All money raised from Tuck Shop goes towards our school and its students. The position of Tuckshop convenor is still available.

TUCKSHOP MENU - THURSDAY, 13th November

**Second break only**

**Basic Menu:**

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Orders to be written on paper bags with child’s name and class, and handed in to the office with money enclosed no later than 9am Thursday.

**Please note: This menu is only for the 13th November. Pizza Day (the 20/11/2014) will be the last tuckshop this year.**

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITION VACANT

Volunteer Position - 1 day per week (Convenor’s choice) $40/month Fuel Allowance. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the office.
Attention Future Gympie SHS Parents

For Sale: Gympie SHS size 16 junior school shirt and maroon jumper. Shirt has hardly been worn and is like new. $15 for both. Please see Madonna in the MSS school office if interested.

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