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The 5-6 Class have the opportunity to participate in a curriculum camp at Garapine Camp from Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st October. The camp, in the newly refurbished facilities of Garapine, will involve leadership, teamwork and confidence based activities as part of the health and physical education curriculum. Further information is contained in the note provided last week. Permission notes and money need to be returned by Friday 14th October.

Swimming

Swimming will commence for the 3-4 and 5-6 classes on Tuesday 25th October. Students will depart the school during lunchtime and return before 3:00pm. Students will need a fitted lycra swim-shirt, swimmers and a towel. The cost for this activity is $3 per week, payable on the day to the office.

Instrumental Music

Students engaged in our fantastic instrumental program have the opportunity to engage in a strings workshop over at Gympie South during this week. This wonderful opportunity is provided to the beginning players today and our intermediate/advanced students tomorrow.

Book Fair: Book Fair is back!!!

The Scholastic Australia Story Book Fair will be on in the Monkland SS Library before and after school, starting on Tuesday the 18th and concluding on Friday the 21st of October. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along. Book prices start from as little as $2 and EFTPOS will be available. All proceeds go towards new borrowing books for all our students to enjoy. The more money we raise, the more wonderful new books your children can borrow. Hope to see you there!

Library, Mrs Wilson

Junior Secondary Enrolments (Year 7)

Enrolments for both Gympie State High School and James Nash State High are being finalised. Parents of Year 7 students in 2017 are strongly advised to secure their enrolment and participate in the interviews to ensure their son / daughter’s place in 2017. Only students enrolled are eligible to attend the open days scheduled this term. For further information please contact the respective office.

Enrol now for Prep 2017

Enrolments are now being accepted for Monkland Prep Program in 2017. Look out for our advertisement in the paper and for further information please contact the school at your convenience. Prep offers a great start to a formal schooling program with all the best elements of instruction, play and social based programming. 2017 will be a golden year for Monkland and we invite you to be part of the success!

Gold Rush Festival

This Saturday as part of the Gold Rush festival students have the opportunity to be part of the parade down the main streets of Gympie to celebrate our love and successes of reading. Students need to assemble in the Town Library carpark at 3:30pm for a 4:00 start. Come dressed in your uniform or as your favourite book character. The parade concludes at the park behind Mary Street where students will need to be collected from the staff. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to proudly represent Monkland State School in this year’s Gold Rush Festival.
CLASS NEWS

Prep/1

This term in History students are continuing to tell stories about themselves. Could your child please bring to school this Friday 14th October a favourite soft toy or teddy. They will be asked to tell a story about who gave the toy to them, when they received it and what they can remember about the day they got it.

Mrs Corbet.

1/2

Thank you to Mr Lee who has been working with the 1/2 Class in Miss Sayers absence. The kids have thoroughly enjoyed having you and Super Student cooking has been delicious!

3/4

Welcome back everyone from year 3/4. This term students will be focussing on writing poetry and presenting it to the class. Year 3/4 have enthusiastically taken to writing poems and I can't wait to see their final presentation.

5/6

The students in our mighty 5-6 class have been deeply engaged in the art and science of Mind Mapping. A brain friendly way of learning mind mapping will continue to be used throughout our learning.

This term we are exploring micro-organisms in science and Australian history. We are lucky enough to have visiting Praxis Student Mrs Bryers visiting to foster a love and understanding of Roald Dahl's novels. With swimming and our end of year celebrations we will be very, very busy!

P&C

General Meeting

A general meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 18th October at 3:15pm. Come along and help make our school community a real success.

Tuckshop

Our fantastic tuckshop convenors, the Bodycote family are making some exciting changes in the tuckshop on Friday's and the kids are loving it. The P&C are considering a pre-paid system for ease of payment. For more information come along to the P&C meeting and be part of the tuckshop's success.

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