Tuesday, 13th October 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fabulous first week I have had at Monkland. I have been warmly welcomed by staff, students and parents and have been impressed by how polite and hard working the students at Monkland are. Term 4 is always a very busy term, and this one is certainly shaping up as no exception.

Absences

To keep the school community informed of our attendance, I will be publishing our data in each newsletter. Our school attendance target is 92%, and in a small school like Monkland, just a few students away can cause us to fall below that target. Remember that the school is here to support parents and caregivers in getting students to school every day and that, this term, we are looking at reducing the number of unexplained absences.

Term 4 Week 1

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University Students

Monkland welcomes four Education students from USC for the next two weeks. In-school practicum is an essential part of creating our next generation of teachers and they will be learning at the hands of our excellent teachers.

Art Block

I have been informed by Education Queensland that our Art Block has been slated for demolition and removal sometime this term. All such blocks are being removed from State School grounds as they contain asbestos. Once it is removed, I will be discussing with the school community what we can put in its place. Education Queensland will not be replacing it with another building so we will have to consider our options at a school level.

Kind regards,

Mr Craig Barrett
Principal
13th October, 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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ROAD SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS
Monkland SS is one of the very few schools in Gympie where parents can drive on the school campus. As we all know, children are very unpredictable and sometimes act before thinking. To ensure the safety of all students, some road rules must be followed on school grounds. They are:

- The speed limit is strictly 10 kms/hr
- There is no parking in the stop, drop, go area
- Unaccompanied students are to walk across the school driveway and the road in front of the school at the crossing
- The top car park is for staff and pre-approved P&C members only who are working in that area. Parents are to park in the areas from the old tennis court down.

DAY FOR DANIEL
To tie in with the implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum, Monkland School will be participating in the annual Day for Daniel on Friday, October 30. Students can wear red to school to raise awareness of Child Safety and to bring a gold coin donation for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation for child safety. Please note: Appropriate clothing only please and if your child is not wearing red they are to be in regular school uniform.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

End of Term 3 Gotcha Prize Winners: Sarah and Daniel
Many thanks to our P&C for donating the Book Fair vouchers.

Awards on Parade Friday, 18th September: William, Levi, Ellsie

Awards on Parade Friday, 9th October: Dusty, Izak, Ellsie

Gotcha Awards Monday, 12th October: Taj, Clifford the Big Red Dog, River and Breeanna (Absent is Tyler)
Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
MUSIC NEWS
All our Monkland students have been learning the song ‘Gold’, this year’s Music: Count Us In song. The students can find the words for the song at home by searching “music count us in gold you tube Marcia’s version.” The national singing event will take place at school at 12.30pm on Thursday, 29th October.

LIBRARY NEWS:
**Scholastic Book Fair:** Book Fair is on!!! Book Fair will run before and after school for three days until Thursday the 15th October and parents are most welcome to come and check out my little shop in the library that gets all the kids so excited. Other times can be arranged with me if necessary. Now is a great time to get started on Christmas shopping and there are some great bargains to be had. EFTPOS facilities are available and all sales go towards new books for students to borrow from the library so please support Book Fair if possible.

Breeanna, Taj and River (absent is Tyler) with their Book Fair Gotcha prizes. Thanks to Scholastic for the great prizes!

Sarah and Daniel with their Gotcha prizes from the end of term 3 prize draw. Thanks to our P&C for donating the $25 vouchers!

**Library Borrowing:** Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books at the end of last term.

**STUDENTS WITH OVERTUE LIBRARY BOOKS:**
**Prep/1:** Cain Yr 1/2: No overdues – well done Year 1/2!!
**Yr 3/4/5:** Shakane Yr 5/6: Keau

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

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P & C NEWS:
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 2nd of November at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY. Minutes from the meeting held on the 14th September are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop is up and running for this term. Please see the updated menu in today’s newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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**Gympie Lions Club Date Claimer:** Mary Valley Family Fishing Classic - 7th and 8th November – Lake Borumba Imbil. For more information go to http://gympie.qld.lions.org.au

**GSHS Destiny Rescue Cent Auction Date Claimer:** Sunday 13th November at 3pm in the Hamilton Hall, Gympie State High School. Lots of fun and great prizes. All funds raised go to Destiny Child Rescue.
Tues 13th - Thurs 15th October
Before and after school in the Library
All welcome!

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