Tuesday, 13th May 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
Students in years 3, 5 and 7 will be taking part in NAPLAN testing.
- Tuesday: Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday: Reading Comprehension
- Thursday: Numeracy
I wish all participating the best of luck.

Volunteers Needed!
The P&C are looking for volunteers to help operate the coffee shop at this weeks show. The coffee shop in the past has been quite profitable for the P&C and is another way to help fund a lot of P&C initiatives for 2014. If you are available to do a shift over Thursday, Friday and Saturday please contact the school Office or Karen Gresham.

P&C
The P&C still require a secretary for 2014. If interested please contact the school or the P&C President Lisa Lingard on 0400 835 257. Joining the a P&C such as ours is a thoroughly enjoyable experience which gives each the pleasure knowing that your contributions have a direct impact on the learning of students within the school.

Everyday Counts
A reminder to all families that everyday of schooling counts considerably to success of student development including social, emotional and academic. The largest challenge for teachers is re-teaching concepts to students who have missed part of the school week. Our teachers are expected to plan methodically to ensure students have every opportunity to learn and that a highly engaging national curriculum is taught. Teaching in our classes start right on 9:00am with spelling, therefore if a child is a constant late arrival, this impacts directly on their spelling, which is a large proportion of literacy. The same can be expected in the afternoon with early departures, having Science, History, Geography, Technology, Music and HPE delivered during these timeslots across the school.

If it any stage your child/ren is absent from school can you please ensure you contact the administration on 07 5489 8888 of the absence details. These details are recorded on OneSchool for departmental processing.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

WHAT’S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T

Thursdays
Tuckshop
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Tue 13th – Thur 15th May
NAPLAN Testing for Yr 3, 5 & 7

Thursday 15th May
School Show Excursion

Friday 16th May
Gympie Show Holiday

Friday 23rd May – 6.15pm
MSS Movie Fundraiser

Sun 25th – Sat 31st May
Year 6/7 Camp to Winton

Tuesday 27th May
Burger & Milkshake Day

Wednesday 18th June
School Photos

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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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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GYMPIE SHOW EXCURSION/HOLIDAY

All Monkland students who have returned their permission form and bus fare will be travelling to the Gympie Show this Thursday. Years Prep, 1, 2, 4 and 6 will go in the morning session and the Years 3, 5 and 7s will go in the afternoon session after completion of NAPLAN testing. Please ensure your child has sensible shoes and a hat for that day as they will be doing a lot of walking around the show and it can be quite hot. Students are expected to be in full Monkland uniform. This is for safety reasons amongst other things as there are a lot of school children at the Show on the Thursday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School class photos will be taken on Wednesday the 18th June. More information will be sent home soon.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Prizes Monday, 5th May: Ursula, Gemma, Josh, Ajay. Lucky Gotcha Prize winners this week won a pick from Book Fair to the value of $15!

Class Awards Friday, 2nd May: Jesse, Harry and Alahni (Front)

Class Awards Friday, 9th May: Back – Rhianna, Amy, Tyshelle, Tyler and Daniel. Front: Zalia, Tegan, Shakeelie, Shaelyn and Emmalee.

Gotcha Prizes Monday, 12th May:

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Fair Wrap-up: Book Fair was a massive success. A massive THANK YOU to all families who supported Book Fair. Our sales reached over $1000 which enabled us to receive 30% commission in new books for the library. These books are purely for students to borrow and enjoy.

Book Fair is a fun and exciting time for Monkland and the students get right into it and love visiting my little “shop”!

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from popular book character Geronimo Stilton who turns 10 this year. I look forward to hosting another Book Fair in October this year.

Overdue Books: The following students have seriously overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
- Prep/1: Baylee, Shaelyn, Dusty
- Yr 2/3/4: Tyler
- Yr 4/5: Elina
- Yr 6/7: Storm
Please help your child to remember their books each Thursday so they can borrow new ones.

Happy Reading! Mrs. J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

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 2 2014 | Tue 22nd April – Fri 27th June |
| Term 3 2014 | Mon 14th July - Fri 19th September |
| Term 4 2014 | Tue 7th October – Fri 12th December |
| Term 1 2015 | Tue 27th January – Thur 2nd April |

MOVIE FUNDRAISER
There will be a movie night at the Gympie (Sovereign) Cinema on Friday the 23rd May to raise money towards the Year 6/7 camp. The movie is the new “X-Men: Days of Future Past”. Tickets are $12 each and a ticket order form is enclosed in today’s newsletter. Simply complete the form, return it to the school with the money and tickets will then be sent home or can be collected by parents if you wish. Tickets are also available to purchase from Jodie Wilson in the Library, through the office and at the cinema on the night.

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th June at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The position of P & C Secretary is still vacant. Full support and training is provided. Please see Mr. Lawless or Lisa Lingard if you are interested. Minutes from the meeting held on the 6th May are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
THERE WILL BE NO TUCK SHOP THIS WEEK DUE TO THE SHOW EXCURSION. The next Burger and Milkshake Day will be Tuesday 27th of May. Order forms will go home with students next week. Order forms are also available from the office or can be printed off from the Monkland SS website.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Last Friday the P&C held a Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to those that supported us and bought some lovely gifts. There are still a few items left including the fundraising seeds. If you are interested in purchasing something please see Mrs. Robertson in Prep/One classroom until Thursday.

EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
Thank you to those who supported the Easter Chocolate fundraiser. Any outstanding monies and unsold chocolates are now due back at school ASAP.

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that the uniform shop day has changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 8.30 to 9.15am. For enquiries or to arrange a special time see the office or phone Bec Lindemann on 0403 139 643.

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER
A Golf Day fundraiser will be held on Sunday 15th June at the Gympie Golf Club. More details will be provided soon.

GYMPIE GOLF DAY
HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED – PLEASE NOTE THE MORE 6/7 PARENTS THAT HELP – THE MORE PROFITS WILL GO TOWARDS CAMP
Please contact the office or Karen Gresham if you can help out.