Tuesday, 13th August 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mathematics Professional Development
Today teachers at Monkland will be privileged to take part in Professional Development centred on Mathematical warm up activities to help promote number sense. A follow session scheduled from 4-6pm opened to both parent and teacher at Two Mile State School will help further develop and deepen our understanding in the importance of number sense.

Teaching and Learning Audit
After recently taking part in the Discipline Audit Monkland State School will have a further Teaching and Learning Audit on Tuesday the 8th of October. This will be the third T&L Audit conducted since 2010. Audit allows schools to be assessed over 8 Domains:-

1. An Explicit Improvement Agenda
2. Analysis and Discussion of Data
3. A Culture that Promotes Learning
4. Targeted use of School Resources
5. An Expert Teaching Team
6. Systematic Curriculum Delivery
7. Differentiated Classroom Learning
8. Effective Teaching Practice

Each domain will be given a rating of Outstanding, High, Medium or Low. The performance of our T&L Audit will be available on our school website approximately 10 weeks from the Audit date.

Website
Over the school break Jodie Wilson took part in a program to help schools develop their own website. As a result Monkland State School now has a new website linked with the new Qschools app available for smart phones. This is just another great way to communicate with families. I encourage you all to visit the site.

Student attendance
Our attendance this year is improving from previous years and as a community we can continue to work together to make everyday count for our students. If for some reason you child is absent from school please contact the office and leave details of the absenteeism.

Gympie Muster
We are calling for volunteer help for the Gympie Muster held between the 22nd to the 25th of August. You can either help on the stall during the time of the muster or provide some homebaking to sell on the stall. All monies raised help support school programs in learning, subsidise trips, uniforms, playgrounds and equipment. Please show your support for Monkland and contact one of the P&C members registering you interest.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
13th August, 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.monklanndss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

The Monkland School Choir performed at the recent Eisteddfod. On the Thursday, they sang beautifully in the Choral Contest – 150 Pupils or Less category and received a third place out of the five schools that entered. On the Friday of Eisteddfod, they entered the Choral Contest – Sacred Singing and again sang like angels and gained third place out of 6 entrants.


Monkland’s Speech and Drama entrants did extremely well at Eisteddfod this year. Between them they won 3 Highly Commendeds, 6 third places, 6 second places and a staggering 11 first place awards. Special mention goes to Mary-Helen for winning Most Promising Female Speech and Drama Performer – 14 Years and Under, and to Sarah for winning the Most Promising Speech and Drama Performer – 12 Years and Under. Well done to all Speech and Drama performers for your efforts and achievements. Thank you to Mrs Knox for your coaching and encouragement.


AWARDS ON PARADE:

Award on Parade – Friday 2nd Aug: Trinity


Awards on Parade – Friday, 9th August: Mary-Helen, Teagan, Sarah, Jeremy and Monique

Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 12th August: Jackson, Taj, Jory and Shakeelie

Congratulations to all award recipients!!
LIBRARY NEWS:
Thanks to those who ordered from the latest Book Club. Orders have been returned and distributed to students. Issue 6 of Book Club will go home with each student today. If you wish to order, please return your order and payment to the office by 9am, Tuesday 20th August. Payments can be made in cash, cheque or online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment

Book Week 2013  Book Week is this week. The theme this year is “Read Across The Universe”. Our celebrations will be held on Thursday the 15th August. We will be visited by Lynn from the Town Library who will introduce the Book Week books to all classes. Students are asked to dress up as their favourite Superhero on Thursday and bring a gold coin donation to go to Bear Cottage which is a hospice for terminally ill children.

Brisbane Road Footpath Petition Update: The letters and petition have now been posted to the Council. Thank you to those who supported the cause and signed the petition. Hopefully we will have a result from the Council soon.

Read More In May winners have been announced and it is great to see how many families in Australia took part. Thank you to the Price family for their entry and participation.

Students with Overdue Books: Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books:
P/1: Alissa, 2/3: Elina, Danielle, 4/5: Maddie, Kyle. 6/7: Taylor ALL OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP. Invoices will be sent home to families with seriously overdue books.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

HAVE A LAUGH!

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/ MINUTES
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th September at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. Minutes from the last meeting held on 12th August are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

NEW P & C PRESIDENT
Due to work commitments, Cindy Buchan has stepped down from her role as Monkland P & C President. Lisa Lingard will be stepping up from Vice President to President. We welcome Lisa to the role of President. We would also like to thank Cindy for her tireless efforts, hard work and dedication over the last three and a half years.

Thank You Cindy!

MUSTER VOLUNTEERS AND HOME BAKERS STILL NEEDED
Helpers are still required for setting up on Sunday afternoon (25th August). If you cannot help at the Muster, donations of Home Baking (eg. muffins) will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate Home Baking please leave items at the office on Wednesday the 21st of August.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please note there will be NO TUCKSHOP ON THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST due to Muster commitments.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Uniform Shop is now open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 – 9.15am. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

JIM’S MOWING & GARDENING SERVICES
Jim’s Mowing at Gympie South have generously offered to make a donation to the Monkland P & C for every booking taken that mentions our school. Please ring Russ or Chrissy directly on 0407 754 114 and remember you must mention Monkland School when booking to activate the donation. This offer ends at the end of Term 3 (September holidays).

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Tennis Gympie Primary School Challenge
Years 3 to 7
Tennis Gympie will be holding the next interschool challenge of 2013 at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Road on Wednesday 14th August from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The cost is $10 per player, $15 for 2 players from the same family or $20 for 3 or more players from the same family including a free sausage sizzle. Members discount applies to all junior members. The challenges will be based on our Hot Shots Tennis in Schools programs and Holiday Fun Tournament events and all players will be placed into groups of appropriate skill levels. Heaps of fun and prizes and a chance to represent your school. Note: 1 more challenge remains in term 3 and two more in term 4 to decide the overall winning school which will be presented medallions and a perpetual trophy to be on display at the conclusion of the challenges. Players must play a minimum of 4 challenges to be eligible for a medallion. For more information or to book in please call Brett Cottrill Ph 0417746795 or Matt Watkins 0417070129 by Tuesday 13th August.

GYMPIE STAMP FAIR will be held at the Albert Park Bowls Club on Sunday 15th September from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Hundreds of thousands of stamps and coins will be on show as well as raffles, door prizes, bargains, auctions. Entry is free and all are welcome.