Tuesday, 14th October 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back
Welcome back all students and staff for the final term of 2014. Traditionally term 4 flies by and before we know it, the Christmas tree is up and the shops are full of red and white. Awards night is scheduled for Thursday the 4th of December beginning at 6:00pm and will follow a similar format to last years. Each year level will be asked to present a Christmas song. Report cards will go home the following day.

World Teachers’ Day
Another event that occurs on the last Friday of October every year in Queensland is our celebration of World Teachers’ Day.

World Teachers’ Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. It offers students and parents a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

This year we will celebrate World Teacher’s Day in Queensland on Friday 31 October. I include the link here to a student challenge for any student who would like to participate.


Entries close Friday 24th October.
I still remember my inspirational teachers, and cherish the cards and letters I have received from students. Sometimes over ten years after they moved on from my class.

Uniform Policy
A reminder to families that Monkland State School does have a uniform policy enacted by the P&C. We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing the incorrect jumper, jackets and shorts. If by any chance you child cannot be in full school uniform please inform the school. We have a large number of lost property and second hand jumpers that students can access.

Attendance
Can I remind families that if at any stage your child/ren cannot make to school to contact the school office on 07 5489 8888 to explain their absence. Likewise for early departures and late arrivals, please access the office to sign your child in or out.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
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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SPOOKY DISCO

A great time was had by all and it was great to see how much effort went into the spooky costumes and make up. It was a really great night and thanks to all parents and staff who helped out on the night. There will be another disco later this term.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van arrived at school during the last week of the school holidays and has begun examining students. Forms were issued to students 2 weeks prior to the holidays, but so far very few have been received back. If you would like your child/ren to be seen by the School Dental Service this year, please return the 2 pages of completed forms ASAP. If you have not received forms from your children, but would like them seen please contact Dental staff directly to organise a suitable appointment time by phoning the van on 0417 764 504 between 7.30am – 4pm or going to the van located at the top of the driveway beside the Tuckshop. If more forms are not received/appointments made in the next few days, the dental van will be leaving the school within the next week.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MONDAY THE 20TH OF OCTOBER IS A Pupil FREE DAY

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 19th September: Back – Tyshelle and Justin. Front – Phillip, Kasey, Monique, Belia and Jorey

Class Awards Friday 10th October: Brayden, Shakane, Charli, Gemma and Mary-Helen


Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
Congratulations to Term 3 Gotcha Prize Draw winner Rhyder. Thanks to the P & C for providing the $50 Toyworld voucher.

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Fair: BOOK FAIR IS BACK!! It will run in the library before and after school from Tuesday to Friday in week two. Other times can be arranged with me if discreet shopping is required. There will be full EFTPOS facilities and a commission of all funds raised will be paid in books to the school for children to borrow and enjoy. Hope to see you there!

BOOK FAIR GARDEN
Catch the reading bug!

Overdue Books: Thank you to those students who made a really big effort to return their library books. The following (few) students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter: Prep/1: Shaelyn Yr 2/3/4: NO OVERDUES! WELL DONE YEAR 2/3/4!! Yr 4/5: Brayden, Keanu, Shakeelie Yr 6/7: David, Joshua 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

130th CELEBRATIONS
Monkland State School celebrated its 130th birthday last term. Please see the insert in today’s newsletter for photos.

WATCH OUT WASTE!!
This term Monkland is getting serious about reducing our landfill. To save costs in council rubbish collection fees (an estimated $1600) and to do our part towards saving the environment, we will be trialling only having a worm farm food scrapbin available at lunch time. This means that whatever packaging your child brings in their lunch box—glad wrap, chip packets, poppa boxes etc. will be going back home to you. We continue to encourage all Monkland students to be “nude foodies” and bring reusable containers whenever possible! Please see me if you would like more information. © Megan Robertson.

PRE-PREP PROGRAM STARTING THIS TERM:
Please see the flyer in today’s newsletter for more information regarding the Pre-Prep Program.

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER
SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON ANY EDUCATION QUEENSLAND PREMISES.
This includes in vehicles on school grounds and within 5 metres of school gates.

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

P & C SECRETARY POSITION VACANT
The position of Secretary of the P & C has become vacant. We wish to thank Michelle for taking on the role up until now, but due to work commitments cannot continue in the role. Full training and support is provided. Please contact the office if you are interested.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
As we presently have no Tuckshop Convenor, there is no Tuck Shop until further notice.

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.

GOLD RUSH STREET PARADE
The P & C are putting into Monkland State School float for this year’s Gold Rush Street Parade on Saturday the 18th October. We are looking for Monkland students to be involved. More information will go home this week.