Tuesday, 15th September 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Farewell and Thank You

Firstly, I would like to thank the entire hard working staff of Monklaind for being so supportive of me this term as Acting Principal. The greater Monklaind family should be so very appreciative of the dedication of all staff working to engage and support all Monklaind students. I wish the Year 5/6 class all the best for the remainder of the year, and have really enjoyed watching all students become engrossed in their learning and have relished celebrating their successes over the past 10 weeks. Thank you to all families who have worked to return forms to the school and have participated in ensuring that Monklaind attendance data is correctly noted for all students. I wish Craig Barrett all the best with his move to Monklaind School next term.

Attendance Trends

Monklaind’s target for school wide attendance is 92.4%, as you can see attendance is still below this target. One reason for these weekly averages could be the continual illness during the Winter months.

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I wish the school all the best on working on Monklaind’s attendance targets for the remainder of the year.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but......

If your child misses:
- 1 day per fortnight: 22 Day per year
- 1 day per week: 40 Day per year
- 2 days per week: 80 Days per year
- 3 days per week: 120 Days per year

That equates to:
- 4 weeks per year
- 8 weeks per year
- 16 weeks per year
- 24 weeks per year

Time is flying, so beware of missing too much and achieving best for your child might perform is:

1 day per fortnight: Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week: Over 2.5 years
2 days per week: Over 5 years
3 days per week: Nearly 8 years

Yours truly,

Mrs Deanne Biddle
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Great state. Great opportunity.
15th September, 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.monlandss.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.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

JAMES NASH SHS
YEAR 6 INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Thursday 17th September
4 - 5pm
I Block (J Block tour at end of session)

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade Friday, 4th September: Breeanna, Tyler, Leon, Jayah and Taj

Gotcha Awards Monday, 7th September: Will, Ashleigh, Kody and Phillip

Awards on Parade Friday, 11th September: Ruby, Halle and Makayla

Gotcha Awards Monday, 14th September: Danielle, Jory and Tamara

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 youtube Marcia’s version.” The national singing event will take place at school at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 29th October.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN
Thanks to all families who sent in Woolies Earn and Learn stickers for our school. The program is now finished so please send in any remaining stickers or sheets by this Thursday the 17th at the latest. We hope to be able to get some great resources for our school.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Fair: Book Fair will be running in week two of next term starting on Tuesday the 13th of October. Book Fair will run before and after school for three days until Thursday the 15th of 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. Our P&C has generously donated two $25 Book Fair vouchers for the end of term Gotcha prize draw that students need to be here for on the last day of school. The weekly Gotcha winners in week two will win a free pick from Book Fair to the value of $15. We will also be lucky enough to have a visit from a special guest at Monday’s parade and at Tuesday Playgroup. All sales go towards new books for students to borrow from the library so please support Book Fair if possible.

Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books. All library books are now due book and should have been returned by last Thursday.

STUDENTS WITH OVERTUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/L: Ruby K., Cain, Charlie, River, Ella
Yr 1/2: Tegan, Charli, Shanel, Ursula, Alissa, Levi, Maia, Shaelyn
Yr 3/4/5: Shakane, Izak, Taj, Jessica
Yr 5/6: Keanu, Daniel

Care of Library Books: I was recently alarmed to get a new library book that had been borrowed and returned with teeth marks on the front cover and another that is missing the first six pages. Part of the responsibility of borrowing library books is taking care of them. Library books can often be quite expensive and they need to be looked after whilst in your child’s care. I ask if all families could please follow these simple guidelines for looking after library books.

- The best way is to keep the book in a suitable library bag. See me in the library if you need help with this
- Little brothers/sisters sometimes do not mix with library books – they can literally love books to death!
- Pets do not mix with library books either – dogs do not only eat homework apparently!
- Food and drink also do not mix with library books – especially foods like good old spag bol!
- Library books belong at home or at school – not at friends or relatives houses and not left in the car – I hear this one a lot! I have some well travelled books in my library!
- I totally understand that accidents do happen when children and books are concerned, but we can all take the best care possible to minimise damage and book loss.

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

| Term 3 2015 | Mon 13th July – Fri 18th September |
| Term 4 2015 | Tue 6th October – Fri 11th December |
| Term 1 2016 | Mon 25th January – Thur 24th March |
| Term 2 2016 | Mon 11th April – Fri 24th June |

P & C NEWS:

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
Thanks to all who have supported the P&C this term. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you next term.
Bec Lindemann

P & C MEETING
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 12th of October at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY. Minutes from the meeting held on the 11th August are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Showgirl Fundraiser
Miss Pavilion, Mikaela Calvert

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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
HAPPY BIRTHDAY MONKLAND STATE SCHOOL!!
Did you know that Monkland State School turns 131 this month?
Happy Birthday Marvelous Monkland!

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