Tuesday, 15th October 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
Last week students in years 3, 5 & 7 received their individual student report card from the NAPLAN test from May this year. Let me be the first to congratulate all participating students for their efforts. This year we can celebrate a huge improvement across the school in a variety of areas. Below is a snapshot of our success.

- 100% of year 3 & 7 above the NMS (national average) second year running for year 7’s.
- 100% of year 7’s above the NMS in Spelling
- 100% of year 5’s above the NMS in Reading
- 92.9% of year 7’s above the NMS in Writing, Reading and Grammar and Punctuation.
- 33.3% of year 5’s scored in the upper two bands scales in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation
- 28.9% of Year 7’s scored in the upper two band scales in Reading.

Although this is a point in time test, we are pleased to see such improvements that are consistent with student grades and other forms of standardised testing used at Monkland throughout the year.

Teaching & Learning Audit
On October 8, 2013 Monkland had its third Teaching & Learning Audit. I’m extremely pleased with the progression the school continues to make across the 8 domains in the Teaching and Learning audit tool. The school is placed in a Medium to High proficiency highlighting the path chosen is the right path. The affirmations and recommendations gathered from the audit will help inform key stakeholders make future decisions for the betterment of the school. A big thank you for the parents that attended our morning tea, your input was greatly appreciated.

Nude Food
Over the past few weeks’ students have been encouraged to pack foods that do not involve large amounts of packaging. We are building for the 16th of October (Nude Food Day) where we aim to be completely litter free on that day.

Student Free Day
Please remember that this Monday, the 21st of October, is a Student Free Day. All Monkland staff will be engaged in personal development and school planning which benefits our school greatly.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
15th October, 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.monklandss.eq.edu.au

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SCHOOL DISCO

Our Bling Bling disco was held on the last Thursday night of last term. It was a huge success with great music and games and fun was had by all. Thanks to all helpers: P & C, Monkland staff and DJ J-Dub who gave up his time free of charge to keep the dance floor pumping. A big thank you also goes to the friendly staff at Lighting Network in Chapple Street for lending us disco lights. Money raised will go towards replacing our “misplaced” disco lights.

MONKLAND MEMORIES

Did you know that Monkland State School celebrates 130 years of golden education in 2014? Each fortnight, a section of the newsletter will be dedicated to help commemorate this special occasion with photos and articles.

NUDE FOOD DAY

This Wednesday Monkland is taking part in National nude food day! Over the last 6 weeks students have been encouraged to create less rubbish in the school grounds by bringing food in reusable containers. We have been so impressed at the enthusiasm children have displayed for this initiative and we are hoping tomorrow will be the best day yet with a 100% litter free lunch! We will also be drawing the winners of the Nude food movers (specially designed lunch boxes) Anyone that has been given a bin buster award is in with a chance. Good luck everyone!! Mrs Robertson

JAMES NASH SHS YEAR 7 PARENT EVENING

On October 16, James Nash SHS is hosting an information evening for the current Year 5, 6 and 7 students and their parents to outline the program for next year and the following year. The evening will start at 5pm for parents of students in Years 5 and 6 with a presentation on James Nash SHS planning for Junior Secondary in 2015. Parents and students will be taken on a guided tour of the school, highlighting the facilities and subjects that will be offered to students in 2015. A light supper with time for questions will take place at 7pm.

Parents of Year 8 in 2014 are reminded that Enrolment booklets are due into the James Nash SHS Administration Office by October 18.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade – Friday, 11th October: Rhianna, Mia, Elina and Daniel

Tennis Awards: Taj, Ben, Alyssa, Sarah and Coach Matt
**LIBRARY NEWS:**
Welcome to Term 4! It is great to see so many enthusiastic borrowers who are ready to read and are back in the borrowing groove already!!

**Scholastic Book Fair: BOOK FAIR IS BACK!!** My little shop will be open in the library and starts at 8.30am on Wednesday the 16th October and finishes at 3.30pm on Wednesday the 23rd October. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping and discreet purchases can be arranged. All funds raised gets paid in new books for the library that all students can read and enjoy. **PLEASE NOTE: BOOK FAIR NOW HAS EFTPOS FACILITIES.** For more info see the flyers in today’s newsletter. All families are welcome to come in for a look. Hope to see you there!

**Students with Overdue Books:** Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books:
- P/4: Jayah, Lollie
- 2/3: Gemma
- 4/5: Jai
- 6/7: Kirra, Rhianna, Taylor, Jaidyn, Zac, Hannah

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

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**WEAR PINK DAY**
Monday, 28th October
Wear Pink to school – as little or as much as you like
Gold Coin donation towards Breast Cancer research.

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**P & C NEWS:**

**P & C MEETING**
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th October at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The minutes of the last meeting are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

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**Gotcha and Bin Buster Prizes – Monday, 14th October:**
Back Teagan and Tyshelle. Front: Justin, Jackson, Tyler (Class Award), Baylee and Yarran

**Congratulations to all award recipients!!**

**MSS STUDENTS SHOW COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SPIRIT**

Well done to Georgia and Nicholas in Year 6/7 for giving up their Saturday to help out at the recent election sausage sizzle at the Kybong Hall.

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**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 25. Students can wear red to Please note: if your child is not wearing red they are to be in regular school uniform.

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**TENNIS COACHING/HOT SHOTS**
Tennis coaching will resume this term. Please see the flyer in today’s newsletter for more details. If your child is interested in tennis coaching, please fill out the form and return it to the office by Tuesday, 22nd October.

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**AUSKICK**
Monkland State School will be taking part in the Auskick AFL program this term. Please see the flyer in today’s newsletter for more details.
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