Tuesday, 16th June 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am concerned that our school wide attendance data is slipping to below standards. I remind student’s everyday the importance of school attendance not just for the academic advantage, but socially and emotionally as well. Please be aware the impact of school absenteeism and report absences to the school office on 07 5489 8888.

Below is a table highlighting the class attendance thus far...

| Whole school   | 90.9% |
| Prep           | 93.1% |
| Year 1         | 92.6% |
| Year 2         | 90.3% |
| Year 3         | 88.7% |
| Year 4         | 88.1% |
| Year 5         | 89.1% |
| Year 6         | 92.4% |

The blue in the above pie graph illustrates the percentage of students consistently absent from school. The absenteism’s have a far greater impact on whole school attendance collection. This number will need to be reduced from 22% to less then 10% if we are going to see real change with attendance at Monkland. This in turn has a major impact on the schools academic performance.

The message is simple....

**Every day counts!!**

Small Schools Athletic Carnival
This year Monkland State School will once again travel abroad to compete against other like schools in the Gympie Small School Athletics Carnival at Kilkivan State School. Letters went home last week with permission and medical forms. Also attached was the menu for the tuckshop. The bus fare will be $5.00. All parents are welcome to attend and support the child/ren as they compete.

Reports
Semester 1 reports will be available at the completion of this term. Students are currently undergoing assessment and teachers will be collating information to grade students on their performances. If you would like to meet with your child/ren’s teacher please do not hesitate to contact them through the school office.

Uniform
As the mercury drops this coming winter I am encouraged to see so many students wearing the correct winter school uniform. Having a uniform not only creates a great school vibe, it demonstrates the great school pride each family has toward Monkland. If you have found your child/ren have grown out their previous winter clothing, please contact the office or Uniform shop for this years clothing.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHATS ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Ms T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Thursday 18th June
PJ / Onesie Day Gold Coin
Fundraiser for Red Nose Day

Tuesday 23rd June
Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Kilkivan SS

Wednesday 24th June from 4pm
GSHS Junior Secondary
Information Session

Wednesday 24th June 6 – 7.30pm (BBQ from 5.30pm)
School Disco

Friday 26th June
Last Day of Term 2

Our Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm

P&C Meeting: 19th August

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

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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 PARKING REMINDER
A reminder to all parents and carers that due to safety and congestion issues, the top car park is for Education Queensland staff and Monkland SS P & C volunteers who have permission to do so. Parking spaces from the old tennis court down to Brisbane Road have been set aside for parents and carers. Thank you to those parents who make an effort to park in the correct areas.

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to name all your child’s belongings, particularly generic items such as hats and jumpers. A great idea for personalising your child’s hat is to sew or iron on a badge on the top of the hat. It is an easy way of identification at a glance.

PYJAMA & ONESIE DAY
THURSDAY 18th June
Come wearing your comfy PJs or onesie!

Please bring a gold coin donation for Red Nose Day

Note: Appropriate clothing only please - students can wear their uniforms underneath if they wish to not get their pjs or onesie dirty at lunch breaks.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade Friday, 5th June: Jessica, Maddison-Lee, Willoe, Charli, Taj and Daniel

Awards on Parade Friday, 12th June: Back – Jorey, Izak, Jackson. Front – Ashleigh, Isabelle, Tamara, Atiana, Baylee

Gotcha Awards on Parade Monday, 15th June: Jessica, Holly and Ruby (Absent is Jayah)

2015 MSS Sports Day Age Champions with their medals.

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
MONKLAND INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY

Congratulations Scottish!!

Scottish House Captains Perci and Daniel

YEAR 5/6 CAMP WRAP UP by Sarah Thomas
Last week the Year Fives and Sixes went on a camp to Barambah Environmental Education Centre. We learnt mainly about how the Aboriginal people from that area lived off the land and cared for the environment. We went on bushwalks and saw some plants that they would have used for food, medicine and other resources. All of the students were able to taste different bush foods, learn how to throw spears and boomerangs and build shelters. Overall it was a great experience with amazing catering and wonderful people.

MONKLAND SS CLASS OF 1980 REUNION
There will be a Monkland Year 7 1980/GSHS Year 12 1985 on the August 29th at the Decks restaurant. Elizabeth Schmidt, the daughter of former Monkland principal Col Schmidt is co-ordinating the event and any enquiries can be passed on to her through Jodie Wilson in the library.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Library borrowing is now finished for this term and ALL BOOKS ARE DUE BACK ON THURSDAY THE 18th JUNE AT THE LATEST so they can be shelved and ready for Term 3.

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/1: Linkon, Willoe, Tiah, River, Zayne, Ray, Taj, Tamara, Ruby K., Cain
Yr 1/2: Imogen, Baylee, Tyler, Maddison-Lee, Levi, Maia, Shanel, Dusty, Malachi, Shae lyn
Yr 3/4/5: Evie, Shakane, Taj, Halle, Gemma, Jarrod, Gabriella
Yr 5/6: Keanu, Elina, Bella, Ellsi, Charlotte, Perci, Lattrel

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

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P & C NEWS:

P&C News from Bec Lindemann.
A big, big thank you to Lisa Lingard for putting in a huge effort as P & C President over the last few years. She did an amazing amount of fund raising for Monkland with great school spirit.
It’s my turn now and with all of you out there and our fantastic P&C, I will help to keep things rolling along smoothly for our lovely little school.
Some of you may have already met me at the uniform shop, or cooking the BBQ with my husband Todd at sports day or school discos. I am Pippi and Taj’s mum and also like to come and do clay work shops with the students. I am a potter by trade and run my own small business called Spun Mud...
See you at the next Disco!
Bec Lindemann – P & C President

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 Thursday, 13th August at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY. Minutes from the meeting held on the 7th of May are enclosed in this newsletter.

SCHOOL DISCO
The P & C will be holding a disco next Wednesday the 24th June from 6 – 7.30pm sharp (please note change of end time from previous discos). The (optional) fancy dress theme is “Super Stars” so students can come as their favourite celebrity. Disco entry price is $3 and for safety reasons parents are to sign their children in and out. There will be a Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm with sausages on sale for $1.50, punch for 50c and . See the flyer in today’s newsletter for more details. Hope to see you there!
MONKLAND SS WINTER JERSEY

The Monkland State School 130th commemorative jerseys are still available to buy! They look great and will keep out the cooler weather.

The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the winter school uniform. They are $45 each and are available from the office (not the uniform shop).

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