Tuesday, 16th July 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3
This year is rapidly flying by and it is hard to believe that we are in Term 3 already. It is wonderful to see students ready to learn and back into the swing of things. Please check with your child to see if they have any learning requirements eg. pencils, glue sticks, etc.

Creative Generation
All the best to Alyssa, Georgia, Mary-Helen and Hannah who are participating in the Creative Generation State Schools Onstage performing arts event in Brisbane this weekend. Each year, the most talented dancers, singers and musicians from Queensland state schools come together to stage one of the state’s largest performing arts events. More than 1500 students from across Queensland showcase their talent by starring in the professionally produced show alongside some of Queensland’s leading professional artists. Break a leg, girls!!

Report Cards
As you are all aware Report Cards went home in the last week of last term. Please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss your child’s report and academic progress.

Muster Volunteers
The annual Gympie Muster is coming up next month. The P & C are running their annual coffee shop and require volunteers to help out. All funds raised directly benefit your child, so please help out and do a shift at the Muster if you can.

Student Absences
Please notify the school on 5489 8888 if your child will be absent, especially if it is a prolonged absence. It would be ideal if parents could inform teachers prior to planned absences so the disruption to your child’s learning is minimal.

Mr Lawless on Leave
As you are aware Ashley Lawless has been on family leave and will return to school on Monday, 22nd July.

Yours truly,

Mr Paul Holmberg
Acting Principal - Monkland State School

Date Claimers

WHAT’S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T.

Thursdays
Tuckshop / Uniform Shop

Fridays, 19th July – 6th Sept
P-3 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 23rd July, 3.30pm
P & C Meeting in Library

Friday 20th September
- Last Day Term 3
- Small School Ball Games

28th July – 2nd August
Gympie Eisteddfod

Our Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.30pm.

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

- SAFE - RESPECTFUL
- RESPONSIBLE
- LEARNERS

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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](http://www.monklandss.eq.edu.au)

**SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:**

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**ABSENTEEISM**

Cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is sick and will be absent from school, please let us know by telephoning the office on 5489 8888.

**PLAYGROUP**

We welcome back Shirl Toffoli to Playgroup which is back up and running this term. Playgroup is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All families are welcome.

**NEW MONKLAND WEBSITE**

Keep an eye online for Monkland’s new website which will hopefully go live in early August. The aim is to make the website as user friendly and informative as possible whilst promoting the school to prospective families. The new website will be maintained and updated by Mrs Jodie Wilson in the library. Feedback and content ideas will be welcomed. Credit and thanks must go to Don Thomas who has given his time and expertise into maintaining the current website over the years. Thanks Don!!

**EISTEDDFOD**

Gympie Eisteddfod commences on the 28th July. Monkland students will be entering in strings, choir and poetry recital. If your child is participating in the Eisteddfod, please ensure you know when their performance is scheduled for and that they have everything they need. Best wishes to all students participating and we know that you will do an awesome job of representing Monkland to the Gympie community.

**SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS DAY**

Well done to all students who participated and represented Monkland at the Small School Athletics Carnival at Two Mile SS last term. Everyone put in a fantastic effort and did the school proud.

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$50 Toyworld Voucher Gotcha Prize Winner Term 2:

Congratulations to Jeremy in Year 4/5. His was the third name drawn out and you had to be there on the last day of term to win it. Thank you to the P & C for donating this generous prize.

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Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 15th July: Tyler (Yr 2/3) and Mary (Year 6/7)

*Congratulations to all award recipients!!*
CREATIVE GENERATION

Good luck to Hannah, Georgia and Alyssa Mitchell who will be performing with the Gympie Combined School Regional Choir as part of the 600 voice massed choir at Creative Generation State Schools on Stage (July 19 and 20) in Brisbane. Also congratulations to Mary-Helen who has been selected in the Core Choir for these performances. Mrs Mead and Mrs Keppel are very proud to have these students representing Monkland School. Thank you to those who supported the Creative Generation raffle. The raffle has been drawn and the winners have been advised.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Issue 4 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 23rd July. Payments can be made in cash, cheque or online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment.

The Year 6/7 class have been working on writing a persuasive text and have written some brilliant letters to the Gympie Regional Council during their library lessons. Their task is to convince Cr Ron Dyne (the Mayor) that the footpath along Brisbane Road need to be completed so that they at least reach the school. A petition signed by all students and staff will accompany the letters. Any parents who wish to also sign the petition can see me in the library before Thursday.

Students with Overdue Books: Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books:

P/1: Alisa, Baylee 2/3: Caleb, Brylee, Tayleah 4/5: Maddy, Kyle 6/7: No Overdues – Well done Yr 6/7!!! ALL OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP.

Scholastic Read More In May – thank you to the Price family who returned their reading log for the Scholastic Read More in May promotion. It has been submitted to Scholastic and I should learn the outcome soon.

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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TENNIS COACHING/HOT SHOTS

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Coaching program on Tuesday 30th July at Monkland State School. Lessons will be held Wednesday lunchtimes from 1.15pm to 1.55pm for a minimum block of 7 weeks. Costs will be $65.00/pupil or $120.00 for 2 children in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week. Please return this completed form to the office by Tuesday 30th July.

For more information phone Matt Watkins on 0417070129
ALL NEW PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE THEIR OWN HOT SHOTS TENNIS SHIRT!!! Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please. Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL BS5 014585 ACCT 583359786 students name as reference please.

P & C NEWS:

The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday, 23rd July at 3.30pm in the library. All welcome!

TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM NEWS

A new Tuck Shop menu will be distributed soon. Please be aware there will be slight price rises as wholesalers have put their prices up. Also remember that Tuck Shop is on Thursdays only from now on.

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. See the insert in today’s newsletter for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

James Nash SHS proudly present their latest musical – “Sisters Of The Camel”.

The students and staff involved have put in many, many hours of hard work to make it a show you will not forget. Bring your family, bring your friends, come along to this year’s school musical. On stage in the James Nash SHS Performing Arts Auditorium on Thursday 8th at 7pm, Friday 9th at 7pm, and Saturday 10th August at 1pm and 7pm. Tickets are on sale at the school office from Monday 15th July. Ph 5480 6333.

Adults $15, Children/Concession $10, Family $46, extra children $9. Don’t miss it!!