Tuesday, 17th of March

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HAPPY MATHS DAY

Enhancing Literacy
Over the past 8 weeks Monkland Students have been learning a variety of strategies regarding reading comprehension. With the acquisition of Kimberley Bachmann on Wednesdays and Thursdays, staff have been narrowing our focus on skills to help assist students with inferential and literal styles of questioning. This week students have been “Making Connections” with books and using prior knowledge to connect with literature.

Greater Results Guarantee
In 2015 Monkland State School is eligible for $31,250 in funding to support and enhance the delivery of educational improvement. With this funding we are able to:
- Employ Kimberley Bachmann for the remainder of 2015 to help support and develop our staff in Reading and Writing,
- Further employ teacher aide staff to support classroom learning,
- Provide Professional Development for literacy enhancement, and
- Purchase classroom resources to support literacy improvement.
A detailed overview is available on our website.

NAPLAN
Each year students in year 3 and 5 sit the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy between the 12th and 14th of May. Preparation for testing has begun in classes with weekly writing blocks to help prepare year 3 and 5 students for either writing task of narrative or exposition (persuasive writing). Reading comprehension preparation takes place daily for every student as does Grammar and Punctuation. In numeracy daily warm up sessions occur to help with mathematical concepts. We are doing all that we can to best prepare our students for NAPLAN. We expect all our students to the very best they can.

Attendance
Taking into account recent flooding and the impact it had on attendance our rate has dropped from 95.7% to 91.1%. Can in encourage all parents once again that “Everyday counts.”

Monkland State School cannot stress enough how important it is to have your children at school. If by any chance your child/ren are not at school please contact the office explaining their absence on 07 5489 8888

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT'S ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Ms T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15 am)

Wednesday 1st April
School Photos

Thursday 2nd April
- MSS Cross Country
- Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 20th April
First Day Term 2

Mon 27th – Wed 29th April
8.30 – 9am and 3.00 – 3.30pm
Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

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

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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HEAD LICE

It is every parent’s responsibility to check their children’s hair and treat them accordingly if eggs or lice are found. To be effective and to break the breeding cycle, the treatment needs to be repeated after 7-10 days to kill any lice that have hatched. This is the only way to avoid reinfection.

FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE IN GYMPIE - GET YOUR KIDS ACTIVE AND EATING WELL!

A new free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health - is commencing term 2, for families in Gympie. It is available to families who have a child aged 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age. The program takes a family-focused approach by helping parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is a group program running on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30-5pm commencing 23rd April and running until the end of term 2. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session. Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered in Gympie by the Child Healthy Weight Team from the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Limited spots are available for each program. If you would like to reserve a spot on the next program please call 1800 263 519 or 5450 4766 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

AWARDS ON PARADE:


GOTCHA AWARDS MONDAY, 9TH MARCH: Isabelle, Maia, Sophie

Awards on Parade Friday, 13th February: Ashleigh, Bella, Malachi, Tom, Kody and Maia (below)
Gotcha Awards Monday, 16th March: Halle, Billy, Maia and William

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

GYMPE TIMES CLASSROOM MAKEOVER COMPETITION
The Gympie Times Classroom Makeover competition is now finished. Please send in any newspapers or tokens that you have at home ASAP as they have to be in by Wednesday 18th March at the absolute latest so they can be counted. Thank you to those who have already sent tokens in.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Club: Thanks to those who ordered from Book Club. The order has been returned and handed out. That will be the last Book Club until week 6 of next term as I will be running Scholastic Book Fair.
Book Fair: I will be hosting the Scholastic “Kingdom of Books” Book Fair in week two next term. Book Fair runs before and after school starting Monday the 23rd April and concluding on Wednesday the 29th. Parents are warmly invited to come along. More information will go home next newsletter.
Redgum Book Club Reminder: Thanks to those who ordered from our first Redgum Book Club. The orders will be delivered to the school very soon.
Overdue Books: Thank you to those students who make an extra effort to return their books each week. Students with overdue books are not allowed to borrow until those books are returned. The number of students with overdue books has increased dramatically, so a few more reminders may be required!

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/1: Tiah, William, Lily, Willoe
Yr 1/2: Imogen, Shaelyn, Rhys, Ursula, Jayah, Baylee, Madiison-Lee
Yr 3/4/5: Brylee, Gemma
Yr 5/6: Keanu, Brayden, Elina, 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. All library books must be returned by Thursday the 26th of March, prior to the end of term.

Happy Reading! Library Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES 2015
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 www.education.qld.gov.au

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P & C NEWS:

A NOTE FROM THE P & C PRESIDENT
Hi My name is Lisa Lingard and I am the president of the Monkland P&C. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you our Monkland community.
I am a stay at home mum to Sara who is 18 months and Elina who is in Yr 5. We are a 4th generation Monkland family with my grandmother having worked at the school and my mother, myself and Elina being students at Monkland. I have worked as an Aged care nurse for 10 years and am heading back into study very soon to complete my degree.
I have always loved Monkland. I really enjoy that as a small school we have a strong community. Part of that community is our amazing parents who help out in many ways to support the learning of our little people. There are many roles in the P&C not just as an executive or coming to meetings.
This year the P&C will again be running our stall at the show and muster as well as BBQ’s at sporting events, raffles and other fundraisers. I would like to thank you for your support and ask that you will help us to make these events as successful as always through your volunteering.
Stay tuned to the newsletter for P&C news and updates and also a more detailed letter of how you can get involved to help make the Monkland community strong.
If at any stage you would like to contact me or you would like to volunteer in any way from working bees to homebaking please feel free to call me on 0400 835 257 or via email: lisa.lingard@yahoo.com.au. Cheers Lisa.

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. Minutes from the meeting held on 10th February are enclosed in today’s newsletter. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th May at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 8.30 – 9am. Please see Madonna in the office if you require uniforms on other days

TUCKSHOP CONVENEOR POSITION STILL 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.
MSS WONDROUS WORDS

1. LOGOPHILE: – A lover of words. (noun)
2. APLOMB – Self confident assurance, poise (noun)

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