Tuesday, 17th June 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Barry Rentz

It comes a time when good people declare an end to their illustrious careers, and on this occasion we bid farewell to Barry Rentz. Barry has been the groundsman, cleaner and part-time teacher's aide for the past 16 years at Monkland. Barry can be credited for his outstanding workmanship around the school, environmental areas and in the classroom. His friendly and dedicated demeanour typifies everything that is Monkland. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to wish Barry the very best of luck as graduates to Grey Nomad.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled on Wednesday morning on the 18th of June. Students are expected to be in full school uniform (Maroon shirt and Black shorts/skirt). I understand it will be quite fresh and students will be able to put warmer clothing on after the photo.

Athletics Carnival

Monkland State School’s athletics carnival is scheduled for Friday the 20th of June. This will be an all day event including students across all year levels. In the past these have proven to be a wonderful day for the family. A sausage sizzle will be available on the day.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Once again Monkland students will be competing against other schools within our small school region in Athletics. Students from this carnival will be selected to represent the small schools at Gympie Zone athletics. This year’s carnival will be hosted by Gunalda State School on Tuesday the 24th of June.

Holiday School Watch

Monkland State School relies heavily on the community for school safety. Please contact school watch on 13 17 88 and report any suspicious behaviour.

Reports

Report cards will go home on the final day of term 2.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
17th June, 2014

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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SCHOOL PHOTOS
School class photos will be taken on Wednesday the 18th June. Students are expected to be in full school uniform on that day. Individual student envelopes were sent home. Family envelopes are available from the office if required. **Envelopes must contain correct amount of money as no change is available.**

MONKLAND MEMORIES
As you already know, Monkland State School celebrates 130 years of golden education in 2014. Each fortnight, an insert in the newsletter will be dedicated to help commemorate this special occasion with photos and articles. All ex-students and staff are welcome to contribute with photos and/or stories.

130th JERSEY
The Monkland State School 130th commemorative jerseys are here! 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)

LOST PROPERTY
With these cool mornings and warm days, jumpers and long pants are being left at school. Please remember to name your child’s clothing so it does not end up in the lost property box.

MEET CHAPPY DI!!
Monkland State School is pleased to welcome Chappy Di as our new School Chaplain who is here each Wednesday. Please see the insert in today’s newsletter.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday, 6th June: Back row – Callum and Shanel. Front row – Charlie, Shakeelie, Kirra and Jackson.

Gotcha Awards Tuesday, 10th June: Tyler, Shaelyn and Brylee.

Class Awards, Friday 13th June: Back row – Billy, Ben, Sarah and Holly. Front – Baylee, Kasey, Dusty and Maddy.

Gotcha Prizes Monday, 16th June: Dom, Baylee, Jayah, Ajay and Jackson

**Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!**
SCHOOL DISCO
Our first disco of the year was held last Thursday night. The theme was “Crazy Hair” and there was certainly a lot of crazy hair in the room on the night! A good time was had by all and it was great to use the brilliant new disco lights recently purchased by our fantastic P & C. A big thanks goes to our guest DJ “J-Dub” and all our helpers (staff, students and parents) on the night for making our disco such a success.

PREP/1 – PLAYGROUP FIREFIGHTER VISIT
Over the last couple of weeks Prep/One have been lucky enough to have the Gympie Fire Service come and teach us about fire safety. We covered such topics as good and bad fires, the importance of having an evacuation plan and checking your smoke alarms regularly. Last Thursday they brought the Fire truck to our school and we were given a tour of the different parts of the truck.

Ms T brought Playgroup down to join in with Prep/1 for the firemen’s visit. Everyone’s favourite part was when we got to have a go of the fire hose- it was so heavy! Thank you to the firemen for coming to our school.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Thank you to those who put an order in for the latest issue of Book Clubs. Most orders have been received and handed out.
ALL ORDERS FROM THE LUCKY, STAR, ARROW AND EXTRA BROCHURES THIS ISSUE WENT INTO THE DRAW TO WIN AN AWESOME MINECRAFT PACK VALUED AT OVER $300 PLUS A BOX OF BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!!!!!
Last week was the final week for library borrowing for this term and all library books must be returned this week so they can be shelved before the holidays.

Overdue Books: The following students have seriously overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
Prep: Jomogen, Shaelyn, Dusty
Yr 2/3/4: Jorey, Brian, Gemma, Jarrod
Yr 4/5: Billy, Maddy, Elina
Yr 6/7: Corey, Storm
Please help your child to remember to return their books this week. Library books can be returned to the library or the office Monday to Friday.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

TERM DATES 2014/15
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 http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

Term 2 2014: Tue 22nd April – Fri 27th June
Term 3 2014: Mon 14th July - Fri 19th September
Term 4 2014: Tue 7th October – Fri 12th December
Term 1 2015: Tue 27th January – Thur 2nd April

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th July at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

SEED CREATIONS
The P & C still has Seed Creations cubes available to purchase from Mrs Robertson in Prep/1. Grow your own vegetables, flowers and bulbs with Rainbow Gardens Cubes. A gardenful of colour in every small box. We also have the adorable PETS range, grow green haired cats and dogs. There are 4 different cats or 4 different dogs to choose from.

Seed Creations come in five exciting varieties:

- Rainbow Garden – Vegetables / Flowers / Bulbs
- Grow Hair Cubes – Cats and Dogs

$5.00 Each Cube

TUCK SHOP
Tuck Shop will be running a sausage sizzle this Friday at Sports Day. See the insert in today's newsletter for more details. Please note there will be no Burger Day next week due to the Small Schools Sports Carnival.