18th February, 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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**AWARDS ON PARADE:**


Gotcha Prizes Monday, 17th February: Luke and Jeremy (Go the McDonell brothers!)

MONKLAND MEMORIES

Did you know that 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.

GYMPIE TIMES IPAD COMPETITION

The Gympie Times is running a competition to win a set of 10 iPads for your school. All that you have to do, is collect the tokens from the Gympie Times (starting this Saturday the 22nd of February) and drop them into the school office. The school with the most tokens per student wins the iPads. iPads are a fun and engaging learning resource and helps students keep up with technology. The competition is running until the end of March so send in your papers and tokens. See the insert in today’s newsletter for more info.
**Pink Stumps Day**

Pink Stumps Day is this Friday the 21st of February. All the action starts at 1pm with a sausage sizzle. Students are encouraged to wear pink and make either a Gold Coin donation and purchase a sausage for $1 or make a $5 donation and get unlimited sausages. All money raised goes towards funding the McGrath Foundation for breast cancer research and support. It will be a fun day for a good cause.

**Library News:**

Thank you to those families who supported Book Club. Orders have been handed out to all students. It has been wonderful to see how many students have been borrowing and returning books each week. Please remember that Thursday is our official library day each week and that students must bring a bag if they wish to borrow books. Prep students have started using our iPads in the Library and are really enjoying the sessions. We currently have 10 iPads. Monkland State School is entering the Gympie Times iPad competition (as mentioned in this newsletter) and if we win, would have enough for nearly a class set. Please help out by bringing in your tokens and newspapers.

*Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide*

**Prep kids love using the iPads in the Library!**

**Interschool Hockey**

Well done to the Monkland hockey team who played in the first week of the after school hockey competition. They all played well, showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and really did a fantastic job of representing Monkland State School. The competition will run for 3 more weeks and the start time has changed to 3.45pm.

**Term Dates 2013/14**


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**P & C News:**

**P & C Meeting**

The next P & C meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th March at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. All P & C positions will be declared open. Training and support is provided for anyone taking on an executive role.

**Attention Year 6/7 Parents!!!**

A fundraising committee has formed to help raise money to lower the costs of the exciting Year 6/7 camp coming up in May. The first meeting will be held at 3.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of February. Anyone who has any great and viable fundraising ideas (or if you simply wish to help out) are certainly welcome to come along.

**Uniform Shop News**

Uniform Shop is currently open Tuesdays before school. Unfortunately our dedicated Uniform Shop Convenor Leisa Cronin is leaving us and we are asking for expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to take over the role. Uniform Shop opening times are flexible and training and support will be provided.

**Tuckshop News**

Tuck Shop has resumed and an updated current menu is enclosed in today’s newsletter. There has been the addition of Junior Pies and Junior Chicken Burgers (chicken strip with mayo and lettuce). When placing your child’s order, please include name, class, food required and which break (1st or 2nd) that the food is ordered for. Writing on a paper bag is ideal as the order can then be placed inside it – no plastic bags for tuck shop please. Paper bags can be purchased for 5 cents each. Please see example below:

**Home Baking:** Thank you to those wonderful families who have offered to be Home Bakers this year. A roster has been given to all Home Bakers.

**Burger Day:** The last Tuesday of each month will be a special Tuck Shop Burger Day with fish, chicken or hamburgers on sale for $2.50 each. The first Burger Day of this term will be Tuesday 25th of February. Order forms will go home with each student (and a spare enclosed in today’s newsletter) and can be returned to the office before 9am on Burger Day. Please note that Burger Day is offered for second break only.