Tuesday, 19th May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN 2015

Congratulations to our students in Years 3 and 5 who have just completed their NAPLAN tests for 2015. We are very proud that you have tried your best. Thank you to the staff who have been involved in the lead up to the tests to ensure that our students were prepared and calm.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority believe that NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. However, it is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is only one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Our school will receive NAPLAN reports for our students from mid August to mid September, depending on our state test administration authority. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

Focusing on learning and attendance

The focus on learning that our students are demonstrating and their excellent attendance will further accelerate their learning.

Student learning is accelerating thanks to you reminding your children of the importance of education, getting them to school every day and helping them learn outside of school. Teachers and aides very effectively motivating students to learn, and students focussing on their learning tasks.

I am very pleased with the progression of student results and the dedication of our staff.

Show

Congratulations to students who had work displayed at the recent Gympie Regional Show. Rachel Corbet was responsible for the creating the school display that saw us take first prize for best school display.

Parental Volunteers

Special thanks to all parent and community volunteers that helped with the school canteen at the Gympie Show. All monies raised will go directly into the school to help support the social, emotional and educational development of Monkland Students.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
19th May, 2015

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 CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

This year to celebrate Chappy Week (17th – 24th May), Toucan Coffee (former Eagle Boys site) is partnering with School Chaplaincy to fundraise for the school chaplains in the Gympie area. Simply present the enclosed flyer when you order a hot drink during the entirety of Chappy Week and a portion of every hot drink purchased will go towards supporting the chaplains. To raise more money, simply visit the school office and pick up more flyers to use yourself or to give to family and friends to use. This fundraiser is not only a great way to support the chaplains, but to also support a local business.

Thanks for your support. Chappy Di 😊

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

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade Friday, 8th May: Back – Danielle, Holly, Jack. Front – Ianthe-Jade, Dom, Alex, Charli and Trey.

Gotcha Prize Monday, 11th May: Tiah

Gotcha Awards on Parade Monday, 18th May: Halle, Tegan, Kody and Daniel

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

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.
GYMPIE SHOW 2015
This year’s Gympie Show has certainly been a memorable one for Monkland State School. With lots of fun and glorious weather for the school excursion, the icing on the cake was our school winning the trophy for Best Primary School Display. This is a hotly contested trophy each year by all the schools in Gympie and it is a major accomplishment for a small school like Monkland to win it. Congratulations goes to all students who contributed art work for the display and to our art teacher Mrs Rachel Corbet for co-ordinating the art work and setting up the display. Special thanks also to Bec Lindemann for facilitating the production of the clay art pieces. We are extremely lucky to have such a gifted artist who gives up her time to teach our students pottery and helps them to produce amazing art pieces.

The Gympie & District Show Society Best Primary School Display Trophy won this year by Monkland SS!!

The Gympie Show excursion was a lot of fun!

The trophy winning display.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Club: Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. This is the last Book Club for this term. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the front of the brochure (Tuesday, 26th May). Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia) or online credit card payment at www.scholastic.com.au. The order will be placed on the due date and are usually returned to the school the following week. All orders go towards free books for our library for students to borrow.

Redgum Book Club orders are now closed and should be returned to the school by the 29th May.

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep: Tiah, Leon, Cain, Zayne, Willoe
Yr 1/2: Baylee, Aitana, Callym, Pippi, Jack, Malachi, Shaelynn
Yr 3/4/5: Kasey, Jessica, Monique, Gemma, Jarrod, Gabriella
Yr 5/6: Keanu, Brayden, Elna, Billy, Maddy, Bella, Elsi, Perci, Danielle, Shaeelle, Daniel

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 in the library from 8.30 am 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 www.education.qld.gov.au

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P & C NEWS:

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, 11th June at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY.

TUCK SHOP resumes this Thursday.

The Monkland SS P & C would like to say a big

THANK YOU!!

TO THIS YEAR’S SHOW COFFEE SHOP HELPERS
Stay in the Loop!

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