Tuesday, 19th August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
This week students in years 3, 5 and 7 that participated NAPLAN testing will receive their results. Once again we are generally pleased in the performances of students with some achieving outstanding improvements. Can I remind all families and students though, NAPLAN is primarily a point in time test and the results are just one element of the whole picture. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher for further explanation. As the data is further unpacked more information about Monkland successes will be celebrated.

Gympie Country Music Muster
This Friday students are encouraged to come dressed in their best country and western clothing to celebrate Gympie’s iconic country music muster. Monkland State School operates a coffee shop at the muster and families are asked to bring a cake or muffin mix or donate home baking to help reduce the costs of running and maximise the profits for the P&C.

Last year the stall and Fathers Day raffle raised close to $8000.00

New Families
I would like to welcome new families to Monkland State School. Our school population has jumped to from 77 in August last year to 95 August this year. We are anticipating a further 6 students by the completion of term 3 increasing our numbers to over 100. As you are aware, this year will be the last year first 7’s in primary school, and the uniqueness of this particular year is that we will lose potentially 26 students across year 6 and 7. Therefore, to maintain 4 classes across the school we will need to be over 78 students come day 8 in 2015. It has been one of our key priorities to retain first and recruit second to ensure successful growth of our wonderful school.

Uniform Policy
A reminder to families that Monkland State School does have a uniform policy enacted by the P&C. We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing the incorrect jumper, jackets and shorts. If by any chance you child cannot be in full school uniform please inform the school. We have a large number of lost property and second hand jumpers that students can access.

Attendance
Can I remind families that if at any stage your child/ren cannot make to school to contact the school office on 07 5489 8888 to explain their absence. Likewise for early departures and late arrivals; please access the office to sign in or out your child.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
19th August, 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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NEW TOP PLAYGROUND

The new playground equipment in the upper school grounds is now open and already a big hit with all students. Recognition and appreciation goes to Karen Gresham. Without all her hard work and time spent on writing grants, Monkland students would not have the playground equipment that they all enjoy. This is proof that positive parental contributions to your children’s school are vital and effective.

130th JERSEY

The Monkland State School 130th commemorative jerseys are still available from the office for $45 each. The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the winter school uniform.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 8th August: Matthew, Amy and Monique


Class Awards Friday 15th August: Harry, Jack, Jeremy, Sarah and Phillip

Gotcha Awards Monday, 18th August: Dom, Kirra and Bella

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS!!
CELEBRATING MONKLAND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

James Nash SHS Principal Darrin Edwards with 2015 English Scholarship winner Mary-Helen, which was presented to her at school parade on Monday. Well done Mary-Helen!

Congratulations also goes to Amy in Year 6/7 for Gympie Zone selection for High Jump. Amy will travel to Maryborough for upcoming Wide Bay Trials. Good luck Amy!!

At Monkland we enjoy celebrating student successes!!

LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club: Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the back of each brochure (Tuesday, 26th August). 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. These books are usually very reasonably priced (some items are only $1 or $2) and orders go towards free books for our library. This is the last Book Club for the term and there will be no Book Club until the 2nd half of Term 4 due to Book Fair.

Book Week: Well done to all staff and students who came in costume to celebrate Book Week last Thursday. A lot of connections to books, stories and characters were made and our chain should be ready to measure at the end of the week. Acknowledging and encouraging connections to reading is important because reading is a life skill, not just for school.

Overdue Books: The following students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter:

Prep/1: Imogen, Charlie, Baylee, Shaelyn, Ursula, Jayah
Yr 2/3/4: Evie, Tyler, William, Gemma, Gabriella
Yr 4/5: Holly, Bella, Elina, Breeanna, Shakeelia
Yr 6/7: Sharni

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

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P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th September at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

As we presently have no Tuckshop Convenor, there is no Tuckshop until further notice.

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITION 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.

MUSTER FREE DRESS DAY

Friday 22nd August. Students can come in their best country and western gear. Cost is a Cake or Muffin Mix donation (1 per family) to the P & C coffee shop. See the flyer in today’s newsletter for more details.

MUSTER HOME BAKING AND HELPERS

Thanks to all who have generously volunteered to help at the Muster. Our roster is nearly full – we just need a few for Thursday, Friday and the Monday pack up and come back to school. If you cannot make it to the Muster, Home Bakers are also needed. Home Baking can be left at the office on Thursday the 28th August.

MUSTER RAFFLE

Muster Raffle tickets will go home today. Every one who brings back their tickets regardless of how many are sold gets a chocolate. Every family goes into the draw to win the $25 book fair voucher drawn on the 29th August.

2014 Book Week Prize Winners: Back – Leon, Alahni, Monique, Ellsi. Front – Mary-Helen, Georgia and Kirra