Tuesday, 19th August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Student Behaviour
Can I reinforce to all families that Monkland State School has a working Responsible Behaviour Management Policy that has been fully endorsed by our P&C and Education Queensland. There are processes in place that help assist students to make amends for indiscretions that have occurred during school. It provides a safe approach for all parties and enables each student to learn from their mistakes. With each event there is often two sides to the story. Staff are instructed to conduct a thorough investigation and report it to the Principal in an email, OneSchool and conversations. We treat each behavioural incident seriously and put measures in place to support all parties.

Please be mindful we deal with children and they require guidance and care as they learn what is appropriate and what is not in society.

Can I stress that taking matters into your own hands can worsen the situation and may actually be damaging to students involved.

This is how can you help.....
• Listen to their story
• Get the facts
• Recognise and validate their feelings
• Give them some general coping mechanisms and strategies
• Get the school involved
• Help build your child’s support networks and their self confidence

Gympie Country Music Muster
Special thanks to all volunteers that helped contribute to the success of this years music stall. From all reports it was a successful year and we hope that is reciprocated in funds raised. Special mentions also to those who supported the Fathers Day raffle.

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 ch Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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NEW PREP PLAYGROUND:

Ahoy there me mateys, the pirate ship has docked in the Prep/1 playground! This playground will be used by years P to 3 and this means that Monkland SS now has three fully functional playgrounds to cater for all ages and sizes.

SPOOKY DISCO
The next disco will be held on Thursday the 18th September from 6.30 to 8pm in the Art room. The theme is “Spooky Disco” (as chosen by the Year 6s) so students can come dressed up in a scary costume if they wish. DJ J-Dub will be spinning the tunes and there will be lots of fun and games.

130th CELEBRATIONS
Monkland State School celebrates 130 years of golden education this month. On Wednesday the 17th of September we will host an open school session for past and present families of Monkland. Activities start at 10am with classroom visits and memorabilia displays, mural unveiling and the morning will end with a morning tea and BBQ.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 22nd August: Jasmine and Gemma

Gotcha Awards and Yr 6/7 Class Awards Monday, 25th August: Graham, Maia, Alyssa, Jeremy and Ben

Class Awards Friday 29th August: Daniel, Jack, William, Bailey, Dusty and Tyler

Gotcha Awards Monday, 1st September: Brayden, Kobi, Rhyder and Georgia

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
MORE MONKLAND STUDENT SUCCESSES!!
The student success celebrations continue as we congratulate Jack and Georgia in Year 7 for winning a Bursary and Scholarship at Gympie State High School for 2015.

Gympie State High School Year 8 Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator Stephanie West presented Jack with a $50 Bursary and Georgia received a Creative Industries Scholarship with $250. Well done Jack and Georgia!!

WATCH OUT WASTE!!
Next term Monkland is getting serious about reducing our landfill! To save costs in council rubbish collection fees and to do our part towards saving the environment, we will be trialling only having a worm farm food scrap bin available at lunch time. This means that whatever packaging your child brings in their lunch box—glad wrap, chip packets, poppa boxes etc. will be going back home to you. We continue to encourage all Monkland students to be “nude foodies” and bring reusable containers whenever possible! Please see me if you would like more information. ☺ Megan Robertson.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Club: Thanks to all who ordered from Book Club this term. All orders have been received and handed out. The next Book Club will not be until the second half of term 4 as we are having Book Club in week two of next term. More information about Book Fair will go home next newsletter.

This week is the last week for borrowing school library books. All books will be due back to the school by Thursday the 11th so I can have them shelved by the holidays.

Overdue Books: The following students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
Prep/1: Imogen, Charlie, Shaelyn, Pippi, Ursula, Jayah
Yr 2/3/4: Tyler, William, Kobi, Gemma, Gabriella
Yr 4/5: Elsi, Brayden, Breeanna,
Yr 6/7: Jesse, Teagan, Alyssa, Rhianna, Amy, 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

KIDSING 2014
Monkland Choir recently had the privilege of taking part in the bi-annual Kidsing choral program held at the Civic Centre. They had a fabulous day attending 3 workshops plus dress rehearsal. They then performed in a concert for parents that evening. They all worked hard and had lots of fun.

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 – PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th September at 4.30pm (not 3.30 as previously advertised) in the library. All are welcome. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

TUSHOP NEWS
As we presently have no Tuckshop Convenor, there is no Tuck Shop until further notice.

TUSHOP 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 WRAP-UP
Thank you to all the amazing people who volunteered at this year’s Muster and who supported the P & C Fundraising by buying tickets in the raffle. The lucky winner has been notified. Another lucky winner was Kyle who won the raffle ticket book seller's prize of a $25 Book Fair voucher. Congratulations Kyle!