Tuesday, 21st April 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing program is to occur in all schools across Australia this term. This involves all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

On Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests will be conducted. On Wednesday our year 3 and 5 students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday students will finish the testing program with the Numeracy tests. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing test requires students to write a persuasive text.

Over the past 12 months, students at Monkland have sat a variety previous year’s tests, to practice the process and to minimise any concerns that students may have about them. Children can take these as an opportunity to focus on doing their best and trying hard to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Parents can help by ensuring children are well rested and relaxed about the process and at are school on time to be settled in class before the tests start each morning. More information can be found online at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html.

If you have any concerns or want more information about this National Assessment Program, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself.

If students are absent on any of the testing days, arrangements can be made for the tests to be completed at another time in the week, or our reserve day of Monday the 18th of May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
In weeks two and three of this term Monkland SS will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews. Further information regarding times and bookings will go home this week. I would encourage all parents to make the time to come along to these meetings as communication between the home and school is most important in improving student outcomes.

ANZAC Service
Monkland SS will be conducting an ANZAC service on Friday the 24th of April at 10:30am. It is expected all students to be in full school uniform. The following day Monkland will also participate in the march. Traditionally we meet outside the Commonwealth Bank at 9:45am for a 10:30 am march. I encourage strong participation from all students and again in full school uniform.

Cross Country
Due to the inclement weather at the completion of term 1, our Cross Country is scheduled for this Friday beginning at 12:30pm. If students choose they can change from full uniform into house colours for their events.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lowless
Principal

Date Claims

WHAT'S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Ms T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Friday 24th April 10.30 am
MSS ANZAC Day Service

Friday 24th April 12.30 – 2.30 pm
MSS Cross Country

Saturday 25th April
ANZAC Day Parade in Mary St - Students to meet in Smithfield Street at 9.45am (for 10.30 start)

Mon 27th – Wed 29th April
8.30 – 9am and 3.00 – 3.30 pm
Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

Thursday May 7th – 3.30pm
P & C Meeting in the Library

Tuesday May 12th – Thursday
May 14th NAPLAN Testing

Friday May 14th
Gymnastics Holiday
Our Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.30pm.

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

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- RESPONSIBLE
- LEARNERS

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**21st April, 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](http://www.monklandss.eq.edu.au)

**SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

With the weather starting to turn a bit cooler, please remember that there is a winter school uniform in place and warm clothing is for sale at the uniform shop. Please also remember to name your child’s jumper and all other belongings.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICES**

Monkland SS will be holding an ANZAC Day service at 10.30am this Friday. All students are required to wear full uniform to both events as a sign of respect. Students are welcome to bring shirts in their house colours to change into for Cross Country at morning tea.

Monkland students will also be participating in the ANZAC Day parade through Mary Street on Saturday. Students are to be in full school uniform including a hat, and will be meeting in Smithfield Street (near Commonwealth Bank) at 9.45am for a 10.30 start. It would be lovely for as many students as possible to participate and show their respect.

**AWARDS ON PARADE:**

Awards on Parade Thursday, 2nd April: Back – Billy and Lachlan. Front – Alissa, Callum, Baylee, Charlie and Ruby.

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

**MONKLAND CROSS COUNTRY:**

The annual Monkland Cross Country had to be postponed last term due to wet weather. It will be held this Friday from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support their children. Students can bring clothing in their house colours to change into at morning tea (Red for Scottish and Blue for Eastern) but please remember no singlets or tank tops and footwear must be suitable for running in. Hats and water bottles are also a must for the day. Hope to see you there! Please note that for student safety reasons, the school gates will be closed for the duration of the event.

**Go Scottish!**

**Go Eastern!**

**SCHOOL PARKING AND VEHICLE SAFETY REMINDER**

At Monkland SS we are very lucky as we are one of the very few schools in Gympie where parents can drive on the school campus to collect their children. Therefore, it is vital that this is done safely and sensibly. Please remember that the speed bumps are there to slow people down - not to use as a slalom course, the speed limit is 10 KMS PER HOUR and the roundabout is a Stop-Drop-Go zone only and parents are not to park there as it causes traffic congestion and confusion and endangers the lives of any students who are getting in and out of vehicles there. Also, please remind your child to always cross at the designated crossing.

**SPEEDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**
**LIBRARY NEWS:**

*Book Fair*: Book Fair starts next Monday!!!

The Scholastic "Kingdom of Books" Book Fair is running before and after school starting on Monday the 27th concluding on Wednesday the 29th April. Parents are warmly invited to come along and private shopping can be arranged. Congratulations to Baylee and Ruby A. who won Book Fair Gotcha prizes. A big thank you to the P & C for generously donating two $25 Book Fair vouchers for the end of term 1 Gotcha prize draws.

The lucky winners were Baylee and Ruby A. There will be four $15 Book Fair vouchers for the week two Gotcha Prizes drawn on parade next Monday.

*Overdue Books*: Thank you to those students (and helpful parents) who made an extra effort to return their books before the holidays. Students with overdue books are not allowed to take books home until those books are returned.

**STUDENTS WHO STILL NEED TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS:**
- Prep/1: Zayne, Ruby K, Willoe
- Yr 1/2: Jayah, Shaelyn
- Yr 3/4/5: Evie
- Yr 5/6: Keanu, Brayden, Elina

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

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**TERM DATES 2015**

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](http://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, 7th May** at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY.** Minutes from the AGM and meeting held on the 10th March are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuckshop resumes this Thursday.

**GYMPIE SHOW MONKLAND SS COFFEE SHOP – HELPERS REQUIRED**

The Monkland State School P & C will be running a Coffee Shop again at the Gympie Show in May. Volunteers are needed to help out in the Coffee Shop. No experience is required and free entry to the show for your shift is provided.

This is the major fundraiser for the P & C this year, and all funds raised go towards our children. If you are available to help at the Show, please fill out the form enclosed in today’s newsletter and return it to the office ASAP.

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**CREATIVE GENERATION FUNDRAISER DATE CLAimer**

![Pitch Perfect 2 poster](image_url)

Saturday 5th May
3.45pm for 4pm start
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