Tuesday, 22nd July 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Quadrennial School Review
Monkland State School will be conducting its Quadrennial School review over the next 3-4 months. We are looking for interested parents to join a selection of staff to form a school council to lead the way and path a new strategic direction for the school. If you are interested in being part of the School Council please return the slip attached to this newsletter.

School Opinion Survey
School opinion surveys will go to every home today and I encourage all families to take part in the process. All surveys are online and if you do not have access to the internet, please do not hesitate to come up and use our facilities in the library after school. More information is included in today’s newsletter.

Bullying
Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses a child’s right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect children’s learning, further peer relations and their emotional well-being. Often children will tease, argue and sometimes fight, which shouldn’t be confused with bullying.

Bullying is selective and intentional. It’s also repetitious rather than a one-off or occasional event. It can be physical, verbal or social exclusion. It also now happens online, which means some kids no longer feel safe at home. Kids generally feel powerless when they experience bullying.

How do you know your child is being bullied?
1. Acting out: unusual aggression at home, not wanting to come to school and getting into trouble at or school.
2. Acting in: being uncommunicative, withdrawn and subtle changes to their personality
3. Tell-tale signs: torn clothes, bruises and physical marks

How can you help?
1. Listen to their story
2. Get the facts
3. Recognise and validate their feelings
4. Give them some general coping mechanisms and strategies
5. Get the school involved
6. Help build your child’s support networks and their self-confidence

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

Date Claims

WHAT’S ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T

Thursdays
Tuckshop
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Tuesday 29th July
Book Club Orders Due

Tuesday 12th August – 3.30pm
P & C Meeting in the Library

Friday 19th September
Last Day Term 3

Monday 6th October
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 7th October
First Day Term 4

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.

- SAFE - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE - LEARNERS

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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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MONKLAND MEMORIES

As you already know, 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.

130th JERSEY

The Monkland State School 130th commemorative jerseys are here! They look great and will keep out the cooler weather.

The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the winter school uniform. They are $45 each and are available from the office (not the uniform shop).

LOST PROPERTY

With these cool mornings and warm days, jumpers and long pants are being left at school. Please remember to name your child’s clothing so it does not end up in the lost property box which is already overflowing with unnamed belongings. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THERE FOR A LONG TIME, THE LOST PROPERTY BOX WILL BE CLEANED OUT IN A FORTNIGHT. Please come in and check lost property if you are missing any of your child’s belongings.

$50 VOUCHER GOTCHA WINNER

Congratulations to Bella in Year 4/5 for winning the end of term Gotcha ticket prize draw. Bella won a $50 Cooloola Electronics voucher generously supplied by our P & C. For those who aren’t aware, Gotcha tickets are given out to students who follow the four core school values of: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Awards Monday, 23rd June: Sarah, Leon and Elina

Awards Friday 27th June: Back – Amy, Graham, Mary-Helen, Jasmine and Rhianna. Front – Bella ($50 Voucher Gotcha winner), Zalia, Aiden, Elsi and Harry.


Gotcha Awards Monday, 21st July: Baylee, Kirra and Caleb

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
SPORTS DAY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Monkland held its annual athletics sports carnival towards the end of last term. It was an epic battle between the houses but Eastern was the winner at the end of the day. A great day was had by all and many thanks to all our wonderful helpers and supporters who made the day such a success.

2014 MSS Sports Day Age Champions.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Welcome to Term 3! Just a reminder that our official library day is Thursday, however students can exchange books before school from Monday to Thursday. The library is open from 8.30am on those days and students are welcome to come in and relax before their school day starts.

Book Club: Issue 5 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, 29th July). 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.

Overdue Books: The following students have seriously overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
Prep/1: Dusty, Emmalee Yr 2/3/4: Jarrod
Yr 4/5: Elina Yr 6/7: Amy, Storm, Teagan

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 – 3 SWIMMING LESSONS
Please remember that swimming lessons for students in Years P – 3 commence this Friday. Cost is $3 per lesson or $20 for the whole term. Students must remember their togs and towel and all belongings should be named to avoid any losses.

Tennis Coaching/Hot Shots
Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Coaching program on Tuesday 29th July at Monkaik State School. Lessons will be held Tuesday lunchtimes from 1.15pm to 1.55pm for a minimum block of 7 weeks. Costs will be $65.00/pupil or $120.00 for 2 children in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week.

Please return this completed form to the office or contact Matt by Tuesday 29th July.

Name: .................................. Age: .................................. Grade: ..................................
Phone/s: ..................................
Parent or Guardian Signature: ..................................
Email: ..................................

For more information phone Matt Watkins on 0417070129
ALL TERM 3 PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE THE ALL NEW HOT SHOTS TENNIS SHIRT!

Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please.
Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL BSB 014585
ACCT 583359786 (students name as reference please)

ONLINE SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
School Opinion Surveys are enclosed in today’s newsletter. Surveys close on the 3rd August. All surveys will be conducted online and every family will receive one. For more information see the insert in today’s newsletter or contact the office.

P & C NEWS:

OUR NEW SECRETARY
The P & C extends a warm welcome to Michelle Sloane who has accepted the position of Secretary of the P & C.

P & C MEETING
Minutes from the meeting held on the 10th June are enclosed in today’s newsletter. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th August at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

2015 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.

SEED CREATIONS
The P & C still has Seed Creations cubes available to purchase from Mrs Robertson in Prep/1. Grow your own vegetables, flowers and bulbs with Rainbow Gardens Cubes. A garden of colour in every small box. We also have the adorable PETS range, grow green haired cats and dogs. There are 4 different cats or 4 different dogs to choose from.

Seed Creations come in five exciting varieties:
- Rainbow Garden – Vegetables / Flowers / Bulbs
- Grow Hair Cubes – Cats and Dogs $5.00 Each Cube