Welcome to Term 1 2017!

Tuesday 24th January, 2017

Wow, what a great start to the schooling year at Monkland. Thank you for making it such a great start, because on Monday 23rd we had happy, bright faces full of hope and wonder and probably a little bit of nerves — and that was just the parents. Our students settled into their new classes easily and the teachers once again took up the baton to enrich and develop our kids’ education.

This year we will continue our steadfast determination to give kids the literacy and numeracy skills to thrive in the world beyond school. And, as a return to the history and heritage of Monkland and to embrace the opportunities of the future, we will provide additional opportunities in sport, technology, science and the arts. We aim to ensure that our students are happy, healthy and engaged in holistic learning that will provide them with successes in the school and beyond.

I once again thank you for getting your kids to the starting line of this exciting year of education and hope to continue the partnership as we guide them to success at Monkland.

Ben.
Ben Ryan - Principal

MONKLAND DIARY

Playgroup with Shirl
Wednesdays 9-11am
Starting Week 3

Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday 26th JANUARY

Last Day Term 1
Thursday 13th APRIL

Good Friday
Friday 14th APRIL

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

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SCHOOL NEWS
We thought we get a short newsletter going to get you in the loop of communication. A fortnightly newsletter will continue on Wednesdays and our Facebook and internet site updated accordingly.

PERMISSIONS PACKAGE
Every year we issue permission letters for media release; internet use; general permissions and some specialist offerings. These will be issued shortly and will need to be completed by every family, old and new, to ensure we preserve your rights and maximise your children's opportunities. Please look out for the permission package, complete and return it to ensure your children don’t miss out.

CLASSROOMS AND TEACHERS
This year we have a few changes within our classrooms. We welcome Ms McCarthy to our lovely air-conditioned P-1 classroom. Ms McCarthy has made the classroom a warm, exciting place to learn. Mrs Sayers returns to our 1-2 space to build those literacy and numeracy capabilities and a love of learning. In 3-4 we have had additional enrolments, meaning that whilst Mr Holmberg will steer the 3-4 classroom through the wonderful middle years of primary school, a 4-6 class was made to complete the school's enrolments. Mrs Corbett will be the primary classroom teacher in 4-6, bringing a devotion and care to the senior years and a love of social sciences. Mr Ryan will be taking some of the additional curriculum areas across the school and specifically in 4-6. Our school make-up gives us a wealth of opportunities and possibilities for all the students. All these great learning spaces are complimented by the tireless teacher aids and school support staff that make Monkland the marvellous place that it is to work, learn and play in 2017.

SCHOOL PARKING AND VEHICLE SAFETY REMINDER
A reminder that the top car park is for staff and other authorised vehicle parking only. Parents are to park in the spaces between the groundsman's shed and Brisbane Road. 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. Also, please remind your child to always cross at the designated crossings.

SPEEDING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
ENDangers THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

LIBRARY NEWS:
Welcome to the 2017 School Year! I am very excited to see all the eager readers back in the library (and lots of lovely new faces). I am looking forward to providing lots of exciting new books for children to enjoy. Each student who does not have a library bag will be given a Monkland bag for them to keep as we have a “No Bag, No Borrow” policy in place to protect our library books from damage in school bags. Please feel free to put clips or Velcro on those bags to make them a bit more secure. The library is open at 8.30 each morning, Monday to Thursday and all students and parents are welcome to come in. Borrowing library books is an excellent way for children to learn responsibility but sometimes they might need a bit of help to remember. Library books can be returned to the library or the office Monday to Friday.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

TUCKSHOP
Please note there is no Tuckshop this week. A new menu will be going home to all families soon.

Monkland State School Absence SMS Service
0429588082

Please remember to let the school know if your child is going to be absent