

# Monkland State School

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## MINI-NEWSLETTER

# Welcome to Term 1 2018!

*Wednesday 24th January, 2018*

Wow, what a great start to the schooling year at Monkland. Thank you for making it such a great start, because on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
Friday 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 to start the year with a short newsletter 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

All classrooms are now air-conditioned to make children comfortable and learning easier. The 2018 class structure is as follows:

Prep/1: Ms Debbie McCarthy / Mrs Su Foster

Year 1/2: Ms Tegan Sayers

Year 3/4: Mr Paul Holmberg

Year 5/6: Mrs Rachel Corbet

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 2018.

## 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**



## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box was cleared at the end of last year. To keep lost property to a minimum, can parents and carers please name all their children's belongings, particularly lunch boxes and hats. Feel free to sew on a badge or a button on your child's hat to help make it easier to identify, particularly for younger students.

## LIBRARY NEWS:

Welcome to the 2018 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. Class library borrowing days are as follows:

Mondays: Prep/1 and Year 3/4

Wednesdays: Year 1/2

Thursdays: Year 5/6



*Happy Reading!* **Mrs J. Wilson** - Library Teacher Aide

## TUCKSHOP

Please note Tuckshop starts this week and will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. A new menu is attached to this newsletter. The Tuckshop also has a prepaid card system for ease of payment. Money can be put on your child's Tuckshop card to save sending cash to school. For more information about the pre-paid Tuckshop card, please see Bec or Rodney in the Tuckshop.



**Monkland State School  
Absence SMS Service  
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*Please remember to let the school know if  
your child is going to be absent*