Tuesday, 24th November 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2016 Classes and Staffing
For 2016, Monkland State School will have the following classes:
- Prep/1 – Mrs Robertson
- 1/2 - Miss Sayers
- 3/4 – Mr Holmberg
- 5/6 – Mr Barrett

Because of the large numbers of Preps we had this year, we have had to split next year’s Year 1s into two classes. Parents of those will receive a letter with this newsletter letting them know which class their child will be in.

As with every small school, our class makeup is dependent on our Day 8 numbers in 2016. All classes are provisional until we receive our final staffing allocation after Day 8.

Booklists will also be sent home today.

Specialist Teachers
The following specialist teachers will be teaching at Monkland in 2016:
- Music – Mrs Mead
- LOTE (German) – Mr Lloyd
- PE – TBC. Gympie Central will be providing our PE teacher for next year as Mr Holmberg has elected to go back on class fulltime. We are still waiting for the position to be filled.

Student Leadership
Nomination forms for student leaders in 2016 will go home today with the Year 5s. These forms are due back on Friday. Speeches will be held at 9am on Tuesday. Next year we will be introducing an additional leadership position – Indigenous Student Leader – for those students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

Year 6 Transition
Next Monday the 30th November is the Year 6 Transition Day at James Nash and Gympie State High Schools. Parents are asked to make arrangements to transport and pick up their children from their respective High School as the school is not providing transport. Please be aware that access to Gympie State High School via Everson Road is closed until 2016.

Kind regards,

Mr Craig Barrett
Principal
24th November, 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.monklanndss.eq.edu.au

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Monkland State School students recently observed Remembrance Day with a respectful service facilitated by our school leaders who did an amazing job.

Monkland SS Leaders on Remembrance Day: Back – Ben, Perci, Ashleigh, Jasmine. Front – Sarah, Daniel and Shakeelie.

SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Donations are still being collected in the classroom boxes.

AWARDS ON PARADE:


Awards on Parade Friday, 13th November: Back – Jessica, Jorey, Isabelle, Billy. Front – Alissa, Rhyder, Ruby, Tegan, Shanel and Atiana

School Banking Awards: Kodi, Pippi, Avril, Phillip and Taj

Gotcha Awards Monday, 16th November: Ashleigh, Halle, Tyler and Ray

Awards on Parade Friday 20th November: Ursula, Ella, Elsie, Evie and Dom

Gotcha Awards Monday, 23rd November: Halle, Tamara and Atiana

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
Monkland Awards Presentation Night
Thursday, 3rd December
School Parade Area

5.00pm - P & C BBQ
Awards commence 6.00pm sharp
Please remember: All students must be in school uniform (Maroon shirt/black shorts or Gold shirt/maroon shorts)

Hope to see you there!

Awards Night P&C BBQ Menu
- Burgers - $5
- Sausages - $2.50
- Sausage Rolls - $3.00
- Soft Drink - $2.50
- Punch - $1.00

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
- Prep/1: River, Makayla, Allana, Cain, Linkon, Jessica
- Yr 5/6: Keenu, 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 before school in the library Monday to Thursday. Happy Reading! Library Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES 2015/16
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:

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
Hello Everyone, nearly there to graduation and holidays! Just a bit of encouragement here from the P&C to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. One more week to do your worst people! I've definitely got my eye on a few of the prizes. Remember to write your name on the ticket bag if you want to go in the running for the prize for most ticket sold. New prizes from Hair Techniques, The Monkland Convenience Store, BBQs Galore and a Portable CD player to be won. Also don't forget your hamper donation for free dress tomorrow. I am looking forward to seeing you all next week for the festivities of swimming carnival and awards night and Disco in the last week! Any help with the BBQs and Disco most welcome. Bec L

SCHOOL DISCO
The P&C will be running a school disco on Wednesday the 9th of December. The theme (as decided by the Year 6s) is "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie" so students are encouraged to come in Aussie colours or costumes.

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. Minutes from the meeting held on 9th November are enclosed in today's newsletter. The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday the 7th of December at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome!!

YEAR 6 CAMP
Year 6 students recently had their camp at Cobb and Co Nine Mile campgrounds at Tandur. Camp activities included bushwalking, swimming, campfire fun (including entertainment from ex-Monkland student Mary-Helen). A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Sean and Katherine from Cobb & Co for their generous hospitality during school camp. This is a great camping ground for families. For more information go to www.cobb-and-co-nine-mile-camping-grounds.com

MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Scottish vs Eastern Who Will Win??
Wednesday, 2nd December from 9.00am
Kandanga Swimming Pool

Bus money ($3) and entry fee ($2)

LIBRARY NEWS:
Scholastic Book Club: Book Club orders have been received and handed out to students. Thank you to those families who supported the library through Book Club this year. I have been able to purchase a wonderful range of new books for all students to borrow and enjoy. I would not have been able to purchase these books without your support. Thanks!

Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books each week. This week is the last week for borrowing and all books will be due back on Thursday the 3rd of December.
Free Dress Day

Wednesday, 25th November

Cost: Donation of item/s for the P&C Raffle

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