Tuesday, 25th November 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Recognition
It is always wonderful to receive praise and recognition for the hard work the school does to promote a first class education. Full credit for such work rests in the hands of our teachers, teacher aides, office staff, cleaners, groundscrew personal and volunteering parents. I tend to agree with the “thumbs up” comment in Saturdays Gympie Times by Kelly Brigg that we do have a wonderful community that certainly has each other’s back!

Prep Enrolments
Our numbers are looking strong for Prep in 2015 and a large number of parents and future students have been attending our Prep Sessions on Friday mornings at 9:30am. Mrs Robertson has running the sessions that help next year preps familiarise themselves with Monkland. Please contact the office for Prep enrolment forms for 2015 or if you want more information.

Awards Night
The Awards Night is scheduled for Thursday the 5th of December 2014 beginning at 6:00pm. The P&C are coordinating a dinner for families in the shape of a BBQ beginning at 5:00pm. Attached is basic program and criteria for award recipients. We are expecting 100% student attendance as we celebrate and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival will once again be at Kandanga Swimming pool on Thursday the 27th of November. Information on transport, times and costs for this event went home last week. A cost of $5.00 will get students there and entry into the pool. For those of you wishing to attend and support a $2.00 cover charge at the pool is sufficed.

Secondary Orientation Days
Students in both year 6 and 7 will be having orientation days next Monday (year 6) and Tuesday (year 7) at both James Nash High and Gympie State High Schools. Information will have gone home yesterday and today regarding what will be involved and how the days will run for each year level. Typically I am extremely proud of each of our year 6/7 students with a number of students receiving scholarships and entry into extension classes.

Car Parking
Please be reminded that the Drop off/ Pick up area at the top of the round about is for pick up and drop off only, this space is not for long-term parking. Congestion tends to form and student safety is put in danger.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
Monkland State School

Be a Learner  Be Respectful  Be Responsible  Be Safe

25th November, 2014

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 Awards Presentation Night

Thursday, 4th December
School Parade Area

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

Hope to see you there!

P & C Awards Night BBQ Menu
😊 Burgers - $5  😊 Sausages - $2
😊 Soft Drink / Iced Coffee - $4

SCHOOL PARKING REMINDERS
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.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 14th November: Jack-Diamond, Bella, Kobi, Mary-Helen and Jai

Gotcha Awards Monday, 17th November: Maddison-Lee, Kobi, Joshua and Ben

Gotcha Awards Monday, 24th November: Kobi (Again! – what a champion!), Joshua, Maddy and Jayah

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

YEAR 6/7 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS
Year 6 into Year 7 High School Orientation Day for James Nash SHS and Gympie SHS will be on Monday the 1st of December.
Year 7 into Year 8 High School Orientation Day for James Nash SHS and Gympie SHS will be on Tuesday the 2nd December.
Information sheets will go home with each Year 6/7 student. Please take the time to read this sheet so you and your child can be prepared.
DRAM A MONKEYS PERFORMANCE
The Monkland SS drama group “Drama Monkeys” have been working very hard in their own time this term and are proud to announce they will be putting on another play this year. The play is called “Chaos in Fairy Tale Forest” and will be staged on the last Wednesday of school (10th December) in the Art room. The time is yet to be finalised but will be in the morning (I’m aiming for around 10am). All are welcome.
Mrs J Wilson

LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Club: Book Club orders for Issue 8 have arrived and have been handed out. Thank you to those families who supported Book Club and Book Fair this year. I have been able to provide Monkland students with a lot of fantastic new books to read, borrow and enjoy. There will be more Book Club and Book Fair next year.
Overdue Books: As we are heading towards the end of term, I am looking at getting all library books shelved and ready for next year. As there is no library lesson this Thursday, all borrowing is restricted to classroom only, no library books are to be taken home from now on unless by special arrangement with me. ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY BY THURSDAY THE 4TH DECEMBER AT THE LATEST. Thank you to those students who always make a really big effort to return their library books. The following students have overdue books at time of printing this newsletter:
Prep/1: Shaelynn
Yr 2/3/4: Shakane, Jackson, Tayleah, Gemma
Yr 4/5: Billy, Bella, Keanu, Ben, Breeanna
Yr 6/7: Alyssa, Storm
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

MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014
Scottish vs Eastern Who Will Win??
Thursday, 27th November from 9.30am
Kandanga Swimming Pool

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

P & C Swimming Carnival BBQ Menu
😊 Burgers - $5  😊 Sausages - $2
Free drink with each sausage or burger and unlimited refills with cup. New cup $1 with unlimited refills.

SCHOOL DISCO
The last Disco for 2014 will be held on Thursday the 11th December from 6.30 to 8pm sharp. The P & C will be having a sausage sizzle at 6pm prior to the disco starting. The theme for this disco as chosen by the Year 7s will be “Beauty and the Geek” so students can come dressed as a breathtaking beauty or let their inner nerd shine through – or both at the same time! Dressing up is only for fun and is not compulsory. Our regular DJ “J-Dub” will be putting out some great tunes and there will be fun and games galore. This will be a fun night before the last day of school for 2014.

TER M 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

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HAVE A LAUGH

“1 couldn’t do my homework because my computer has a virus and so do all my pencils and pens.”

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The minutes from the meeting held on 11th November are enclosed in today’s newsletter. The next (and last for 2014) P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd December at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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.