**Wednesday 26th October**

This Friday, Queensland once again puts child safety at the forefront with a Day for Daniel. It is a strong reminder of the importance of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our children. We are very lucky, as parents, carers and educators, to have children in our lives. They bring humour, happiness and unbridled enthusiasm and creativity to our days. Enjoying the gifts children bring to our lives comes with great responsibility too – it is our responsibility to ensure we support, guide and shepherd them to safety. With great reward there is great responsibility and on behalf of the children of Monkland State School, on both the Day for Daniel and World Teachers’ Day, I thank every adult that makes a positive influence in the lives of young people.

_Ben._

Ben Ryan - Principal

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**WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS**

**Week 2**

[Images of students holding awards]

**Week 3**

[Images of students holding awards]

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**MONKLAND SNAPSHOT**

- **Number of students:** 81
- **Average Attendance:**
  - Term 1—92.7%
  - Term 2—90.4%
  - Term 3—88%
  - **Week 1, Term 4—90%**

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**MONKLAND DIARY**

- **3-6 Swimming** (Tuesdays)
  Starting: 25 OCTOBER (6 wks)

- **Day for Daniel**
  Friday 28 OCTOBER

- **P—6 History Excursion**
  Wednesday 9th NOVEMBER
  Cost: $5

- **Pre-Prep Open Days**
  Wednesday 2nd NOVEMBER
  Wednesday 9th NOVEMBER
  Wednesday 16th NOVEMBER

- **MSS Swimming Carnival**
  Wednesday 7th DECEMBER

- **Presentation Night W10**

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**Congratulations Award Winners!**

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**Exciting News Coming!**

Watch this space!!

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Last Day Term 4
Friday 9th DECEMBER

**SAFE - RESPECTFUL - RESPONSIBLE - LEARNERS**

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Queensland Government
SWIMMING REMINDER
Swimming will commence for the 3-4 and 5-6 classes on Tuesday the 25th October. Students will depart the school during big lunch and return before 3pm. Students will need a fitted lycra swim shirt, swimmers and a towel. The cost for this activity is $3 per week, payable on the day to the office.

GOLD RUSH FESTIVAL
Monkland SS participated in the recent Gympie Gold Rush parade through Mary Street to help promote our school. Well done to the students and staff who gave up their time and did a brilliant job of reminding Gympie what a great school Monkland SS is. The general feedback from the crowd was very positive. A big thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Corbet, Mrs Stuart and Mrs Heathcote for organising, decorating and providing the truck and to all parents who helped out on the day and made it so successful. Thank you also to ex-Monkland School Captain Jeremy Wilson who had the rather warm task of dressing up as Clifford the Big Red Dog!

LIBRARY NEWS
Scholastic Book Fair: Book Fair is now finished and as usual I was overwhelmed by the level of support from our wonderful school community. It was lovely to see so many parents who called in to my little shop, and to see their level of enthusiasm for books and reading, which has no doubt rubbed off on their children. Parents can also be very proud (as I am), of the beautiful behaviour and respect shown in Book Fair by Monkland students. We not only met our fundraising goal, but passed it and I now have many excellent books for all students to read, borrow and enjoy. I look forward to Book Fair in 2017!
Library Borrowing: Thank you to all the wonderful, responsible borrowers who make the effort to return their library books each week. The number of students with overdue books are starting to creep up again, though. 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

JUNIOR SECONDARY ENROLMENTS (YEAR 7)
Enrolments for both Gympie State High School and James Nash State High are being finalised. Parents of Year 7 students in 2017 are strongly advised to secure their enrolment and participate in the interviews to ensure their son/daughter’s place in 2017. Only students enrolled are eligible to attend the open days scheduled this term. For further information please contact the respective office.

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2017
Enrolments are now being accepted for Monkland Prep Program in 2017. Look out for our advertisement in the paper and for further information please contact the school at your convenience. Prep offers a great start to a formal schooling program with all the best elements of instruction, play and social based programming. 2017 will be a golden year for Monkland and we invite you to be part of the success!

DAY FOR DANIEL
To tie in with the implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum, Monkland State School will be participating in the annual Day for Daniel this Friday, October 28. Students can wear red to school to raise awareness of child safety. Please note: Appropriate clothing only please and if your child is not wearing red they are to be in regular school uniform.

Day for Daniel is about Keeping kids safe!

Friday, 28th October
BE RESPECTFUL

CLASSROOM NEWS

REP/1
he Prep/1 class continue to discover poetry and having in with rhyming words. Just a reminder that omonwork is now due in on Mondays and new omework will be sent home on Tuesdays.

EAR 1/2
ear One/Two are busy learning about and reciting oetry. One of our favourite poems is 'Doodledum dancing,' which we have created a whole set of actions to go along with. The Year Ones are working towards analysing a poem by the end of the term. Reinventing a poem will be the goal for the Year Twos. To finish our oetry unit we will present our poems and the poems we have learnt to the other classes!

EAR 3/4
ear 3/4 are continuing their Eric Carle themed art work with their latest creative masterpieces based on his mazing “Draw Me A Star” picture book. As well as exploring Eric Carle’s brilliant writing, students are discovering the different artistic techniques used by this brilliant author.

EAR 5/6
he 5/6 class recently had the opportunity to experience outdoor education at Garapine. The attitude, resilience and behaviour was fantastic and we all got a lot out of it. Following are some student camp recounts:

ast week the 5/6 class went on camp. The first day we went kayaking up the river and then the next day we did archery and orienteering. Then on the next day we went in a zipline. (Itzik, Y6)

he first day we got to have lunch (it was sooo yummy) hen we got unpacked and changed into our tags. Our very nice instructor Justin took us kayaking — it was super un... (Kasey, Y5)

camp was an amazing experience for Grade 5/6. It taught us to help and encourage each other. For some of us we did new things such as a long trip 25m above the ground on a flying fox which also gave us big wedgies! (Jessica, Y5)

he crunch of gravel met my ears as we trudged up the driveway. I could tell that not just my legs, but everyone else’s legs too, were aching from the long orienteering session... (Elina, Y6)

Oh my gosh, this is yum,” I said tucking into my pudding and ice-cream. Whilst on camp I had so much fun. The food was great, the cabins were awesome and the activities were fun (mostly)... (Zahlia, Y5)

BE A LEARNER

SCHOOL HISTORY EXCURSION

A note went home recently about the history excursion to the Gold Mining Museum at the Duck Ponds on Wednesday the 9th November. The aim of this excursion is to learn more about the extensive history of the Gympie local area. The cost is $5 for museum entry. P-3 will be going from 9.15 to 12.15 and the Year 4-6s will be going from 12.15 to 2.45pm. Mrs Corbet

P & C NEWS

GENERAL MEETING

The next general P & C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th November at 3.15pm in the library. All welcome. Come along and help make our school community a real success.

ROBOTICS UPDATE

The Monkland Lap-a-thon at the end of Term 3 was a fantastic success and lots of fun. It was great to see everyone out having a good time. Together, our students raised $1082.10 for robotics! A big shout-out goes to the Hay brothers – Ryan and Jacob raised almost $150 between them! Thank you so much to everyone who participated, parents and staff who helped out on the day, and especially everyone who supported Monkland through their donations. The P&C have ordered a set of Edison Robots so everybody will soon be able to experiment with them in the classroom and learn more about coding and robotics. Edison robots are an Australian product and are becoming popular in schools as they are affordable and indestructible (they say you can run a car over them, but we won’t test that!). They are also compatible with Lego which means we can build an infinite number of awesome creations with them. We will also be getting a few Lego sets to help start the collection. To see some cool Edison robot projects, check out “Meet Edison” on Facebook. We’ll be meeting Edison at Monkland soon, thanks to our super keen fundraising students. Well done! Su Foster

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Exciting news from the Tuck Shop as we are introducing a “Pay As You Go” card for both students and staff. This means no more hunting for tuckshop money. You simply come up and see us in the tuckshop to put money on a card for you and we will send a note home when the balance on your child’s card is getting low. You can also catch us before school to put money on your child’s card. Hopefully this system will make things easier for parents. Bec and Rod—Tuckshop Convenors