Tuesday, 26th November 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2013 Celebrations - Once again 2013 has been a successful year for Monkland State School. We have once again improved on previous years academic performances in both Literacy and Numeracy. Among the improvements academically, we have also incorporated a variety of extracurricular activities such as:-

- **Monkland Playgroup** - up to and including 38 families each and every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 9-11.
- **Monkland Market Stall** - monthly stalls that have encouraged student lead fund-raising and positive public exposure
- **Environmental Garden** - the re-development of the existing environmental gardens have help promote recycling, waste reduction and environmentally conscientious students
- **Monkland Drama Monkeys** - a lunchtime group of students participating in the drama performances.

**Student Leaders 2014** - School captains for 2014 have been elected and an announcement will be made on the awards night. The House Captains will be elected by their peers this Wednesday.

**Awards Night** - The Awards Night is scheduled for Thursday the 5th of December 2013 beginning at 6:00pm. The P&C are coordinating a dinner for families in the shape of a BBQ beginning at 5:00pm. A program is attached in the newsletter with a criterion for student award recipients.

The expectation is for **100% student attendance** as we celebrate and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students.

**Monkland’s Got Talent** - Students will once again be able to showcase their talents in the annual Monkland’s Got Talent competition held next Friday in between 11:30-1:10.

Students are to register their act with Mr Lawless in the year 6/7 classroom before 3:00pm Wednesday the 4th of December.

**Report Cards** - Report cards will go home with students next Friday the 6th of December. In them will be a copy of 2014’s year level book list.

**Swimming Carnival** - The swimming carnival will once again be at Kandanga Swimming pool on Friday the 29th of November. Information on transport, times and cost for this event will be released in the coming days.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

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**WHAT’S ON**

**Friday 29th November**
Monkland Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 3rd December 3.30pm**
P & C Meeting in Library

**Wednesday 4th December 2pm**
MSS Drama Group Play

**Thursday 5th December 6pm**
- Awards Presentations (Sausage Sizzle from 5pm)
- Friday 6th December 6pm
  - Report Cards go Home

**Tuesday 10th December**
Hervey Bay Excursion

**Wednesday 11th December 6.30 – 8.30pm**
Year 7 Graduation Dinner

**Friday 13th December**
Last Day of School 2013

**Monday 27th January**
Australia Day Public Holiday

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**Our Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.30pm.**

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

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SCHOOL NEWS:

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MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Scottish vs Eastern Who Will Win??
Friday, 29th November from 9.00am
Kandanga Swimming Pool

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

HERVEY BAY EXCURSION
The whole school will be going on an end-of-year excursion on Tuesday the 10th of December. Students and staff will be travelling to the Hervey Bay Wet Side Water Park. The bus will leave Monkland SS at 7.30am. Information and permission forms were sent home last week which must be completed and returned asap. The only cost for this excursion is $7.00 for the bus as the school will be subsidising the rest. Students must be in full school uniform and will need to bring; hats, togs/towel, water bottle and lunch (practical food please – there will be no refrigeration of food). Sunscreen is mandatory – if parents have issues with this, they are to contact the office. No money, phones, iPods, cameras or other personal gadgets are to be taken.

THE CATERPILLARS ARE BACK!
Mr Lawless, Mr Holmberg and Mr Rentz are embarking on Monkland’s Movember Challenge. The clean faces of Monkland’s most attractive males (only males) will grow facial hair upon their top lip to show support for men’s health. If you would like to show your support, please make a donation at the front office.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER
The Year 7 graduation dinner will be held from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Kingston House on Wednesday the 11th of December. Notes and money are due back on the 3rd of December.

AWARDS ON PARADE:


Awards on Parade – Friday, 22nd November: Back: Kaelum, Sarah. Front: Jasmine, Katie, Ursula and Brylee.
Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 25th November: Jeremy, Tyshelle, Sarah and Brylee (absent from photo)

Congratulations to all award recipients!!

LIBRARY NEWS:
Thank you to those who ordered from the last issue of Book Club. The orders have been distributed. Another big thank you to those families who supported Book Club and Book Fair this year, which helped the school gain new books for students to borrow and read, which we could otherwise not afford to buy.

School Play: The Monkland SS drama group have been rehearsing and practising hard during lunch times and will be putting on their play “A Christmas Miracle at Monkland Gulch” on Wednesday the 4th December at 2pm in the art room. All families are welcome to attend.

Library Borrowing: This week will be the last week that students will be able to borrow books. All books must be returned no later than Thursday the 5th of December so they can be shelved and ready for next year. Students with Overdue Books: Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books: P/1: Taj, Ursula, Lollie. 2/3: Gemma, Lattrel 4/5: Billy, Teagan, Maddy, Storm. 6/7: Rhianna, Jory, Tyshelle. ALL OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP. Invoices will be sent home to families with seriously overdue books.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

SCHOOL DISCO
Our Fluoro Fun disco was held last Thursday night. It was a huge success with great music and games and fun was had by all. Thanks to all helpers: P & C, Monkland staff and DJ J-Dub who gave up his time free of charge to keep the dance floor pumping. A big thank you also goes to the friendly staff at Lighting Network in Chapple Street for lending us disco lights throughout the year (usually about $60 worth of hire lights each time). Hopefully we have now raised enough money now to purchase our own set of new disco lights for next year. See the insert in today’s newsletter for disco photos.

For all your lighting needs – see Lighting Network in Chapple Street – proud sponsors of Monkland SS discos.
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