Tuesday, 27th October 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
It is hard to believe how fast this Term is flying and that we are almost half way through already.

Absences

Over the last two weeks we have met our attendance target of 92% or above on 5 days. This is great news and I want to congratulate everyone on their effort. It is also pleasing to see our unexplained absences reducing.

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A special mention goes out to our Prep students who have the highest year group attendance this semester of 91.3%. What a great example you are setting for the rest of the school.

Day for Daniel

This Friday Monkland will be commemorating the Day for Daniel. It is an important opportunity for us as a school community to highlight student safety and awareness, and to maintain the strong community emphasis on Monkland State School being a safe and supportive environment for our students. Students are encouraged to wear red and donate a gold coin to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Kind regards,

Mr Craig Barrett
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT’S ON

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Ms T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Thursday 29th October
Music: Count Us In National Song

Friday 30th October
Day for Daniel – Students to wear red (Gold coin donation)

Monday 9th November 3.30pm
P&C Meeting in the Library

Monday 30th November
Year 6 Orientation Day – Gympie State High School

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:

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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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 on Friday, October 30. Students can wear red to school to raise awareness of Child Safety and to bring a gold coin donation for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation for 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, 30th October

SCHOOL JERSEYS – REDUCED PRICES!
The Monkland State School jerseys are still available to buy and are now at a reduced price.

The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the Monkland school uniform. They are now $30 each and are available from the office (not the uniform shop).

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade Friday, 23rd October: Back – Linkon, Ellsi, Jessica, Alex. Front – Sophie, Zayne, Maia and Dom

Gotcha Awards Monday, 26th October: Tamara, Maddy, Izak and Tyler

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

COOLOOLA ALL SCHOOLS TRIATHLON
Well done to Sarah, Ben, Ashleigh, Holly, Elisi and Elina who participated in the Cooloola All Schools Triathlon last week. They all put in a massive effort and did a top job of representing our school and competing against students from all schools in the Cooloola region. Well done kids!!

Monkland SS Triathletes: Back – Ashleigh, Sarah and Ben. Front – Holly, Elisi and Elina. See the insert in today’s newsletter for more photos.
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 2016.

Book Covering: Our school has just received a very large order of classroom reading books that need to be covered. If any of our wonderful parents can help out with this, you can please come and see me in the library before 9am. They can either be taken home or done here in the library. All materials are supplied. Thanks!!

Redgum Book Club: Issue 4 of Redgum Book Club is enclosed in today’s newsletter. Orders are to be placed directly with them according to the instructions on the brochure. Orders close on the Monday 9th November and goods are delivered to us by the 23rd November.

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.

STUDENTS WITH OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS:
Prep/1: Cain, Linkon, Jessica, Makayla, Allana, Ella
Yr 1/2: Imogen, Tegan, Ellie, Tyler, Maddison-Lee
Yr 3/4/5: Shakane, Kasey, Jarrod. Yr 5/6: Keanu

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

MUSIC NEWS
All our Monkland students have been learning the song ‘Gold’, this year’s Music: Count Us In song. The students can find the words for the song at home by searching “music count us in gold youtube Marcia’s version.” The national singing event will take place at school at 12.30pm on Thursday, 29th October.

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

| Term 4 2015 | Tue 6th October – Fri 11th December |
| Term 1 2016 | Mon 25th January – Thur 24th March |
| Term 2 2016 | Mon 11th April – Fri 24th June |
| Term 3 2016 | Mon 11th July – Fri 16th September |

HEAD LICE
Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for lice regularly and to keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice for 10 days straight. If you do find lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the treatment process. Unfortunately one treatment alone is not effective to break the head lice breeding cycle. Completing the treatment process will prevent head lice from spreading. If for any reason you are having difficulties treating your child’s head lice effectively, please contact the school on 5489 8888. All information provided is treated confidentially.

P & C NEWS:

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