Tuesday, 27\textsuperscript{th} August 2013

\textbf{FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK}

\textbf{Gympie Muster}
Once again the Gympie Muster was a wonderful success and our Monkland Coffee shop did really well. Special thanks to Cindy Buchan, Nicola Fea, Karen Gresham and Leisa Cronin for their great work around making the stall happen and Lisa Lingard for the Fathers Day Raffle. More information regarding monies raised will be released in coming days.

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Drawing the winning Father's Day raffle ticket!

\textbf{PAT Testing}
Next week students across the school will be taking part in a series of standardised tests in literacy and numeracy to help measure the distance travelled in the last twelve months. The information gathered from these tests best inform teachers for independent planning and help support our improvement agenda.

\textbf{Student attendance}
Our attendance this year is improving from previous years and as a community we can continue to work together to make everyday count for our students. If for some reason you child is absent from school please contact the office and leave details of the absenteeism.

\textbf{Nude Food}
Over the next few weeks’ students will be encouraged to pack foods that do not involve large amounts of packaging. We are building for the 16\textsuperscript{th} of October (Nude Food Day) where we aim to be completely litter free on that day. See inside newsletter for more information

Yours truly,

\begin{flushright}
Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
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27th August, 2013

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.monlandss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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MONKLAND GOES NUDE!

On Wednesday the 16th of October, Monkland is taking part in the National Nude Food Day. This is an initiative by the Nutritional Council of Australia to help encourage healthy food choices and to reduce the amount of rubbish generated. Nude foods are those that are either in their own skin like fruit or foods that are in reusable containers. Over the next 5 weeks classes will be keeping a tally of children that bring in nude food. Each child that has nude food will be given a bin buster card and will then go into a draw to win groovy reusable containers each week. Our goal is to have a 100% litter free lunch on Nude Food day. Did you know that if every child had just one less piece of rubbish everyday, Monkland would have 400 less pieces of rubbish in our bins per week??

Parents we need your support!!

Nude Food Day is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. Parents and teachers at Monkland are urged to help students make healthy lunch choices and prepare their food without the use of extra wrappers. We are taking part in National Nude Food Day because it's an easy and fun way to promote our health and the health of our planet. It gets our students involved in their food choices and promotes a feeling of camaraderie between all the students, teachers, siblings and parents that participate.” Visit www.nudefoodday.com.au for more information. National Nude Food Day is brought to you by Nutrition Australia and Nude Food Movers.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade – Friday 16th Aug: Back – Nicholas and Hannah. Front – Jai, Rhyder and Justin

Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 19th Aug: Justin, Ursula and Piper

Awards on Parade – Friday, 23rd August: Joshua, Ned, Sarah, Monique and Jack

Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 26th August: Back – Jai and Taylor. Front – Tayleah and Jeremy

Congratulations to all award recipients!!
MONKLAND STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE GERMAN VERSE SPEAKING COMPETITION!
Last Thursday, Piper and Kaelum from Year 7 and Mary-Helen, and Georgia from Year 6 represented their school at the German Verse Speaking competition in Gympie. They competed against students from 14 other primary schools and the competition was extremely tough. Although feeling unwell, Piper soldiered on and both Year 7 students gave a great rendition of their poem.

Mary-Helen and Georgia both made it to the Top 10 in Year 6 with Georgia taking out 2nd place and Mary-Helen achieving a ‘Highly Commended’. What a successful day for Monkland students! All their hard work memorising their poem and fine-tuning their pronunciation paid off. A big Thank you to the parents who supported their child and encouraged them to shine in another language. As their German teacher I am very proud of all students who had the courage and commitment to show off their German skills at this tough competition. They are all winners! Barbara Wade

LIBRARY NEWS:
Thanks to those who ordered from the latest Book Club. Orders have been returned and distributed to students.

Book Week 2013 It was wonderful to see how many students and staff participated in our recent Book Week celebrations. It was a fun day and we raised $100 for Bear Cottage, which is a fantastic effort for such a small school. Thanks to Lyn from the town library for visiting and helping us explore the Book Week books.

Brisbane Road Footpath Petition Update: Our article appeared in the Gympie Times last Tuesday and we are still waiting for a response from the Gympie Regional Council. I want to add how proud Mrs Knox and myself are of the great job that Year 6/7 students did of writing their letters.

Students with Overdue Books: Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books:
P/1: Alisa, Shanel, Ursula
2/3: Elina, Danielle
4/5: Yarran, Lilly
6/7: Taylor, Jaidyn

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 BANKING UPDATE
Hi to all Bankers! Thank you to all children who have banked during Term 3. Remember every little bit counts, even 50 cents a week. Term 3 prizes include a calculator as well as last term’s prizes. Any children who have 10 tokens, please let the office or myself know.
Commonwealth Bank are running another competition for Term 3. Any child who makes just ONE deposit will automatically go in the draw to win on of 8 iPads. So get banking!!
Plus – there is a colouring in competition running at the moment for all school bankers, with a prize for the best Junior and Senior entry. All entries returned will receive a chocolate. Entries will be handed out to school bankers by Mrs J Wilson. Your School Banker – Tracey Du Toit

TERM DATES 2013/14
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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P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING/MINUTES
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th September at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Thank you to all who supported the Father’s Day raffle. It was very successful and raised over $3600 for our school. The raffle was won by Brenda Hetherington from Brisbane. A massive thank you to all businesses who generously donated goods.

MUSTER VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to all volunteers who helped out at the Muster and to those families who donated home baking goods. A special mention goes to the Forbes family for donating a huge batch of home baked goodies.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Uniform Shop is now open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 – 9.15am. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

JIM’S MOWING & GARDENING SERVICES
Jim’s Mowing at Gympie South have generously offered to make a donation to the Monkland P & C for every booking taken that mentions our school. Please ring Russ or Chrissy directly on 0407 754 114 and remember you must mention Monkland School when booking to activate the donation. This offer ends at the end of Term 3 (September holidays).
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