Tuesday, 28th October 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Literacy Celebrations
I am extremely proud to celebrate the wonderful journey Monkland students have made over the past three years in Reading Comprehension. In 2012 it was recognised students at Monkland needed to improve in Reading Comprehension and teachers needed to be up skilled in teaching strategies. Over the past three years our teachers and teacher aides have undergone intensive professional development to support our key priority of reading comprehension improvement. The data below highlights distance travelled and well supported in NAPLAN data and A-E reporting.

Red represents below, blue represents at year level and green represents well above.
The reduction of the red is absolutely fantastic!!

World Teachers’ Day
Another event that occurs on the last Friday of October every year in Queensland is our celebration of World Teachers’ Day. World Teachers’ Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. It offers students and parents a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

Day for Daniel
This Friday we ask all students wear red and recognise child safety and protection. The day is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of for Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in ‘Keeping Kids Safe’.

Cyber Safety
As your child’s parent/guardian, keeping him/her safe online is just as important as keeping him/her safe offline. Our children having access to online social networking sites (such as Facebook) is something many of us didn’t experience ourselves as children because they didn’t exist.

Inside this newsletter is cyber-safety information to help you be aware and prepared to keep your child safe and happy. Children under the age of 13 are not allowed to use sites such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or Kik. Why? Because they’re simply not ready for the complicated world of these online sites and the people and content with whom they may have contact.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT’S ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T

Thursdays
Uniform Shop (8.30 – 9.15am)

Fridays from 17th October
Swimming Lessons Commence
(Year 4-7)
Note: No Swimming 31.10

Friday 31st October
Day for Daniel

Thursday 27th November
Swimming Carnival
Kandanga Pool

Monday 1st December
Year 6 into 7 High School Visits

Tuesday 2nd December
Year 7 into 8 High School Visits

Wednesday 3rd December
Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner

Thursday 4th December
Awards Night

Our Parents’ and Friends’ Association meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Library 3.30pm.

All parents are cordially invited to attend.

- SAFE - RESPONSIBLE - LEARNERS

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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, Monklad State School newsletters are available on our website: www.monkladss.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, Monklad School will be participating in the annual Day for Daniel on Friday, October 31. Students can wear red to school to raise awareness of Child Safety. Please note: If your child is not wearing red they are to be in regular school uniform.

COOLOOLA SCHOOLS TRIATHLON
On Friday the 24th October, six Monklad students participated in the Cooloola Schools Triathlon at Tin Can Bay. It was a massive event, with 370 students from Cooloola primary and secondary schools competing. It was an awesome event and the Monklad students who competed put in a massive effort in the 2km swim, 7km bike ride and 2km run. All this was after a very early start to the day! Thanks to Jodie (Jeremy’s mum), Will (Amy’s dad), Catherine (Josh’s mum) and Gemma for transportation and for being the Monklad cheer squad on the day.

Monklad SS Triathlon Competitors: Back row – Jeremy, Amy, Josh, Mary-Helen, Georgia. Front row – Gemma (our cheerleader) and Teagan.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Class Awards Friday 17th October: Back – Charlotte, David, Courtney. Front – Baylee, Alahni, Monique, Jorey, Zalia, Evie and Ursula

Gotcha Awards Tuesday, 21st October: Baylee, Perci, Tayleah and Amy

Class Awards Friday 24th October: Back – Jack, Keanu, Jasmine. Front – Gabby, EmmaLee, Halle and Ashleigh

Gotcha Awards Monday, 27th October: Teagan, Tayleah, Phillip and Ben

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
LIBRARY NEWS:
Book Fair Wrap Up: Thank you to all the wonderful families who supported Book Fair this term. It was one of the most successful Book Fairs we’ve ever held and we were able to earn a lot of wonderful new books for all the students.

BOOK FAIR GARDEN
Catch the reading bug!

Overdue Books: Thank you to those students who made a really big effort to return their library books. The following (few) students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter: Prep/1: Shaelyn, Imogen, Ray, Malai
Yr 2/3/4: Shakane, Gemma
Yr 4/5: Bella, Keana, Ben, Brayden, Elina, Shakeelie
Yr 6/7: David, Joshua, Rhianna
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

GOLD RUSH
Monkland SS participated in the recent Gympie Gold Rush parade through Mary Street to help promote our school. Well done to the 12 students who gave up their time and did a brilliant job of reminding Gympie what a great school Monkland SS is. Monkland was the only primary school to be involved in this year’s parade and the general feedback from the crowd was very positive.

A big thank you to Cindy and Craig Buchan for organising, decorating and providing the very appropriately coloured ute and to Karen Gresham for organising decorations and to all parents who helped out on the day and made it so successful.

YEAR 4-7 SWIMMING
Please note that there will be no swimming this Friday due to a carnival being held at the pool. This lesson will be made up on the last Tuesday of school (the 9th of December).

WATCH OUT WASTE!!
This term Monkland is getting serious about reducing our landfill! To save costs in council rubbish collection fees (an estimated $1600) and to do our part towards saving the environment, we will be trialling only having a worm farm food scrap bin available at lunch time. This means that whatever packaging your child brings in their lunch box: glad wrap, chip packets, poppa boxes etc. will be going back home to you. We continue to encourage all Monkland students to be “nude foodies” and bring reusable containers whenever possible! Please see me if you would like more information.
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TERM 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 http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

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P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th November at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop has resumed on a reduced menu on Thursdays. The position of Tuckshop convenor is still available. New menus are enclosed in today’s newsletter. Please remember to follow the correct system when placing an order (Name and order written on paper bag with money inside).

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.