Monday, 29th April 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ANZAC Service
Well done to those who attended ANZAC services across the Gympie Region. It seems that the ANZAC service across Australia is getting more and more popular with the younger generations with record numbers recorded in all-major centres. Monkland students for the first time laid a wreath at the remembrance lane; this is something that we would like to continue into the future.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing program is to occur in all schools across Australia this term. This involves all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

On Tuesday 13th May Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing tests will be conducted. On Wednesday our year 3, 5 and 7 students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday students will finish the testing program with the Numeracy tests. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

Over the past 12 months, students at Monkland have sat a variety previous years’ tests, to practice the process and to minimise any concerns that students may have about them. Children can take these as an opportunity to focus on doing their best and trying hard to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Parents can help by ensuring children are well rested and relaxed about the process and at school on time to be settled in class before the tests start each morning. More information can be found online at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html. If you have any concerns or want more information about this National Assessment Program, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself. If students are absent on any of the testing days, arrangements can be made for the tests to be completed at another time in the week, or our reserve day of Monday the 19th of May.

Lisa Watson
I would like to thank Lisa Watson for her role as acting AO2 for the past twelve months and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Lisa has been instrumental in the financial running of the school and has developed much needed skills that will prepare her for future roles within Education Queensland. Transferee Madonna Negus will replace Lisa from the 6th of May.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
29th April, 2014

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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MOVIE FUNDRAISER
There will be a movie night on Friday the 23rd May to raise money towards the Year 6/7 camp. The movie is the new "X-Men: Days of Future Past". Tickets are $12 each and will be available to purchase from Jodie Wilson in the Library or through the office after the Easter break. Tickets will be sent home to families soon and will be available for purchase from the Duck Ponds markets on Sunday the 4th May.

MONKLAND MEMORIES
Monkland State School celebrates 130 years of golden education in 2014. Each fortnight, an insert in the newsletter will be dedicated to help commemorate this special occasion with photos and articles. All ex-students and staff are welcome to contribute with photos and/or stories.

SCHOOL BANKING SEA WORLD COMPETITION
School Banking continues this term. Commonwealth Bank is running a competition for school bankers who make three or more deposits this term. There are some awesome prizes including a Gold Coast family holiday package at Seaworld. More information is included in today's newsletter.

BAKER'S DELIGHT HOT CROSS BUNS PROMOTION
Thank you to those families who bought Hot Cross Buns from Baker’s Delight over Easter. A total of $28 was raised which will be used to buy some books for the library from Book Fair. Thanks also to Baker’s Delight in Goldfield’s Plaza for giving our school the opportunity to raise money without having to do anything except enjoy their yummy Hot Cross Buns!

AWARDS ON PARADE:
Class Awards Friday, 4th April: Back row – David, Daniel, Callum, Teagan. Front row – Maia, Charlie, Zeke, Corey, Mr H.
Gotcha Prizes Monday, 28th April: Tyler, Lattrel, Dusty, Jesse. Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!

MONKLAND CROSS COUNTRY:
Well done to all students who participated in this year’s Cross Country which was held on the last day of last term. The competition was fierce between Scottish and Eastern which resulted in a very close score. Eastern were the trophy winners by only one point. Thanks to Bec, Cole and Lane Mitchell and Marg Ross for putting on a fantastic sausage sizzle.

CONGRATULATIONS EASTERN!

STRINGS NEWS
This week will be Ms Patrick’s last week before she goes on Maternity Leave. She will be replaced by strings teacher Ms Kylie McVor. The day that strings lessons are held each week will be changing. More information will be sent home in the next few days. We wish Ms Patrick all the very best for the arrival of her new addition to her family.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Library borrowing has resumed on Thursdays. Please help your child to remember to bring their library bag. **Students with Overdue Books:** The following students have overdue books at time of printing newsletter:
- Prep/1: Baylee, Shaelyn, Dusty
- Yr 2/3/4: Tyler
- Yr 4/5: Lattrel, Elina
- Yr 6/7: Storm, Jaidyn
Scholastic Book Fair: BOOK FAIR IS BACK! My little shop will be open in the library and starts at 8.30am on Thursday the 1st of May and will be open before and after school on Thursday, Friday and Monday, and finishes at 3.30pm on Monday the 5th May. All funds raised is paid as new books for the library that all students can read and enjoy. PLEASE NOTE: BOOK FAIR HAS EFTPOS FACILITIES. For more info see the flyers in today’s newsletter. All families are welcome to come in for a look. Hope to see you there!

NEW BOOKS - A big Thank You to Marg Ross for covering some of our new books so they are ready to be borrowed.
Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

ANZAC DAY PARADE/MARCH
Monkland State School students honoured serving, returned and fallen soldiers at their ANZAC Day assembly on Thursday. To commence, the school choir gave a beautiful performance and the school leaders read the ANZAC Day poem ‘Sir’: by Dib Morgan and The Ode.

The Last Post followed and one minute’s silence was observed. The assembly was completed by the Reville/Rouse and the singing of the National Anthem. Year 6/7 students also got into the ANZAC spirit by making over 100 poppies for staff and students. These were also added to the ANZAC Day wreaths.

Well done to all Monkland students who participated in this years ANZAC Day march in Mary Street. It was wonderful to see how many students participated. Thanks also to parents and the P & C for their support.

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, 6th May at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The position of P & C Secretary is still vacant. Full support and training is provided. Please see Mr Lawless or Lisa Lingard if you are interested.

SEED CREATIONS MOTHER’S DAY STALL
There will be a Mother’s Day stall at second break on Friday the 9th of May. This year for Mother’s Day we will be selling Seed Creations cubes for $5 each. This exciting product range has unique appeal with something for everyone. Grow your own vegetables, flowers and bulbs with Rainbow Gardens Cubes. A gardenful of colour in every small box. We also have the adorable PETS range, grow green haired cats and dogs. There are 4 different cats or 4 different dogs to choose from. Seed Creations will also be on sale by the P & C at the Duck Pond Markets on Sunday the 4th of May so feel free to come along and have a look. Please see the insert in today’s newsletter for more information.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop is back up and running. The next Burger Day will be Tuesday 27th of May. Order forms will go home with students in the next newsletter. Order forms are also available from the office or can be printed off from the Monkland SS website.

EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
Thank you to those who supported the Easter Chocolate fundraiser. All monies and unsold chocolates are due back at school by Thursday the 1st of May.