Tuesday, 30th July 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

New Arrival
Early on the 15th of June my wife and I welcomed our third addition Joshua Kevin Lawless. Weighing in at 3.12 kgs and 51 centimetres long in fishing terms, he was a keeper! We would like to thank all well wishers.

Website
Over the school break Jodie Wilson took part in a program to help schools develop their own website. As a result Monkland State School now has a new website linked with the new Qschools app available for smart phones. This is just another great way to communicate with families. I encourage you all to visit the site.

Discipline Audit
Monkland State School was one of the first schools to be audited under the proposed Government’s plan to improve schools approach to discipline. I am pleased in how we fared and in a few weeks we will receive a detail report highlighting recommendations for further development. These recommendations will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

Eisteddfod
This week students participating in instrumental music and the school choir will be performing at eisteddfod. I wish all participants well as we have had great success in the past.

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.

Gympie Muster
We are calling for volunteer help for the Gympie Muster held between the 22nd to the 25th of August. You can either help on the stall during the time of the muster or provide some home baking to sell on the stall. All monies raised help support school programs in learning, subsidise trips, uniforms, playgrounds and equipment. Please show your support for Monkland and contact one of the P&C members registering you interest.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal

Date Claimers

WHAT'S ON
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9 – 11 am
Playgroup with Mrs T.
Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.15am
Uniform Shop
Thursdays
Tuckshop

Fridays, 19th July – 6th Sept
P-3 Swimming Lessons
28th July – 2nd August
Gympie Eisteddfod
Thursday 1st August from 9am+ Prep Open Day
Friday 30th August
Sports Gala Day
Friday 20th September
- Last Day Term 3
- Small School Ball Games

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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Great teachers = Great results

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better. It will:
- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live. There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan:
www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers

NEW MONKLAND WEBSITE

Our new website is now up and running. Check it out at https://monklandss.eq.edu.au (same as the old address)

Please remember that it is still in the development stage and more content will be added in the following weeks. If there is information that you would like to see on the website, please see Mrs Jodie Wilson in the library.

DENTAL VAN

The dental van has been moved to another location until the technical difficulty with the pad site is sorted out. They will return to our school in approximately 3 to 4 weeks time and commence dental checks. The dental forms returned to the school prior to the June/July holidays will be used for these examinations. The technical difficulty is being sorted out by Queensland Health.

AWARDS ON PARADE:

Awards on Parade – Friday, 19th July: Lollie, Brylee and Lilly

Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 22nd July: Jai (Yr 4/5), Dom (P/1) and Nicholas (Yr 6/7)


Gotcha Prizes – Monday, 29th July: Rhyder, Teagan and Elina

Congratulations to all award recipients!!
Eisteddfod
Gympie Eisteddfod commenced on the 28th July. Monkland students have started off well with the small strings ensemble taking out 3rd place, Mary-Helen gaining a 1st in her strings solo who then went on to win another 1st in a duet with Sarah T. The big strings ensemble played beautifully and came second by one point. Well done


CREATIVE GENERATION
Hi I’m Mary-Helen I took part in the Queensland Creative Generation. Creative Generation is a concert where children from prep to year 12 participate. We have a choir, soloist, backing vocalist, core choir and dancers. Anyone can take part in it to do so you must sing for your music teacher Mrs. Meads and she will tell you whether you can perform or not. It was a life changing experience. My favourite was the song “What makes you Beautiful”. There was a combination of six guys and they performed very well. Below is a photo of us at Creative Generation.

Back row: Hannah and Mrs Keppel. Front row: Alyssa, Georgia, Mrs Meads and Mary-Helen

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

Brisbane Road Footpath Petition Update: All the letters have been signed and are ready to be posted off to the council. All students have signed the petition. It is not too late to sign the petition as it will be sent at the end of this week. Please see me in the library if you wish to add your signature.

Students with Overdue Books: Just a reminder to the following students that as of today they have overdue books:
P/1: Rhyder, Shanel, Lolli, Alisa, Baylee 2/3: Zeke
4/5: Maddy, Kyle, Storm 6/7: Zac, Sharni
ALL OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP. Invoices will be sent home to families with seriously overdue books.

Book Week 2013 Book Week is coming up in August. The theme this year is “Read Across The Universe”. More details will be provided next newsletter.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

HAVE A LAUGH!

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
Minutes from the P & C meeting held on the 23rd July are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
A new Tuck Shop menu is enclosed in today’s newsletter. Please be aware there are be slight price rises as wholesalers have put their prices up. New prices are effective as of this week. Also remember that Tuck Shop is on Thursdays only.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Uniform Shop is now open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 – 9.15am. Payment is by cash or cheque only. A current uniform price list is enclosed in today’s newsletter.

MUSTER VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED
Please see the insert in today’s newsletter for more details. If you cannot help at the Muster, donations of Home Baking (eg, muffins) will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to donate Home Baking please leave items at the office prior to the Muster.

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).
James Nash SHS proudly present their latest musical — “Sisters of The Camel”. The students and staff involved have put in many, many hours of hard work to make it a show you will not forget. Bring your family, bring your friends, come along to this year’s school musical. On stage in the James Nash SHS Performing Arts Auditorium on Thursday 8th at 7pm, Friday 9th at 7pm, and Saturday 10th August at 1pm and 7pm. Tickets are on sale at the school office from Monday 15th July. Ph 5480 6333. Adults $15, Children/Concession $10, Family $46, extra children $9. Don’t miss it!!

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