Welcome to Term 1 2014!

PINK STUMPS DAY
Information regarding the Pink Stumps Day McGrath Foundation fundraiser on the 21st of February is enclosed in today’s newsletter. It will be a fun day for a good cause.

PLAYGROUP NEWS
Hello and welcome back to our Monkland families. Playgroup will commence back this week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 – 11am. We are looking forward to building and extending our Playgroup community and creating lifelong lasting friendships. Children will be given opportunities to build upon their areas of development – their fine and gross motor skills, language, cognitive and social skills will be enhanced while they interact with others. Children will explore, create, build, dance, sing and listen while having lots of fun together.

Shirl Toffoli (Mrs T)
Playgroup Co-ordinator

KIDS BIZZ AFTER SCHOOL PICKUPS
The Kids Bizz After School pickup service from Monkland is now available. Children are collected from Monkland and taken to Kids Bizz After School Care located at One Mile SS. They are currently picking up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but other days can be arranged. For more details phone Kids Bizz on 5482 6222

4th February, 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.monklandss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL WEEKLY ROUTINE:

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STRINGS
Ms Candace Patrick is currently our Strings teacher and Tuesday is our Strings day commencing on the 11th. Strings notes for new and continuing students have been sent home and should be returned with payment as soon as possible if you wish for your child to commence the strings program.

SCHOOL BANKING
Commonwealth Bank School Banking packages are available from the office for any families that are interested. School Banking day is currently Wednesday and there are some great incentive prizes for students who regularly deposit money. The fantastic new prizes are on display in the office.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Welcome to the 2014 School Year! I am very excited to see all the eager readers back in the library (and lots of lovely new faces). I am looking forward to providing lots of exciting new books for children to enjoy.

On a sad note, Mrs Knox will not be returning to Monkland State School as her role at Gympie Central has increased. This was only confirmed in the last week of school last year. Mrs Knox will be sadly missed in the library and around Monkland not only by myself, but students, staff and parents alike. Plans to honour Mrs Knox’s extensive commitment and time spent at Monkland are in development, and we hope to have a special leaving do for her sometime this term. Details will be sent home when plans are made.

Borrowing has resumed for the whole school and library day is each Thursday. Each student will be given a Monkland Library Bag for them to keep as we have a “No Bag, No Borrow” policy in place to protect our library books from damage in school bags. Please feel free to put clips or Velcro on those bags to make them a bit more secure.

Issue 1 for 2014 of Scholastic Book Club will go home with each student today. Orders must be returned to the office no later than 9am on the due date stamped on the front of the top brochure (Tuesday, 11th February). Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia) or online credit card payment at www.scholastic.com.au. The order will be placed on the due date and are usually returned to the school the following week. These books are usually very reasonably priced and orders go towards free books for our library.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

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 http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

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Don’t forget to visit the Monkland State School website at [https://monklandss.eq.edu.au](https://monklandss.eq.edu.au). It is in the process of being updated and we would appreciate any feedback in regards to information available on the website and what useful information you would like to see on there.

**Tennis Coaching/Hot Shots**

Gympie and District Tennis Association Coach Matt Watkins will commence the Hot Shots Coaching program on **Tuesday 11th February** at Monkland State School. Lessons will be held Tuesday lunchtimes from 1.15pm to 1.55pm for a minimum block of 7 weeks.

Costs will be **$65.00/pupil or $120.00 for 2 children** in the same family. Loan racquets are available each week. Please return this completed form to the office by **Tuesday 11th February**.

**Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Age………… Grade…………**

**Phone/s……………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Parent or Guardian**

**Signature…………………………………………………………………………………………………**

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For more information phone Matt Watkins on 0417 070 129

**ALL NEW PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE THEIR OWN HOT SHOTS TENNIS SHIRT!**

Cash payment or Cheques payable to Brett Cottrill please. Direct Deposit: B A COTTRILL BSB 014585 ACCT 583359786 students name as reference please.

**P & C MEETING**

Being involved with the P & C is a great way to contribute to your child’s educational environment. Monkland State School has a very active and supportive P & C. Why not come along to a meeting – it is a great way to meet other families and be involved with your child’s school. The next P & C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 11th February** at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome. The Annual General Meeting will be held in March and all positions will be declared open. Training and support is provided for anyone taking on an executive role.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Uniform Shop is currently open Tuesdays before school. Unfortunately our dedicated Uniform Shop Convenor Leisa Cronin is leaving us and we are asking for expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to take over the role. Uniform Shop opening times are flexible and training and support will be provided.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuck Shop resumes this Thursday and a current menu is enclosed in today’s newsletter. When placing your child’s order, please include name, class, food required and which break (1st or 2nd) that the food is to ordered for. Writing on a paper bag is ideal as the order can then be placed inside it. Paper bags can be purchased for 5 cents each. Please see example below:

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**HOME BAKING:** A Home Baking and new menu ideas request note went home last week. Thank you to those who returned them to the office. Another copy is enclosed in today’s newsletter for anyone who missed out.

**BURGER DAY:** The last Tuesday of each month will be a special Tuck Shop Burger Day with fish, chicken or hamburgers on sale for $2.50 each. It is the same ordering system as regular Tuck Shop and the same drinks are also available. The first Burger Day of this term will be Tuesday 25th of February.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Monkland State School P and C would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Monkland families to the 2014 school year.

**2014 GYMPIE HOCKEY SIGN ON**

Sign On at the club house is on Friday 14th Feb from 5-7:30pm and Saturday 15th Feb from 10-2pm. Bring a friend along and introduce them to this great game. All ages and abilities are catered for. For more information go to [http://www.gympiehockey.org.au](http://www.gympiehockey.org.au)

FREE BBQ, JUMPING CASTLE AND MUCH MORE AT THE SATURDAY SIGN ON!!