Tuesday, 5th August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Eisteddfod
Big congratulations to all participating students in last week’s eisteddfod. Once again we have had wonderful success in picking up third place in both senior instrumental-strings and the choir in the choral contest. Monkland students also claimed first in both verse speakers and another category in the choral contest.

Quadrennial School Review
Monkland State School will be conducting its Quadrennial School review over the next 3-4 months. We are looking for interested parents to join a selection of staff to form a school council to lead the way and path a new strategic direction for the school. If you are interested in being part of the School Council please attend our first meeting this Thursday in the school library at 7:00pm

School Opinion Survey
Last newsletter parent opinion surveys went home. For the first time all opinion surveys were to be done online and as a result we have just 1 of 70 parent surveys completed. The information gathered from this data help inform the school and allow for clear strategic direction. If you do not have access to the internet, please do not hesitate to utilise the school library.

Uniform Policy
Just a reminder to families that Monkland State School does have a uniform policy enacted by the P&C. We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing the incorrect jumper, jackets and shorts. If by any chance you child cannot be in full school uniform please inform the school. We have a large number of lost property and second hand jumpers that students can access.

Playground updates
- The upper playground we anticipate to be completed anytime soon as we wait for the soft fall to arrive.
- The Prep playground is undergoing its final safety checks and will be installed mid August.
We are extremely excited to have both projects completed and opened to students as soon as possible.

Attendance
Can I remind families that if at any stage your child/ren cannot make to school to contact the school office on 07 5489 8888 to explain their absence. Likewise for early departures and late arrivals; please access the office to sign in or out your child.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
5th August, 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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MONKLAND MEMORIES

As you already know, 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.

EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all Monkland students who participated in this years’ Eisteddfod which was one of our most successful years ever. See insert in today’s newsletter for results and photos.

130th JERSEY

The Monkland State School 130th commemorative jerseys are here! They look great and will keep out the cooler weather.

The jerseys come in adult and child sizes and can be used as part of the winter school uniform. They are $45 each and are available from the office (not the uniform shop)

LOST PROPERTY

With these cool mornings and warm days, jumpers and long pants are being left at school. Please remember to name your child’s clothing so it does not end up in the lost property box which is already overflowing with unnamed belongings.

P – 3 SWIMMING LESSONS

Please remember that swimming lessons for students in Years P – 3 are each Friday. Cost is $3 per lesson or $20 for the whole term. Students must remember their togs and towel and all belongings should be named to avoid any losses.

AWARDS ON PARADE:


Gotcha Awards Monday, 28th July: Jayah, Kobi, Caleb, Kyle

Class Awards Friday 1st August: Back – Billy and Jeremy. Front – Rhyder, Gabriella, Shaelyn and Baylee

Gotcha Awards Monday, 4th August: Alahni, Jeremy, Gemma

Congratulations award recipients - keep up the good work!
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club: Thank you to those who put an order in for the latest issue of Book Club. Most orders have been received and handed out.

Free Dress Day Bean Bag Fundraiser Thanks to those who supported the fundraiser we had before the holidays. We raised $45 to pay for new filling for the library bean bags. Thanks to Rhianna and Danniele for donating bags of beans. With the leftover funds I was able to buy two brand new movies for all students to enjoy while they are sitting in comfy bean bags. A big thank you to Mrs Vicki Wilson for bringing in her sewing machine and helping with the bean bag re-filling and re-sewing.

Book Week Monkland will be holding its Book Week celebrations on Thursday the 15th August. For those who are not familiar with Book Week, it is an annual event created by the Children’s Book Council of Australia to stimulate interest in new books by Australian authors and to announce the book of the year winners. The theme this year is “Connect to Reading” which focuses on connections children have with the material they read. Our celebrations will include children dressing up as a book character they feel a connection to (costumes can be worn to school but I encourage them to bring them and change at school). We will also be creating a giant paper chain with each link representing a book or story that students have a connection to. The challenge is to create a chain that reaches from the classrooms to the library. I will then use the chain to decorate the library when we are done.

Overdue Books: The following students have seriously overdue books at time of printing newsletter:

Prep/1: Ellise, Tarliah, Shaelyn, Pippi, Shanel, Emmalee, Ursula, Jayah  Yr 2/3/4: Evie, Kasey, Tyler, Jeremy
Yr 4/5: No overdues – Well done!! Yr 6/7: Teagan

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

FOUND: A mobile phone was found at school last week. Please see the office if it belongs to you.

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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NESTING RAINBOW LORIKEETS

One of the qualities that makes Monkland SS the best primary school in Gympie, is the beautiful school grounds that we all enjoy. An amazing example of this is the nesting Rainbow Lorikeets in one of the trees in the Prep/1 yard. It is truly wonderful to be able to witness the beauty and wonder of nature on a daily basis whilst you are walking around your school.

P & C NEWS:

P & C MEETING
Minutes from the meeting held on the 15th July are enclosed in today’s newsletter. The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th August at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Due to personal commitments, our Tuckshop Convenor Bec will be finishing up on the 15th August. This means that unless someone takes over the role, there will be no Tuckshop after the 15th August. Full training will be provided to anyone who is interested in the position.

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITION VACANT
STARTING AUGUST 2014

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.

UNIFORM NEWS

The new bucket hats are now in stock. They look very smart and are made from a more lightweight material that matches in nicely with the school shirts. They are available from the uniform shop and are $12 each. Remember, if you purchase a hat, please put your child’s name on it.

GYMPIE MUSTER FUNDRAISER

The P & C is running the Muster Coffee Shop again this year to raise money for our school. A roster is enclosed in today’s newsletter asking for helpers and home bakers. Please help out if you can.