Monday, 9th December 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for a wonderful 2013. We have shared all the ups and downs (mainly ups) and have been tight knit unit doing the best we can to make the school a wonderful place to work and for students to learn. I look forward to the challenges that 2014 will bring.

Student Leaders 2014
Congratulations to Mary-Helen Buchan and Georgia Browne who will be Senior School Captains in 2014. They will be well supported by Junior School Captains Jeremy Wilson and Alyssa Mitchell. Eastern sporting captains elected were Jesse DuToit and Courtney Ross while Kirra Larson and Teagan Fea will lead Scottish.

2014
At this stage we will be planning for four classes at Monkland the similar structure to 2013. The same teaching staff of Megan Robertson, Tegan Sayers, Paul Holmberg, Rachel Corbet and I will be across the four classes of Prep/1, year 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. Kerri Keppel will once again be in the role of Special Needs teacher.

School starts back on Tuesday 28th of January and the uniform shop will be available from Friday the 24th of January between 9-10 am.

Awards Night
Congratulations to all award recipients from the Awards night. It was once again a wonderful night and a big thankyou to the Bec and the P&C for supplying the BBQ dinner.

Christmas Message
I wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. Be happy and be safe.

Yours truly,

Mr Ashley Lawless
Principal
9th December, 2013

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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AWARDS ON PARADE:

Gotcha Prizes Monday, 2nd December: Justin, Joshua, Jack and Monique

Gotcha Prize Draw Winner – Monday, 9th December:
Congratulations to Elina in Year 2/3 for winning the end of term Gotcha Grand Prize Draw. She has won $50 Toyworld voucher generously donated by the P & C.

Congratulations to all award recipients!!

DRAMA MONKEYS’ PERFORMANCE
Last Wednesday morning the Drama Monkeys performed their play “A Christmas Miracle at Monkland Gulch” in front of a packed audience. The Monkeys put on a brilliant show which was a big hit. This is a result of all 24 students voluntarily giving up their lunch times to rehearse and the end product was amazing. I am very proud to be associated with the Drama Monkeys and look forward to putting on another show next year. Mrs J Wilson

2014 MSS LEADERS ANNOUNCEMENT
Monkland State School leaders for 2014 were announced at Awards Night last Thursday night. Congratulations to the following students: Jesse (Eastern House Captain), Jeremy (Junior School Captain), Alyssa (Junior School Captain), Georgia (School Captain), Mary-Helen (School Captain), Courtney (Eastern House Captain), Teagan (Scottish House Captain) and Kirra (Scottish House Captain).

Congratulations to these students who we know will do an awesome job in 2014.

HERVEY BAY EXCURSION
The whole school will be going on an end-of-year excursion on Tuesday the 10th of December. Students and staff will be travelling to the Hervey Bay Wet Side Water Park. Students are to be at school by 7.15am so the bus can leave Monkland SS at 7.30am. The only cost for this excursion is $7.00 for the bus as the school will be subsidising the rest. Students must be in full school uniform and will need to bring: hats, togs (swimming shirts are compulsory), towel, water bottle and lunch (practical food please – there will be no refrigeration of food). Sunscreen is mandatory – if parents have issues with this, they are to contact the office. No money, phones, iPods, cameras or other personal gadgets are to be taken. Please note the whole school will be attending this excursion and there will be no supervision at school that day.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER
The Year 7 graduation dinner will be held from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Kingston House on Wednesday the 11th of December. Please return your note and money if you have not done so already.
**MONKLAND SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013**

**Congratulations Eastern!**

Eastern House Captains Piper and Sarah with the trophy

**2013 Age Champions:**

**Boys**
- 2000 – Jory
- 2001 – Thomas
- 2002 – Jesse
- 2003 – Ben
- 2004 – Ned
- 2006 – Taj

**Girls**
- 2000 – Celine
- 2001 – Hannah
- 2002 – Mary-Helen
- 2003 – Sarah
- 2004 – Lilly
- 2005 – Elina
- 2006 – Lara

2013 Swimming Carnival Age Champions: Back – Jory, Hannah, Mary-Helen, Thomas and Jesse. Front – Celine, Ben, Sarah, Ned, Lara and Lilly.

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All library books are now considered overdue and must be returned. There are still children with library books, and if your child is one of them, then this is an urgent issue that needs to be addressed or they may not be allowed to borrow next year.

**OVERDUE BOOKS:**
- P/1: Ursula
- 2/3: Gemma, Tayleah
- 4/5: No overdue books! Well done Yr 4/5! 6/7: Jory

**ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED ASAP.** Invoices will be sent home to families with seriously overdue books. Books can be returned to the library Monday to Thursday or to the office on Fridays. It is also particularly vital that your child returns their books if they are not attending Monkland next year.

On a more positive note, be sure to check out what’s going on at the Town Library over the holidays. They often have great activities or you can just borrow some books to read! Well done and thank you to those children and families who were responsible borrowers this year. I look forward to providing exciting new books for eager readers to borrow and read next year.

Happy Reading! Mrs J. Wilson - Library Teacher Aide

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**P & C NEWS:**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Minutes from the meeting held on 3rd December are enclosed in today’s newsletter.

**UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS**

Uniform shop will be open on the last Friday of school holidays January 24th 9:00am – 10am. Cash or cheque only accepted.

**TUCKSHOP RED FOOD DAY**

This Thursday the 12th of December will be a Tuckshop Red Food Day. Leftover lollies from the disco will be on sale at second break.

**THANK YOU TRACEY!**

A massive thank you goes out to Tracey DuToit for giving up her time each week to run School Banking this year.

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**To All Monkland Families**

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!**

**See you in 2014!**