Next Wednesday a Teaching and Learning Audit will be conducted at Monto State School, as part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland State Schools. Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland State School to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform on school planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices. From this report, the executive summary and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

On Monday the 2nd of September most students in year 5, 6 and 7 are participating in the bi-annual Brisbane school camp. Mrs Thomas, Mrs Clarke and I will be their supervisors for the week. Mrs Booth will remain at school relieving teachers from their daily duties to free them up to plan and prepare for term 4. If you have any concerns while I’m away please consult with your classroom teacher, or if it is of a serious nature please contact me on the school’s mobile: 0477365070.

King regards

Matthew Silvester
NEWSLETTERS ARE A KEY COMMUNICATION TOOL

Not one form of communication fits all, so the school is keen to be adaptive to family needs. A hard copy of the newsletter is sent to the oldest student of each family. Unfortunately at this time we are unable to email the newsletter out to families. We are working to rectify this.

Did you know!

A Dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.
A Giraffe can clean its ears with its 21 inch tongue.
A Jellyfish is 95 percent water.

MONTO LITTLE ATHLETICS
COME & TRY DAY
AGES 5-17
SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST
MONTO COMBINED SPORTS GROUND
9AM—12PM

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep News

Another busy fortnight with the Prep class. We have continued on our rhyming way and are this week beginning to work on making our own rhyme with an illustration. We will present our rhymes to each other and maybe even on parade. Stay tuned for more info on this adventure. We are also still working on all our Sounds and also regularly studying our Sight Words.

In maths we have been busy balancing and making groups equal. We have also looked at the partitioning of numbers. This is the breaking down of a number into different parts. 10 can be made up of 2 and 8 or perhaps 4 and 6 or even 5 and 5. Partitioning is a lead into the concept of both addition and subtraction. 9 is made up of a group of 7 and a group of 2. So when you can only see 7, how many must be missing?

Science also continues with us looking at clothing and activities to suit the weather. We are having some lovely changes in the weather, which is great for our weather chart also.

On Wednesday mornings from approx. 10 am until morning tea we are working in the end classroom of the main school. Each child has their own desk space and we are practising our hand-writing skills. Each Prep child will bring home an alphabet chart today. Please keep this chart handy to refer to and as a reminder for both you and the children about the correct formation of all our lower and upper case letters.

We are reaching the “assessment” end of our English unit, where students are expected to present a “Powerpoint” of a character from a literary text.

We continue to increase our speed of recall during our daily “Rapid Recall Routines” also. The students are now quite good at recalling what a noun, verb and adjective is, as well as the roles of certain punctuation.

In maths, our focus is on probability (the chance of an event occurring) and fractions, including halves, quarters, thirds and eighths.

There will be NO READING GROUPS THIS WEEK, Thank you
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Year 2/3

Year 2/3 have continued to look at the various aspects of the Narrative genre, including dialogue and how to make it successful. We are about to start writing our own narrative very shortly; however at present we are practicing writing short conversations between two characters. We will attempt to turn our narrative into a Power Point display when it is written.

In Maths we have continued to look at operations and are now trying to complete addition and subtraction operations involving trading or regrouping. This is proving challenging for some, but we will keep practicing. The Year 3's are continuing to learn their times tables and associate these with division. We have revisited the term - "multiple". The Year 2's are learning to make "groups of" and "share", which are the first steps to multiplication and division operations.

I am pleased to see most people completing and doing their homework each week. I would like those who do not complete and bring their homework to make a better effort to get it done and for this reason we are trialling a homework session of a Tuesday afternoon in quiet reading time with Mrs Gallooy. Please ensure your child has their homework at school that day if you wish them to complete some at school. Home reading continues to be a necessity and bringing back the book to get changed is vital. Please ensure your child does their reading practice and returns their book each week.

Some students are running out of pencils, rubber, glue etc, so I would appreciate it if you could ask your child if their supply needs replenishing. Thanks.

Year 4/5

Year 4/5 have begun to work on their assessment for their historical recounts. This will be done at school over the next few weeks. In maths this week we are looking at symmetry, rotational symmetry and mapping. Students will be beginning to work on the 8 times table.

In art this term we have been looking at a number of artists from around the world. Over the last two weeks, students have looked at the work of Keith Haring and created a picture to emulate his work. This week we are looking at the work of Pieter Bruegler, in particular the painting "Children's Games"

Year 6/7

In Maths Year 7's are solving equations and using Cartesian Planes while the 6's are studying 2D and 3D shapes. The students have written their cartoon script and presented their character plan. Now we are studying poems and are working on our folio. In Science we have investigated natural disasters such as cyclones, volcanoes and earthquakes. In history we have compared significant world events and how they have shaped Australian society.

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Monto All Breeds Bull Sale. (Lots 13 – 16.) 7th Sept.
Gracemere Charbray Bull & Female (Lots 10 – 13.) 25th Sept.
Phone Steve 41665280
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Music News**

The band will be performing on parade on Monday 26 August at 1.50pm. Each section of instruments will also be playing a short section of music to showcase the sounds of each instrument. As we do not have all the instruments in our band, some beginner students have also been invited to perform on parade. Family members are invited to attend this performance. This performance will give students, eligible to learn an instrument in 2014, a chance to hear each type of instrument.

Students who are interested in joining the instrumental music program in 2014 need to return the note by the end of August. Many students have already returned these notes. Year 7 students who would like to learn a new instrument at Monto State High school can also complete these notes or complete the form in the year 8 enrolment package.

**Classroom Music**

The prep class have been learning about the rhythm ‘za’ (no sound for one beat). This week they learnt the sol-fa names for low and high as ‘doh’ and ‘soh’. They have been practising “Great Big Elephants” on the xylophone and boomwhackers.

The 1/2 class have been practising performance and audience etiquette. Each member of the class needs to perform the focus recorder song for the term ‘Starlight’.

The other classes have started to compose their own music for the recorder.

Students in year 4 – 7 are collecting the plastic tags from bread bags to use as picks for the ukulele. Instead of throwing these out, please send them to school with your child to give to Miss Hawkins.

**Choir**

The choir was going to participate in the Voices at Cania workshop. Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled.

The junior and senior choirs have combined to create one choir which rehearses at Tuesday lunch time. All students are invited to eat their lunch outside the music room on Tuesday so they do not forget rehearsal. We are currently working on ‘The Hippopotamus Song’, ‘The Rhythm of Life’ and ‘Leave Her Johnny’.

**Year 7 Graduation Performance**

Year 7 students MUST return their permission notes before they are able to participate in the rehearsals for their graduation performance. These early rehearsals are being used to make decisions about the dance steps and layout. Students who do not attend the rehearsals will not be able to share their ideas and opinions about the performance. Permission notes were sent home last fortnight. There are spare notes in the 6/7 classroom.
These are the children that have been commend-ed for their hard work in class. They were Alexsis Larsen, Jasmena Johnston, Tia Wickham, Jonathon Siragusano, Tom Phillips, Blake Bar-net, Isaac Green and Kiara Watts. The person who won the Sports award was Hugo Robertson. Congratulations, to these achievers!

The children who made the cricket trials in Bundaberg were Lana Keitley, Hamish Staines and Britney Staines.

Well done cricketers!

The children that made it to Wide Bay for Athletics were Adian Queale, Anna Phillips and Jessica Lewis.

Good luck to these athletes!

Zane Reti-Maketoni got into the High School Wide Bay Trials for 800m and 1500m. Hope all goes well.

Do us proud Zane!
Some fundraising events that we are involved in are:
Saturday 31st August – Manning the gates at the races. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, please contact the office to put your name down.
Saturday 7th September – Family Afternoon – Our major fundraiser for the year. An afternoon of entertainment, fun and great food. Make sure you keep this date free. More info to come.
This year we are looking at forming a primary school team for the Mt Perry Dump Truck Pull. This is on the 7th September. Let Matt know if you are interested in supporting this as a parent and can assist with transport.
Next meeting –
Thursday 18th September 7:30pm at the staffroom of Monto SS. Hope to see you there!

Donna
P&C President

Date Claimers:
Mt Perry Dump Truck Pull: 7th of September - details to be advised.
Monto Races: 31st of August - gate duties
Afternoon Tea fundraiser @ Monto High School for Monto Primary School: 7th of September.

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ARTS COUNCIL

Attached to the last newsletter was the payment envelope for our next Arts Council performance, *The Crazy Scientist Strikes Back*. It will be held on Friday, 30th August at the St Therese Hall. The cost is $6 per student or $15 per family and must be returned to school in the envelope provided by Monday 26th August. No payments will be accepted on the day of the performance. Envelopes must be signed by the student’s Parent or Caregiver allowing them to attend.

*In a science lab far far away, the temperature is about to rise as Richard Scholes shines in this bright new production about chemical, earth and space, and physical sciences!*

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to all the mums who come in and help us out every week on tuckshop. Your help is really appreciated. There are going to be some minor changes to the menu for next term. We are removing the fruit and ice-cream from our menu and replacing it with Funny Faces (Zooper Doopers). A new menu will go home to families closer to the end of the term.

Tuckshop Roster
28 Aug    Bec Zeith    Noeline Burton
4 Sep     Helen Hutton  Eleena Wolff

Yours in Tuckshop,

Kelli-Sue