Dear Family and Community,

The end of term is finally here and the students and staff need a well-earned rest after an 11 week term.

Even though it has been a very long term, I was very impressed during class time, listening to the enthusiastic teaching and busy work that is still happening in classrooms at Monto S.S. The teachers have kept the motivation up and students have been on-task, right up until the last days of term. We are very privileged to have such a devoted staff working at our school. Thank you admin team, cleaners, teacher aides and teachers for your commitment and the huge effort you have put into this term. You are amazing!

Next term I am very excited to be teaching the Year 4/5 class on Mondays and Tuesdays, sharing the role with Mrs Dow. I would like to thank Miss Kristi for the effort she has put into the class this term. The students are going to miss your enthusiastic teaching and caring nature.

This Friday, students who have made excellent choices throughout the term will be celebrating Privileged Day. Tyrone Delaney O’Reilly and his troops have volunteered to conduct a circus performance for the students. Throughout the morning, the students will have a chance to try out and practise different circus tricks. It should be very entertaining and a great way to celebrate positive student behaviour.

Our school attendance rate during Term 3 was 91.1% with Term 1 still retaining our highest attendance record (92.7%). During Term 4, with the cold and flu season behind us, the school is aiming for a 95% attendance rate.

We have a saying at school, “Monto kids are 5 DAY KIDS!” With a shared commitment to education we can reach our 95% goal. Please, only keep your children at home for legitimate reasons, such as illness. 1 day off a week equates to 240 hours of learning time every year. Every day counts!

Enjoy spending some quality time with your children during the holidays.

Warm regards

Principal

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 hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.
Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep News
Well the end of the term has raced up upon us, and fantastic news we have had 3 days with everybody at school – yes all 21. I promised that after the holidays if we could have a week of 21 every-day we could have a party. So let’s see how we see how we go for term 4.
Otherwise the Prep folk have been busily working on writing and remembering the alphabet, going through the days of the week, counting to 100 and of course remembering all our sounds. We are just about worn out.
Yesterday everybody received a phonics and letter practice pack to help keep our brains warm through the holidays. Regular repetition is the best way to learn and remember any learning. After the holidays we will be full on busy again, with English, Maths, Science and some more History.
Have a very safe and happy holiday break and remember our ambulance motto – Be a Hero, Know 000.

Year 1/2
This term, our English Unit has been about examining stories and informative texts.
During this term, we have read, viewed and listened to a range of stories with animal characters. We then compared these stories with factual information on those particular animals.
After comparing and identifying similarities and differences between fiction and non-fiction books, the students were then asked to create an informative text about a character in a literary text using ICT’s.
We created our slideshows on “Gentoo Penguins”, using Powerpoint. The students learnt how to:
• Explore with different font styles and sizes,
• Insert pictures from clipart, as well as from Google Images,
• Type up information about Gentoo Penguins,
• Manipulate objects (text boxes and images) by clicking and dragging
• Explore different design formats and transitions of slides
We have spent this week sharing these with parents and have thoroughly enjoyed using ICT’s in our class. If any parents have been unable to attend our sharing this week, please let me know and I can email your child’s presentations through.
Email: msinc39@eq.edu.au
HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS!
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Year 2/3
We have now completed our Power Point presentations of our narratives. We have all enjoyed this experience and learnt a lot. Some of us are over using “speech marks” and have discovered that a story can be entertaining without a lot of speaking going on between characters.

This week in Maths we have been testing and continuing to reinforce our knowledge of number and operations.

In History, we have continued to look at the changes in technology over time. We investigated transport this week and some of us are getting excited to ride in a horse drawn carriage on camp at the Heritage Centre in Rockhampton.

Have a good break and see you next term ready for some more good work.

Year 4/5
What an exceptionally busy term we have had this term! Students completed one round of math assessment last week, and I am hoping to fit in a benchmarking test later this week. Our English recounts and SOSE projects (country) are DUE THIS WEEK. Many students have completed these - Super effort!! Unfortunately due to the number of other commitments that we have had on Fridays this term, our science will have to be completed next term. The art unit that we have been working on this term will also have to be assessed next term for the same reason.

Please check with your child that they have enough glue, pencils, exercise pads etc for next term. Many students have filled or almost filled their exercise books and will need more to work in next term. These can be used next year to start the year off if they have pages left.

Have a safe holiday and we will see you back for the end of year 4 or 5 next term.

Year 6/7
This term has been very busy with camp, district and Wide Bay Sports, and two science shows.

In history we have been studying the last 100 years of Australia's history (how world events affected migration to Australia) and Ancient China.

In Science we are finishing up our studies of the earth and sky, seasons and weather, and natural events such as volcanoes and earthquakes.

In English students have written their own school anthem and have been studying poetry and poetic devices. We hope you enjoy reading them further in this newsletter.

Happy Campers
Even a three hour breakdown in Gympie on the way home did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the campers (not sure about the adults). The most popular venue seems to have been the Science Centre. They enjoyed the many interactive activities available. They also spoke highly of travel on the suburban train and City Cat.
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Music News**
Any instrumental practice that is completed over the holidays and recorded on student’s practice chart will be counted towards their Instrumental Music sticker chart. 60 minutes of practice in a week = 1 sticker; 90 minutes or more in a week = 2 stickers. Students receive a small prize every six stickers.

Monday of the first week of term 4 is a public holiday. Students who normally have their Instrumental Music lesson on a Monday may bring their instrument and equipment in on Tuesday. I will try to fit as many students as possible into the middle session.

**Classroom Music**
The prep class have been practising their known rhythms (ta, ti-ti and ta) in a variety of contexts. This week the 1/2 class completed their performances of their composition. The 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 classes have been continuing to work on their compositions. I have given students in these grades the opportunity to take their compositions home over the holidays to complete and practise them on the recorder.

**Choir**
Choir rehearse on Tuesdays at lunch time. Early next term they will be performing ‘Rhythm of Life’ and ‘If you Dance’ on parade. Keep your ears and eyes open for details.

**Year 7 Graduation Performance**
This will continue on Tuesday afternoons (3pm – 4pm) in the music room. Many students have not yet returned their permission notes. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

**DINNER UNDER THE STARS**
**Friday October 4th**
Monto Showgrounds 6pm – Late
$20.00 Adults $10.00 Kids Under 12
2-Course Dinner, Bar, Entertainment, Fun For All
Help raise funds for Cambodia Orphanages

**Biloela Junior Cricket Sign On**
FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER
5PM at MEGAVALIS SPORTS CLUB
ALL PLAYERS 5 YRS & OVER
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Contact Paul Tansey 0427922234
On Friday the 13th September, Monto State School had a special guest from CSIRO. Greg did some experiments with us and taught us about how much sugar is in one Gummy Bear. He also showed us some reactions made by chemicals. Kalena Egan was the lucky demonstrator and demonstrated how weight can be evenly spread and held over a wide surface with just 4 balloons!!

Greg also made an eruption out of dish washing liquid, iodine, hydrogen peroxide and other mysterious ingredients.

For proof you can go under the building and there is still a stain on the ceiling near where the bus lines are.

Congratulations to Shaeli Carty, Declan Howlett, Bradley Griffiths, Teely Wolff, Kiralee Streeter and Holly Knight for their good efforts in class.

Congratulations to Alexis Larsen, Jasmena Johnston, Nathan Quinn, Courtney Larsen and Hamish Staines for their high achievements in the Japanese test.
Ever Onwards

Our tidy little school, we will endeavour
From our old school buildings we’ll do it our way
To our gardens so grand we’ll be here forever
Ever onwards that’s what I say

With our time capsule waiting oh so patiently
When one day when it’s time is up Someone will dig it up aptly
Ever onwards that’s what I say

Once a year we get this day we run all about
THE BIG DAY OUT!!
All though we are out we dare not scream and shout!
Ever onwards that’s what I say

We have our proud band and choir
Make a racket now
We’re the best in the whole shire
Ever onwards that’s what I say

by Kalena Egan

We love all students of our school and we take care of them.
The town of Monto has gone through a lot but we will live on.
We will take care of your adored loving children at Monto School.
Our people of our school will live Ever Onwards.

We have an old time capsule by the flag pole but you can’t see the hole.
The children of the school love the play grounds and the ovals.
There’s a memorial of Bert Hinkler on an old bottle tree.
Our people of our school will live Ever Onwards.

Lots of green grass, trees and beautiful gardens here and there.
We do our best on sports days.
We get rewarded on privilege day.
Our people of our school will live Ever Onwards.

We take care of our little neat and tidy school.
Your children will be safe at Monto State School.
They will go home at the end of the day and will say how well their day had been.
Our people of our school will live Ever Onwards.

By Daniel Phillips
From our smart and athletic students
And our helpful staff
Help us make the school the way it’s meant
Our school will be forever moving forward

With our time capsule by the mighty Australian Flag
And our Bert Hinkler Memorial beside the bottle tree
Our school has its history and we have our bag
Our school will be forever moving forward

We have floods, fires and drought
And our unique weather
We still have no doubt
Our school will be forever moving forward

Our school will be forever moving forward
Through everything we’ve been through
We deserve school of the year award
Our school will be forever moving forward

Written by Brad Griffiths
Ever Onwards

Under the big trees
Or in the bright classrooms
Even the parents can see
Ever Onwards

We’ve got some secrets
Like the time capsule
This gives us all high spirits
Ever Onwards

Through flood and drought
Which is hard to get past
There has been no doubt
Ever Onwards

With the awards we have won
In the music room
Or having a run
Ever Onwards

By Courtney Larsen

Monto School Forever

Monto’s garden is heaven
We brag to care for our flag
We will conquer whatever
Monto School forever

Monto’s Meninga will linger
Time capsule will be actual
Monto’s Privilege Day will no matter
Monto School forever.

Monto can run for fun
We can earn to learn
We care for everywhere
Monto School forever

Monto Choir will be hired
Grad will be sad
We will stand up against whatever
Monto School forever

By Aidan Quele