Dear Family and Community,

WORLD TEACHERS DAY (WTD). Last Friday the teachers were thanked with a delicious morning tea provided by the P&C and I was touched to receive a gift from one of the parents. A mug that stated “I’m a teacher, what’s your super power?”

I really appreciated the humour and thought the message summed up what WTD is all about, ‘dedicated teachers!’ The teachers in this school work tirelessly trying to make a difference by educating, inspiring and motivating students every day. Our teachers play an incredibly important role in the success of communities and this needs to be continually acknowledged.

Even though WTD has passed, I encourage you to take the time to celebrating the great work that your child’s teacher does. We all need to support and help motivate our teachers, to continue looking after and empowering our children.

On a different note, a big ‘THANK YOU’ also goes out this week to our Monto Tuck-shop Team. Schools across Queensland, this week, are encouraged to give a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers. Tuck-shop Day recognizes the great work and contribution of thousands of people across the state in our schools. The day also highlights the important role tuck-shops play in schools by providing nutritious lunch options for families.

Family members including grandparents as well as local residents are welcome volunteers in our school. If in some way you would like to volunteer at the school, please let me know. We would be grateful for your support. 'Many hands make light work!'

Warm 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!
1. 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321
2. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
3. A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep News
Another busy fortnight has just whizzed by. On Friday the 18th we had the pleasure of some 2014 preps and their family members visiting for the morning. Then on Friday 25th we had the boys come for a follow up visit and tomorrow the girls will visit. They will spend the day with us until big lunch at 1.00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing them and hope they have a great day.

This week we have been using our imagination to invent a new super hero character with many different powers. The designs and drawings are being added to the display wall in the library wall. So take the time to get to have a look next week when we have all had our chance to share our ideas.

This week we started looking at written addition sums. What they look like, why we need to do sums, how do we write them properly? Take the opportunity at home to talk about when we need to do adding sums. Not always do we write them down but often we need to do them in our head. (eg There are 4 plates on the table and 2 on the shelf so altogether there are 6 plates.)

Keep up the good work with the home reading. It is very encouraging to see the steady progress being made both with the reading and sight words.

Year 1/2
Almost half way through the term already! We are very busy with our learning, assessments and play rehearsals.

With report cards due out this term, please keep an eye out for a “Benchmark” letter in your child’s bag, as this will explain in more detail what the requirements are for your child to obtain at least a SOUND achievement in particular subjects. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Little Red Rocking Hood (our play) is beginning to take shape. I am aware that some children have already started bothering their parents about costumes….please do not stress yet. I will be sending home a letter of costume suggestions in the next few weeks, as well as an invitation to attend our performance.
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Year 2/3
The Year 2/3 class have continued their work on poetry and this week have looked at what onomatopoeia means as well as alliteration. We hope to remember these terms after this week!!! We have also looked at how rhyme and rhythm improve the presentation of a poem. In Maths, the year 3's are working on multiplication and setting out of 2 digit x 1 digit sums. Most succeeded with this yesterday. The Year 2's have been adding money and all worked well on the tasks set. In SOSE we are looking at Australian environments and we are looking at how matter changes with either heat or cold.

Please remember our catch-up swim lesson is tomorrow (Friday). Camp next Monday and Tuesday will see most of the class away. Those remaining at school will be supervised in the 1/2 classroom and the 4/5 classroom.

Year 4/5
The students have been working hard over the last fortnight. We have completed the science unit that we had to carry over from last term, and are in the process of completing our art unit from term 3. Next week the 4s are going off to camp -and I’m sure they will have a fabulous time (apparently the food and adventure caving are awesome!). At the end of next week we will begin the first of two English assessment items. The first will be completed at school, however the second one may need some after school time spent on it. Our first diagnostic maths test is also coming up shortly.

Please remember that homework is due on a Wednesday and new homework is sent home on a Thursday. Please remind your students to complete all of their homework. We have homework help with Mrs Galloway of a Tuesday and Thursday and they are able to see me if there are any concerns.

Following NAPLAN, some of our allocated time with Mrs Galloway will be used to help students who may have shown up as having one or two weaker areas in their results. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these times with Mrs Galloway, she has a wealth of knowledge and experience that will help to boost our students.

Year 6/7
Finally we have finished the History, Science and English assessment. The assessment was in depth and required use of analysis skills. This form of test is becoming more familiar to the students (and teachers). Despite the many disruptions in the last fortnight we have made a start on the new work mentioned in the last newsletter.

Happy Campers and Year 7
Homebake orders and money are due tomorrow. I have had a call from the company to change the delivery date to Wednesday 4th December. I hope this does not inconvenience anyone.
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Music News**

Yesterday, the students beginning instruments in 2014 received notes outlining the instrument they will be learning. If you have any questions, please contact me.

On Tuesday 5 November MICE senior will be performing at the Monto State High School Awards night. Please arrive at the Monto Town Hall by 5:30pm for set up and sound-check. We should finish by just after 6pm.

The junior band will be playing on parade on the 11 November at 1.50pm. Parents and family members are welcome to attend this performance. After this there will be no more junior band rehearsals. Members of the junior band are invited to join senior band rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm from the 12 November onwards. We will be rehearsing regular and Christmas repertoire. Please let me know if your child is unable to perform Christmas repertoire.

**Classroom Music**

All classes have now finished their assessment for classroom music. We are full-steam ahead in preparation for the end of year concert (11 December). If your child would like a recording of the songs they need to learn, please bring a USB to Miss Hawkins.

**Choir**

The choir continues to rehearse on Tuesday big lunch. We have started learning Carol of the Birds, an Australian Christmas Carol we will be performing at the local Carols event on Friday 29 November.

**Year 7 Graduation Dance**

The Year 7 students have finalised the steps for their graduation dance. Once the students rehearsing on Tuesday afternoon have mastered all the steps, we will hold some lunch time rehearsals to teach the students who are unable to remain after school. All year 7 students need to let me know for sure if they are attending the evening and participating in the dance. We need to know an exact number to work out the stage positions and to perfect the timing for some of the moves.

**STARLAB**

On Tuesday, a small group of students attended the Starlab session at the high school. The display was excellent, and the students enjoyed the experience enormously. As always, the behaviour of our students was excellent. They asked quite a few questions, and quite a few were amazed by the images on the dome's roof.

Some fantastic Starlab facts -

# The Earth travels from West to East.
# While it rains on Venus, the rain is actually sulphuric acid.
# The stars that look white/blue are the hottest burning stars; stars the burn yellow/red are the coolest burning stars.
# Europa (a moon) is believed to be crusted in ice with water or slushy ice in the middle.
The 25th of November was Day for Daniel. We celebrated by having a disco, wearing red and raising money for this worthy cause. Day for Daniel is celebrated to raise awareness of child safety.

NRL was played on the 24th November at the Monto Combined Sports Grounds. This was the team that played. They put in a great effort.

Blake, Jasper, Luke and Mac went to AFL on Monday 27th of November. Great try boys! :-}
RIDGEHAVEN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS
invite you to join them and watch the big race

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
of Chicken/Salad/Dessert/Tea or Coffee

When: Tuesday 5th November, 2013
Time: Doors open – 11.30am Lunch – 12pm
Where: Ridgehaven Sanderson Lounge, 32 Stuart St., Monto
Sweeps: $2 and $5
Prizes: Lucky Door, Raffle, Jockey’s Colours, Best Dressed Lady and Gent, Best Lady and Gent Hat
FASHION PARADE by HEILBRONN’S FASHIONS

Admission: $20 with complimentary glass of champagne

Please Book: Phone 41661082- between 9am and 3pm by Friday 1st Nov

Tuckshop Roster Term 4

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Does your Child order their lunch?

We now have re-usable lunch order bags available to order:

**Stickybeaks “Lunch Wallets”** come in black with your choice of pink, blue, green, red, grey, yellow or purple binding.

**Stickybeaks “All Rounder Insulated Lunch Wallets”** come in black with your choice of grey, red or blue binding.

Whether it is daily, once a week or once a month, most children will get the opportunity to order their lunch. If this is your child, we would like you to consider purchasing a Stickybeaks Lunch Wallet.

Not only will you help us raise much needed money for our school, you will also be rewarded with the ease of using the lunch wallet along with helping to reduce our paper waste.

Keep and reuse the lunch order slips. They are available to print for FREE from the Stickybeaks website. Most children like to order the same lunches over & over. Why not keep your order tags in a draw and simply place the relevant tag in the zippered pocket along with the money.

**Product features include:**

- Holds a substantial amount of more food inside than brown paper bags.
- Collapsible sides and a Velcro tab that secures the bags in a closed position.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Stylish design which folds conveniently to fit in every child’s school bag.
- Clear pocket to display name and class.
- Clear pocket to display order and place money away from your child’s lunch.
- Free name & order tags are available to print from the Stickybeaks website www.stickybeaks.com.au
- Easy to clean. Simply remove base then wipe clean with a damp soapy cloth after each use just like you would your school lunch box. It's that simple!!
Dear Parents,

We are raising money for Monto State School P&C Association and we need the help and support of all parents.

Please support our school and your children by selecting from the product guide below. Simply write the quantity of each bag you would like to order then add the total amount of money.

Please fill in the name and class of your eldest child below:

Name: ____________________________ Class: _____________

**Don't forget to ask family, friends & neighbours if they would like to order as well.

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TOTAL AMOUNT $__________________________

Final orders are due by 25 November 2013. No orders will be taken after this date. Please return this Order Form, along with your payment in an envelope clearly marked ‘Stickybeaks Order’

Payment (please circle): CASH CHEQUE

Please make cheques payable to: ____________________________

For more information visit www.stickybeaks.com.au where you can also print out your free name / class and lunch order labels.
Public health alert for schools: Measles outbreaks

Urgent public health alert for schools and early childhood education and care services

What is the concern?

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. There have been 24 people notified with measles so far this year, three of whom were school aged and one toddler.

There have also been measles outbreaks occurring in other states, with young children and school aged children infected.

Large measles outbreaks are occurring in other parts of the world, including in our nearest neighbours in Indonesia (Bali) and Thailand. Measles outbreaks in Australia usually commence with a person who was infected overseas.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that causes people to feel very unwell. It can cause complications such as middle ear infections and more serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Complications are more common and more severe in people with a chronic illness and very young children. Approximately 60% of deaths from measles are associated with complications, especially pneumonia in the young and encephalitis in adults.

The virus is spread from an infectious person during coughing and sneezing or through direct contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Because measles is so infectious it can spread rapidly in schools and early childhood education and care services where non-vaccinated children and or adults attend.

What can schools and childcare services do?

It is very important that schools and child care services are aware of the current measles risk and inform parents to keep children away if they think they could have measles. Parents should be advised to ring their GP or 13HEALTH if they think their child has measles as confirmation of measles infection requires medical assessment and laboratory testing.

Schools and childcare services are encouraged to strongly recommend that parents ensure their children and staff are fully vaccinated against measles and if possible, keep a list of any unvaccinated children and staff. Unvaccinated children and staff will need to be excluded from any school or childcare where a measles case has been confirmed.

Anyone born in 1966 or after who has not had two documented measles vaccinations or documented immunity should get vaccinated. Measles vaccine is free.
Sport Shirt Order

Name: __________________________  Class: __________________________

Price: $28.00

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Please find enclosed Money/Cheque for this order.

Cheques to be made out to: Monto State School P&C Association

Signed: __________________________
Name: __________________________

Please provide a contact/email in case we need to contact you regarding this order.

Phone: __________________________
Email: __________________________