Flat out! That’s the word of the week. Things are really busy at Monto State School with teachers marking and writing end of year student reports, students engaging in rehearsals in preparations for the end of year celebrations, important assessments tasks being finalised in all classrooms, our choir is getting ready to make their Christmas public appearance, book week…..the list goes on!

KEEP IT UP TEAM WE ARE HEADING FOR A FANTASTIC FINISH!

Well you may be wondering what to get your kids for an end of year present, GET ‘EM A BIKE!

I have solved that problem for you with the introduction of the “Bike Bus” being launched in 2014. As part of our 2014 Community Engagement and Heath & Wellbeing Program, students will have the opportunity to ride safely to school in a large group as part of the Bike Bus. Acting like a typical bus service, there will be key pick up spots around town where students can join the Bike Bus. I am organising this project and will be riding with students on nominated days. We also have some keen high school students willing to act as safety riders and parents are welcome to join us too! Already there is a great amount of hype in the school about the new program and I am really looking forward to launching this in the New Year.

Uniforms are another hot topic at both assemblies and P&C meetings. In line with the great work that was conducted at the High School to smooth out uniform problems, Monto Primary School will also make uniforms a priority for the beginning of 2014. We want our students looking smart, thinking smart, and feeling smart. Research shows that this positive attitude is linked to student success.

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. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
2. Eskimo ice cream is neither icy, nor creamy.
3. Giraffes have no vocal cords.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep News

Wow, only two weeks to go and the school year is over! The year has really flown by. The preps are busily finishing off text books and proudly taking them home. It is really pleasing to see the co-operation and support that they are giving each other to complete various activities. A great effort has also been going into our reading and writing sessions. I am very pleased and proud of all the children and their progress.

I must apologise for the mix up with the reading folders. Just like the children when my routine changes sometimes the wheels get a bit wobbly. As we only have the two weeks left I will stock up the sight words in the folders and then send them home to stay. At times during the holidays it would be a good idea to refresh their memories now and then.

Next Tuesday the choir is off to sing in Biloela. As a large number of them are in Prep, Mrs Shultz will be travelling on the bus with the choir. Non-singers and I will still be here to soldier on for the day. I am sure we will find something to keep us all busy.

Year 1/2

Wow! The end of the year is just about here!

What a busy time it has been for the 1/2 class lately. We have just about finished all subject assessment and are now focusing heavily on our presentation of “Little Red Rocking Hood”. If your child has not yet brought in their costume, could you please send it in ASAP, as we are starting dress rehearsals.

We have been busy attempting to write narratives independently. Our focus has been on the structure of a narrative which includes: A Title, Setting, Problem, Resolution, and an Ending. Please enjoy reading some of our narratives, which follow in this newsletter. More will appear in next fortnight’s issue.

Report Cards are due for distribution on Monday 9th December. Thank you to those parents who have continued to support their child’s learning at home. Homework completion makes a huge difference!

Year 2/3

Students have been busy publishing their poems this week. I have been pleased by the efforts of all students in the class - they have produced some wonderful poems. We have nearly finished our Maths assessment and are now consolidating what we have learnt throughout the year. This week will be the last week of homework for the year - please keep your child reading during the holidays to consolidate the improvements they have made. All students have worked hard this year and I have been pleased with their progress.
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

**Year 4/5**
The Year 4/5s have been working hard on completing their various assessments. I have been very impressed with the quality of work that most students have produced. Just a reminder that there are still two weeks of school remaining after this one and all students need to keep up their positive attitude.

**Year 6/7**
The end of a very busy and eventful year is rapidly approaching. I wish all families a fun filled, restful and safe break. Well done guys.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Wednesday 11 December
6:00 Doors open (gold coin donation, P&C raffle)
6:30 Class performances
7:15 P & C presentations
7:30 Year 7 Graduation (+ cutting of the cake)
8:15 Please make your way to the supper room for supper
   Clean Up

FUND RAISING

Homestyle Bake orders arriving Wednesday 4th December at **630AM**. I will be in the staff room starting to pack with the airconditioners on full blast. Homebake provides morning tea for all those wonderful helpers who can find some time that morning. If possible, orders can be picked up from the staff room before school as we do not have fridge space to store them due to Wednesday tuckshop.

Thanking you in anticipation.
MUSIC NEWS

End of Year Concert/ Yr 7 Graduation

Monto State School’s End of Year Concert is on Wednesday 11 December at the Monto Community Hall (Newton St) and will commence at 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm). Entry is a gold-coin donation which is being collected by the Monto State School P&C. The P&C will also be running a raffle. Students should sit at the front of the hall with teacher supervision.

The theme of this year’s concert is “Droughts and Flooding Rains” and each class will perform a song reflecting this theme. The band and choir are also performing at this event. Students should wear comfortable shorts/jeans and a block coloured shirt (or a shirt relating to the theme if they own one). Students are not expected to purchase an outfit especially for this performance. Year 7s may wear their graduation outfit if they are comfortable with performing in it.

The concert will be followed by the year 7 graduation. Please bring a plate of food for supper after the conclusion of the evening.

The students will spend some time at the hall during the school day on Wednesday 11 December for a dress rehearsal. Many students are playing recorders and band instruments for the concert. These students must bring these instruments to the hall for the dress rehearsal. They may leave them at the hall until the concert in the evening.

Instrumental Music

The Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (Tuesday night band) has two performances before the end of the school year!

The first is tomorrow (Friday 29) night at the Monto Community Hall for the combined churches’ Carols by Candlelight Event. Please arrive by 5.30pm to set up for a 6.00pm start. The band will be performing background music for 30 minutes before the commencement of the main event. Once we have finished performing we will need to quickly and quietly clear all our equipment off the stage. A parent or guardian must remain at the event with your child. As I have three different music groups performing at the Carols, I will be unable to supervise your child when I am working with a different group.

The Band will be performing at the End of Year Concert on Wednesday 11 December. More information can be found on this event in this newsletter.

All students that have hired a school instrument this year, MUST return their instrument on Thursday 12 December to Monto State School. Students learning flute, clarinet, alto saxophone or trumpet will need to purchase their own instrument to continue study in 2014.

Choir

The choir will also be performing on the 29 November at the Combined Churches Christmas Carol event. They will be singing the Australian Christmas song “Carol of the Birds”. The Monto State School Choir has three performances before the end of the school year!

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The second performance is next Tuesday 3 December at Biloela Shopping World. The students will travel to Biloela by bus, leaving approximately 9.15am at Monto State School. The cost of the bus is being covered by RREAP (Rural and Remote Education Access Program), so there will be no cost for parents. Students MUST return their signed permission note to attend this trip. I CANNOT allow any child on the bus without this permission. Please return this note by tomorrow. If you have lost a note, a hand written permission note will be fine.

Finally, the Choir will be performing at the End of Year Concert on Wednesday 11 December. More information can be found on this event in this newsletter.
This Tuesday the Year Sevens again had a taste of high school in preparation for next year. It was great fun. This photo was taken while The Years 7 were at agriculture.

On Wednesday 13th of November Mr Walker showed the Years 6 and 7s about fair trading. It was really interesting. We learnt that keeping receipts is important because if it breaks you can take it back and get your money back.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

As the year comes to a close I would like to thank all of the mums, for the time and effort, they have put into tuckshop this year. Without your help we would not be able to have tuckshop. To show our appreciation we are having a thank-you morning tea on Friday 6th December, please remember to RSVP to Kelli-Sue if you are attending this.

During the next couple of weeks we will be using up the remaining stock in the freezers at tuckshop. This may mean that we don't have everything that is ordered. If we don't have something, we will organise with the children concerned, a replacement item.

Thanks also needs to go to the parents who have supported the tuckshop by buying lunches for their children. Without your continued support our tuckshop would not exist.

Anyone who has some spare time on Thursday 12th December please come along to the tuckshop to help with the shared lunch.

Merry Christmas, please have a safe and happy holidays.

Kelli-Sue Dent

Tuckshop Roster Term 4

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THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Once upon a time, there was a Zorro. He lived in a haunted house. He was mean. One night, a ghost scared him away. All the ghosts were happy now because Zorro was gone. They had a party and lived happily ever after.

By Balun

THE SNOWMAN AND THE GHOST

Once upon a time there was a snowman and a ghost. They opened a shop on the moon. One day they went in a spaceship for a barbecue. The spaceship caught on fire. It started to rain and there was a flood. They lived happily ever after.

By Matthew

THE PRINCESS AND THE POPSTAR

Once upon a time there was a Princess. She wanted to go to a concert but her aunt said “No! you have to do some work for me”. While she was trying to do her work, her sisters came in her room and annoyed her. She said “Stop! I am working, please don’t annoy me”. The sister caught her and put her in a dungeon. She was very lonely. One day a Prince arrived at the dungeon and rescued her. They lived happily ever after.

By BreeAnna

THE PRINCESS AND THE PRINCE

Once upon a time there lived a Prince and a beautiful young Princess who had very short hair. Her name was Clea. One day, an ugly witch appeared out of nowhere. The witch took her away. The Prince set out to find the Princess. One night he found the Princess and untied her. They got married and lived happily ever after.

By Alyssa

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

Once upon a time, a Princess lived in a castle. One day she was playing near a well with her ball. Then she accidently kicked her ball into the well. Then she heard a croaking from the well. It was a frog. This frog looked familiar. She held her hand out. It hopped onto her hand and then the frog turn into a prince. They had a ball and lived happily ever after.

By Aliee

THE ROCKSTAR AND THE BAD PERFORMANCE

Once upon a time there was a rock star. Her name was Kelena. She was the best rock star, until she had to do the scariest performance. She was scared because there were thousands of people. She was so scared that she got pushed out on stage by a person, but she didn’t know who. So she started to play. The audience didn’t like it one little bit. They all yelled STOP!!! So she stopped. It went quiet until a voice said “keep playing just a little bit better please”. Kelena had more courage, so she did and the audience loved it.

By Ayleah
THE PIRATES

Once upon a time there was a coral reef. One day a big pirate ship came and it washed away all the coral and all of the little fish. The pirates went fishing and they caught dolphins, clown fish, whales and sharks!!! The pirates ate all of the fish. They felt sick and they vomited everywhere. They DID NOT live happily ever after.

BY COOPER

THE PEARL DIVER

Once upon a time, there was a diver who was trying to find treasure. He wanted to win a prize. But then a ghost came. He was scared so he got a sword out. The diver was still scared but he fought for freedom. The ghost destroyed the prize. It made the diver cry, so he killed the ghost for destroying the prize. The Diver got a prize after all for killing the ghost.

By Isaac

THE GHOST AND THE GYPSY

One day there was a beautiful gypsy. She lived in a big air balloon. She wanted to go to a black castle, so she could get a key for a big treasure chest. But she could not find the colourful map to find the treasure. Then a mean ghost popped out of nowhere. The ghost took over the balloon, but the gypsy could get into the balloon and so she pushed the ghost out. Then she found the colourful map and got to the castle safely. She found the key and started to look around the castle. She found the treasure chest and then she took it home with her. Then she dressed up in the jewellery from the treasure chest and she lived happily ever after.

By Karalee

THE SHOP ON THE MOON

Once upon time there was a mad scientist who opened a scientist shop on the moon. One day an astronaut stole a treasure chest from his shop. The mad scientist came back and threw potions at the astronaut. He died and the mad scientist lived happily ever after.

By Luke

THE PRINCESS

One day there was a princess. She found a treasure chest. She had a bad key. She tried to open the treasure chest, but it did not work. She got angry and kicked it. Then the treasure chest opened and an alien zoomed out. It made her happy. They became friends and they lived happily ever after.

By Taylor

LITTLE RED ROCKING HOOD

Once upon a time there was a star and her name was Millie. She rocked all day and she rocked all night to her rocking' roll song. But when she went to the stage and she tried to sing, she couldn't because she lost her voice. So she went to the doctors and got her voice back. She rocked happily ever after.

By Holly
QCoal Community Dental Service is on its way to MONTO HOSPITAL from the 14 — 25th January 2014

To book an appointment, please phone 1800 002 507.

WHAT IS THE QCOAL COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE?

The QCoal Community Dental Service is a mobile dental health service delivered by the RFDS in partnership with QCoal. It is delivered by RFDS dentists and dental assistants. The RFDS dental team is delivering dental care from a purpose-built semi-trailer. This service provides treatment at no cost to clients. Please bring your Medicare Card or private health insurance fund details. Any services the QCoal Community Dental Service is unable to provide will be referred to an appropriate service provider. This service includes dentures and prosthetics. The service is available to everyone and can be accessed by people living or working within and around the communities visited by the service.

The QCoal Community Dental Service offers a simple check and clean through to an extraction or x-ray. This dental service provides oral health maintenance, treatment for acute and pre-existing conditions and treatment for gum disease. The van will be located in the same place as the Breast screen van at the back of the hospital. All dental patients please still part in front hospital car park and walk through.

Why is good dental health so important?

Research has shown clear links between poor oral health and general health. Gum disease is associated with rheumatoid arthritis, adverse pregnancy outcomes and coronary heart disease. Chronic gum infection can also lead to diabetes complications.

Oral health is the second-most expensive disease group in Australia, with direct treatment costs of over $6 billion a year and additional care costs exceeding a further $1 billion. Despite the fact that oral diseases are largely preventable, dental admissions are the highest cause of acute preventable hospital admissions in Australia.

Around 80% of all dental practitioners are located in major cities with less than one percent working in remote areas. Research has also shown people living outside capital cities have fewer teeth, more untreated decay and were less likely to visit a dentist.
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Go to www.identikid.com.au
When finished shopping and adding address you will be
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will automatically accumulate each quarter and posted
to the fundraising committee members involved.

Organic baby clothes
Dogtags
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Mugs - personalised
XL Sack - for bedding
or laundry

XL toilet bags
personalised
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](http://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. Its that simple!!
Student Order Form

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 29 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.
# Sport Shirt Order

Name: ____________________________  Class: ____________________________

Price: $29.00

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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: ____________________________