Welcome back everyone; a change in the weather, a new term ahead and many exciting things planned.

This week the students and teachers have started athletics training, with morning fitness consisting of students moving to different sporting areas. Each day, students will practise either high jump, long jump, shot put, sprints or ball games. The students seem really motivated by the program and it’s great to see them develop their skills in preparation for the competition ahead.

Our younger students this week have also been enjoying the sandpit due to a delivery of fresh sand, donated by the Baldwin family. Thank you Tim for going out of your way to organize and drop off the load. It has put a smile on many children’s faces.

A new Buddy Reading Program will be launched next week. It will involve our Year 6/7 students reading with their Prep/1 buddy in the morning before the bell. Programs such as this have been proven to not only support literacy development for the younger students, but to develop leadership, empathy and confidence in the older students as well. This is important for the whole Year 6/7 cohort transitioning into high school next year.

This weekend our Bike Bus riders will meet for a road/bike safety training session, in preparation for their ‘maiden voyage’ on Thursday. As time goes on I would love to see more students join the Bike Bus team and get involved in the fun! Please let me know if this is something your child might like to be part of.

Kind regards
Matthew Silvester
NEWSLETTERS ARE A KEY COMMUNICATION TOOL

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All school newsletters are available on our website at montoss.eq.edu.au
If you have an android, apple or windows 8 smart device (phone or tablet), consider downloading the free QSchools app. Once you add Monto State School as a ‘favourite’ school on the app, it will integrate with our website and allow you to view news, events and newsletters that are posted to our website.

QSchools Version 2.0 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play. QSchools Version 1.2 for Windows 8 phone and tablet is available from the Windows Store. An update to the Windows app is coming soon.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep/YR1
Welcome back to Term Two, and here’s hoping we all had a refreshing and enjoyable holiday break. The Prep One class have had a variety of stories to share so it sounds like one or two adventures were experienced during the time off. Well today is day 52 of school attendance and as we all know Every Day Counts. Obviously if your child is ill, it is better they do not attend school, however please be wary of regular absences as they surely do add up.

This term we aim to get stuck into our Prep/One Writing Every Day program. The best way for any of us to improve any skill is by doing a little practice every day, hence this term the Preps and Year Ones will begin writing for ourselves Every Day. Some days this may be presented as a structured writing session, others may be simply writing freely during quiet time after big lunch. Please encourage and support your child with this at home also. The major emphasis for the Preps is to start using their phonetic knowledge to listen for the most obvious sounds in words and to record these, whilst the Year Ones begin to regularly write more than one or two sentences whilst also checking for capital letters, full stops, finger-spaces between words and re-reading to ensure our sentences make sense. It is hoped that with regular practice and support in class we will soon start to see some great writing samples.

Home reading will commence this week as will our sharing roster. Please keep an eye out for the sharing programme in your child’s bag.

YR 1/2
Welcome to Term 2!
In English this term, we are “Exploring Australian Texts”. This will require us to listen to, read and view informative and imaginative texts about Australia. Students will then be asked to respond to questions about an Australian story and create a multimodal digital biography of a character from a book. This unit will allow us many opportunities to use various resources.

In Maths, the Year 1/2 Students will continue to master their basic addition and subtraction facts – this will be a major focus throughout this term as we set individual goals to improve our speed and accuracy. We will also continue to enhance our knowledge and skills in number, measurement, space and chance/data concepts.

In History, we will continue our unit on Families, with our focus now moving into Indigenous families and their cultural history.

Homework was handed out this week.

YR 4/5
The year 4/5 class has dived back into work. This week we have been working on preparing for NAPLAN as well continuing on with many of our usual subjects. This week we have been looking at money in maths. We have also been working hard on developing our persuasive writing skills. Science has seen some discussion around erosion and weathering.

Homework will begin this week and will again run from Thursdays to Wednesdays. Please ensure that your students return their homework back in on the Wednesday for testing purposes. Regular practice of skills helps students to retain information that we have been covering in class. Returning homework of a Wednesday also ensures that it is marked promptly.

Please check with your children if they need extra pencils or exercise books. Many students are writing with very short pencils at the moment, and/or only have one or two pages left in their english exercise books....obviously we were busy little bees last term!
**MUSIC NEWS**

**Classroom Music**
During term 1, the P/1 class will continue their work on the rhythms ta, ti-ti and za. They will extend this knowledge by the introduction of 2/4 time and bar lines. They will also be learning about the solfa soh and me.

The 1/2 and 2/3 class will be learning about dynamics or volume such as piano (soft), mezzo-piano (medium soft), mezzo-forte (medium loud) and forte (loud). They will continue to practise their known rhythms. Both classes will be working with doh, me, soh and lah when singing. The 2/3 class will begin to transfer these solfa to recorder notes to play. The 1/2 class will continue to work with soh - me songs on the recorder.

The 4/5 and 6/7 class will be working with the extended pentatonic scale. This includes the introduction of the solfa high doh, low lah and low soh. The 4/5 class will be learning ‘Dynamite’ on the recorder and continue to work with F major and C major chords on the ukulele. The 6/7 class will be learning ‘Cups (When I’m Gone)’ on the recorder and use the C major, F major and G major chords to accompany this song on the ukulele.

**Choir**

**P-7 Choir**
The P-7 choir rehearsals continue on a Tuesday lunch times. This choir is working on the songs “Bold Tommy Payne” and “Who Killed Cock Robin”.

**4-7 Choir**
The 4-7 (senior) choir rehearsals continue on Wednesday lunch times. This choir is working on “Happy” from Despicable Me 2 and “Radioactive” by “Imagine Dragons”. They will be performing “Radioactive” on parade next Monday 5 May. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend watch this performance (1.50pm beside the tuckshop).

**Instrumental Music**

**ANZAC Day**
The Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (MICE) senior performed at the Monto Anzac Day Ceremony at the Monto Community Hall. I was very proud of the musicality and professionalism displayed by the students during this event.

**Band Uniforms**
The band uniforms for junior and senior band members are currently in production! There is an expected 6-8 week delivery wait. When they arrive, these shirts will be available for purchase from the Monto State High School office. I will let you know when they arrive.

**Biloela Eisteddfod**
The Biloela Eisteddfod is on Wednesday 21 May. We will be travelling by bus as a band. Please look out for information about this.

**Music Camp**
Music camp will be held August 20 – 22 (term 3). We will be completing fundraising for this during term 2. Please look out for information about this.
Student news

Student awards

Congratulations to many of the year 6 and 7 for receiving lote, mathletic and achievement awards and Jarred for long jump.

A quick reminder

Bike Bus training will be on Sunday 9:00am at the school. Hope those people going have fun and learn road rules.

News

Thank you to the Baldwin family for the donating sand for the school. All week the students have been having so much fun digging and playing in the sandpit.
Up early, it is cold, uniforms are ready.

Very early on the morning of 25 April 1915, long before sunrise, the ANZACs were getting ready to go into battle.

The town’s folk have gathered at the Monto RSL.

They quietly climbed down rope ladders and stepped into small row boats.

The fog is rolling in it is getting colder minute by minute.

The first Australians clambered out on to the small plateau.

The cadets are ready to start their routine.

They had practised this many times, but they were still very nervous.

The town’s folk finished singing hymns and ‘The Last Post’ began.

Suddenly, a bright flare went up into the sky, turning night into day.

A minute of silence for all the men that served in war for us.

The ANZACs were still making their way to the shore. Then the machine-guns and rifles opened up.

Breakfast is ready, but some of us don’t go in we go the cemetery.

The ANZACs who jumped out of the boats that day were met with terrible gun fire. Many men were killed or wounded in those first few hours.

As we get to the cemetery we see the cadets lying poppies on the graves of the fallen soldiers.

By Aimee Brown
It was dark, cold and the fog started to roll in. The cadets were in uniform, up and ready to go. The local people started to come, as the dawn was breaking. Many people, who are serving or served, wore uniforms and medals. Many children wore their grandparents or great grandparent’s medals. It was dawn. It was ANZAC day.

The dawn service was held at 5am at the Monto R.S.L. at the same time and same day as the ANZAC landed at Gallipoli in 1915 on the 25th of April. The cadets stood on each side of the plaque as the hymns were sung. They asked for a minute silence followed by ‘The Last Post.’ The laying of the wreaths were soon underway.

Breakfast was served shortly after. The service was over and the speaker asked for some people to go to the cemetery to lay poppies on the graves who served both Australia and New Zealand. **Lest we forget.**
Monto-Bancroft QCWA Presents

Celebrating
Women through the Ages

Date: Saturday 10th May 2014
Time: 3pm till 7pm
@ Monto Shire Hall
Ticket Cost: $45/person

Lucky Door, Games, Great Prizes & Competitions for Best Dressed Table & More!!
Food & Refreshments Available - BYO Alcohol
Proceeds going to the Public Rural Crisis Fund

Guest Speaker:
Award winning Inspirational and Motivational Speaker Julie Cross

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Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self employed people.
Near Monto Hall, Butterbird Street
MONTO
Wednesday, 14 May 2014
10:30 am to 4:00 pm
For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.

Gayndah's the World
FREE Multi-Cultural Commuity Event
2nd May 2014
Venue: Gayndah Sports Ground
Commencing from 5:30pm
Sample FREE Multicultural meals at 6pm
Soccer Game kicks off at 7pm
Children’s and Light entertainment
Don't forget to bring your own drinks and food at all times.
The Great Gatsby
High Rollers Fun Casino Night

Friday
May 23rd
6:30pm

All Funds raised go towards the Leukaemia Foundation – SHAVE FOR A CURE

“An event like no other to be held before”
Come and be part of this exciting night out and bring our communities together

Theme: Roaring 20’s
Dancing Competitions/Lucky door and raffles/Games/Silent Auctions/Silent Movies
Food & Refreshments available
Live 4 piece Jazz Band and High Rollers Casino Company

Tickets available from Monto Home Design
Tickets: $40pp (Food & all entertainment included)

Where: Monto Shire Hall

Tickets will be on sale from the 5th April

Enquiries to: Robyn Kielty on 0408 707 363 or Tracey Pattie on 0487 672 229 or pattiefamily@activ8.net.au
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS? To ensure that we can contact you in the event of illness or injury we ask that you fill in the form below and return to school so that we can update all school records.

Student Name ____________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________________________

Phone Details
Parent/Caregiver 1 Name _________________________________
Home ___________________ Mobile ____________________ Work ____________

Phone Details
Parent/Caregiver 2 Name _________________________________
Home ___________________ Mobile ____________________ Work ____________

Emergency Contact Details (other than Parents/Caregivers)

1. Name ___________________________ Home Phone ______________
   Relationship to Child ________________________________
   Work Phone ____________________ Mobile __________________

2. Name ___________________________ Home Phone ______________
   Relationship to Child ________________________________
   Work Phone ____________________ Mobile __________________