Congratulations to the students who performed at the Biloela Eisteddfod, fantastic results! It is important to celebrate this event, as each of you have demonstrated that you are commitment to your musical goals and capable of practicing and persevering with the challenges of performing. Thank you Miss Hawkins for your commitment towards the music program. You are consistently encouraging and supporting our students with learning music and they are privileged to have such a dedicated teacher willing to give them authentic opportunities to perform. Colin Kerle has relinquished his position as groundsman due to other work commitments. I would like to wish Colin all the best, and also thank him for his work over the last several months, in particular the improved gardens.

A few weeks ago I sent out a ‘Change In Uniform’ note on behalf of our P&C. I am pleased that many of our parents have jumped on board and are embracing the uniform changes. As you are aware, I am very proud of our school. Our students are polite, caring and respectful and our teachers are committed to delivering a high level of education and maintaining high expectations. I see great things happening and our students are keen and happy to come to school. The wider community on the other hand, rarely have the opportunity to see many of the things that make our school wonderful. They’re not in our classrooms, engaging with our students or walking around our school. Generally, they are judging the school and students based on what they see as they drive past and how our students look and act in town or walking to and from school. This makes wearing the school uniform an important issue; it is a significant part of our identity. Following a uniform code helps students develop respect, a sense of pride in their appearance and organisation skills. Likewise, these qualities are also showcased to others when our students appear dressed in full school uniform. Our school is great and our students are great! I expect that students represent themselves to the highest level possible at all times. Wearing full school uniform and being part of this team is very important!

As a last thought, uniforms have been proven to reduce competition and peer pressure among students. They help keep the focus on education as opposed to fashion choices and they reduce clothing expenses for parents over time, as they are generally hard wearing and wash well. I urge all of you to continue supporting the uniform changes and make sure your child/ren are dressed smartly for school each day.

Matthew Silvester

We have begun planning for next year and are accepting 2015 Prep enrolments now! If you are a parent of a child who is five or turning five before the 30th June 2015, please pick up an enrolment pack from the school’s office or we can post one out to you.
NEWSLETTERS ARE A KEY COMMUNICATION TOOL

QSchools App
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.

Facts

- A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.
- A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel can.
- A skunk can spray its stinky scent more than 10 feet

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

**Prep/YR1**
Wow! What a great day we all had last Friday at Under 8’s. Hopefully everybody slept well that night. This week we have been busily finishing off our History Unit where we have been exploring how each of us has changed since being babies, and how different families celebrate or get together at different events.
In Maths we have also been looking at data collection and the reading of picture graphs. Our writing everyday program continues and for next week.

**YR 1/2**
We have started Assessment for this Semester’s Report Cards. The students are busy with various assessment tasks for all subject areas.
In English we are looking at writing Biographies for imaginary characters. The students are enjoying using their imaginations and creative skills for this task. We have recently completed a class biography on “Fergus” – an adventurous puppy from the “Fergus Series” written by Tony Maddox.
In Maths, we are continuing to look at place value, counting patterns, ordinal numbers and fast facts – with our focus now on improving our subtraction fact recall. The Year 2 students will be looking at trading with 2 digit numbers later this week, so expect some practice sums to come home shortly.
Lastly, I would like to ask parents to please check their children’s bags regularly for letters or notes home. Although students are reminded to give these letters to parents, they may not always remember to do so.

**YR 2/3**
Year 2/3 are hard at work doing assessment tasks to see how they have progressed throughout the semester. Well done so far to all! Maths assessments are almost completed, as well as spelling and reading testing. It is great to see the progress made.
We have continued to look at Narratives in English lessons while reading the novel "Matty Forever". This week we have looked at how verbs and nouns groups enhance our visualisation of scenes in stories. In Maths, we are revising trading in subtraction and addition operations - some of us have grasped the concepts, others need consolidation. In Science we have tried to look at shadows - which hasn't been overly successful this week! But we have discovered that the Earth is rotating while the Sun does not move. In History, we have looked at the significance of the designs of the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags.
MUSIC NEWS

Classroom Music
All classes have been completing assessment and will continue to do so for the next few weeks. Students in grades 4 – 7 have used the iPads to film their recorder assessment. If you or your child would like a copy of their performance, please bring a USB to Miss Hawkins. I will be endeavouring to hear each student from P – 7 perform some rhythms and sing by themselves over the next few weeks. Students who do not participate in RE will be asked to spend 5 minutes of this time completing this music assessment.

Choir
Both the P-7 and the 4-7 choirs are continuing rehearsals during lunch breaks. I have been very pleased to see a lot of new members joining over the last few weeks.

Instrumental Music
Congratulations to all the Instrumental Music students who participated in the Biloela Eisteddfod last Wednesday 21 May. It was an excellent day and I am very proud of the musicality and professionalism displayed by the Monto State School students.

Morning Music and Cakes
‘Morning Music and Cakes’ will be held this Saturday 31 May at Calico Cottage (Newton St, Monto) from 9am – 12pm. All instrumental music students should have received an information sheet about the event. Donations of cakes, biscuits or scones will be appreciated.

Come and listen to some delightful music performed by the Instrumental Music students of Monto State School, Monto State High School and Mulgildie State School. Tea/Coffee and cake will be available for $3. Full cakes will be available for various amounts. The raffle will also be drawn (last minute tickets available). All money raised will support the Instrumental Music Camp.
Congratulations to all the Instrumental Music students who participated in the Biloela Eisteddfod on Wednesday 21 May 2014. All the students performed exceptionally well and should be very proud of themselves.

Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (MICE) Senior.
This band includes students from Monto State High School, Monto State School and Mulgildie State School.
Monto SS Students: Emilee Myles, Seb Smith, Britney Staines, Claire Goody, Grace Ellerton, Jespar Delaney-O’Reilly, Hamish Staines, Matthew Williams, Saxon Allen, Tia Wickham, Mitch Salisbury and Jasmena Johnston

Participants and Results

**Juvenile Concert Band – 18 Years and Under**
Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble—Highly Commended

**Instrumental Trio or Quartet – 13 years and under**
Mitch Salisbury, Hamish Staines, Claire Goody—3rd

**Brass Solo – 12 years**
Mitch Salisbury—1st

**Woodwind Solo – 12 years**
Tia Wickham—Highly Commended
Jasmena Johnston

**Instrumental Duet – 12 years and under**
Emilee Myles, Rebekah Coleman

**Instrumental Duet – 13 years and under**
Matthew Williams, Grace Ellerton—1st

Claire Goody, Mitch Salisbury and Hamish Staines
Instrumental Trio or Quartet—13 years and under
3rd Place
Student News

Congratulations to those students who got an award.

On Wednesday the 21st the instrumental band students went to Biloela Eisteddfod to play against other schools. We did our best and got highly commended. Congratulations and good job to the people in M.I.C.E.
Autism Training Workshop BUNDABERG Qld

WHEN: Saturday 21st June 2014
WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, 130 Takalvan Street, BUNDABERG QLD 4670
TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm (Registration from 8:30am)
COST: $125- (morning tea and lunch provided)
TO REGISTER: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/16984 or email support@aspiechild.com.au

Tuckshop News

Our athletics day is very quickly approaching (Friday 13th June). On this day helpers are required in the tuckshop to both prepare food and serve during the day. If you could spare 30 minutes that would be great. Please phone Kelli-Sue on 0438890964 if you can help out. We also require donations of cakes and slices to sell. Any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks Kelli-Sue
Tuckshop Convenor