What a sensational athletics carnival! The fog lifted, the spectators were out, the BBQ was on and the students performed superbly. It was great to see full participation and children enjoying the challenges of competing and involving themselves in athletic events.

I’m sure you would agree, another great part of the day was seeing the genuine care and encouragement students showed towards each other; congratulating each other and cheering friends on, even when they were on opposing teams.

Teachers thank you for your part in preparing students for the day and for committing to the daily athletics-training program. The feedback has been positive. I have been told that the students performed confidently and that the day ran smoothly, because students knew what they were doing in the field events. Furthermore, to my knowledge, it was a record day for student attendance.

The day would not have been such a success without the help of many. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Staines did a wonderful job with the programming and organisation and many of our parents did a fantastic job volunteering during events and in the tuckshop.

With one week to go until the June/July holidays begin, I want to wish all of you a happy and safe winter holiday. Kids, enjoy staying in your PJ’s, watching cartoons and drinking hot milos. You have put in a champion effort this term and you each deserve to have a relaxing and fun break. Well done!

Kind Regards

Matt 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

Honeybees have hair on their eyes.
"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
Mosquitoes have teeth.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep/YR1
Day 90! Yes we in Prep/One just keep on counting.
This week we have been very busy finalising our science investigations of materials and their properties. Today is the big ‘Float the Boat’ day. Let’s hope we don’t have too many Titanics. There will be no home readers sent home next week, so if you wish to keep this week’s reading for the weekend, that will be fine. Please remember to keep practising all the sight words also, to keep them humming in the memory. The Prep’s and Year One’s have also been very busy drawing and writing in preparation for sharing our retells with each other next week. Just remember that every day at school is important and every day counts.

During the holidays please take the opportunity to get your child’s hearing and eyesight annual check-up completed. It is essential for all children to be able to see and hear effectively to maximise their learning opportunities. The local hospital can organise this free check-up by simply contacting Nurse Jenny Williams who conducts these clinics every Wednesday and Thursday.

YR 1/2
The Year 1/2 class are excited to have welcomed a new student this week. We welcome Rinada and her family into our classroom community. Rinada is from Thailand. We look forward to exploring Rinada’s cultural background, while in turn, helping her learn some English concepts.

The students have been busy finalising assessment pieces in all subject areas ready for Report Cards. Report Cards will be distributed next week along with an interview request form. If you wish to have an interview, please return these forms as soon as possible, as time slots usually fill quite quickly.

There will be no spelling homework for the remainder of this term, however I will send home some readers and a general maths sheet this week.

Happy Holidays!
MUSIC NEWS

Classroom Music
Students have been revising concepts covered during semester one. They have been playing an instrument called the boomwhacker – a length of pipe cut and tuned to a specific note. The 6/7 class have also learnt the solfa ti in preparation for term 3 work.

Instrumental Music
Band Shirts
Good news! The band shirts have arrived. All students should have received an information sheet about this on Wednesday. A shirt has been set aside for each child using the size indicated on the sizing sheet that went home mid-term one. However, there are some spare shirts to try on if this does not fit. Students may bring their money on a Wednesday (after the holidays is fine) and I can walk them across to the high school to try on and purchase their shirt. The high school staff are unable to help students find the correct shirt – so please wait for me. Children sizes (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14) are $23.65 and Adult sizes (XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL) are $25.85. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made out to Monto State High School) or EFTPOS (by parent / guardian).

Parade Performances
The junior choir and P-7 choir performed on parade last Monday 16 June. The junior band played ‘French Folk Song’, ‘Hot Cross Buns’ and ‘Down by the Station’. The P-7 choir sang ‘Who Killed Cock Robin’. The students each had a solo part to perform with a small group. This was their first experience using a microphone! The grade 4-7 will perform ‘2012 Pop Mash-Up’ on parade next Monday 23 June.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

YR 4/5
I think the year 4/5 class would sum the last two or three weeks up as hectic! I think they are all relieved to have completed most of their testing and assessment. While the dust is still settling however, we are taking a look at writing short poems such as cinquains, and diamantes. In maths we are having a fresh look at geometry. Please check that students are equipped with new pencils, exercise books etc for next term. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays.

YR 6/7
The end of the 1st Semester is upon us. We had a very full time and expect to be just as busy next semester.
In English we will study Narrative by comparing two of Elizabeth Honey's books (45 + 47 Stella Street and Don't Pat the Wombat). In history we will look at the second century of Australia's history (eg migration) and in science we are studying our changing world (natural disasters).
Next term I will be sending out letters on what to bring to camp. Please remember if you haven’t yet done so, the second camp payment of $100 was due at the end of May.
Congratulations to these Yr6/7 students with these Amazing Mathletics awards.

Congratulations to these prep/year 1 students for working at listening skills.

Last week we had an opportunity to see this amazing performance performed by Paula and Shawn from Arts Link Australia.
Friday 13th June was our sports day.

Congratulations to Eyre for winning all of the categories.

Age Champions

9 year boys  Lucas Spletter
9 year girls  Emily Zumbansen
10 year boys  Mac Aisthorpe
10 year girls  Chelsea Knight
11 year boys  Blake Barnett
11 year girls  Britney Staines
12 year boys  Daniel Phillips
12 year girls  Aimee Brow

Records for 9 year olds were started last year. All but 2 were broken this year.

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Congratulations to Anna Phillips for breaking the 11 year girl’s discus at a distance of 14.84 m.
Live Life Today- Three x 1 Day Workshops
Come and join like-minded women in small group workshops. Explore the positive ways of improving your life in a fun one day Workshop.

The aim of this workshop is to increase your self awareness. What is covered?

- Relaxation sessions, expressive drawings, emotions and the brain, relationships, fear and anxiety, values and beliefs, coincidence, incorporating small changes, vulnerability, change your thinking.

Location: The Community Resource Centre, 102 Rainbow Street, Biloela 4715
Course dates: Tuesday 22 & 29 July & 5 August
Session times: 9.30am-2:30pm
Cost of program: $20.00/ Workshop
Bookings: registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985

Parents, Grandparents & Carers of young children,
Burnett Mobile Playgroup visits Monto & Bancroft.
They bring all the toys, books, tea & coffee.
No entry fee, all that is asked for you to bring Morning tea to share.
Monto is held at the Monto CWA rooms, Rutherford St, starting 9.30am to noon.
Bancroft is held at the Bancroft Hall, starting at 10am to noon.
14th July – Bancroft
28th July – Monto
11th August – Bancroft
25th August – Monto
8th September – Bancroft
29th September – Monto
13th October – Bancroft
27th October – Monto
10th November – Bancroft
24th November – Monto
12th December – Bancroft.
For more information please email bmplaygroup@optusnet.com.au
www.burnettmobileplaygroup.com.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Sports Day
Thank you to all of the parents that helped on sports day either donating cakes of helping on the day. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop
Just a reminder to the parents who are on the tuckshop roster; PLEASE if you are unable to make it to your rostered day, let me know so that I can find a replacement. It makes my job very hard if no one turns up to help me.

Thank you
Kelli-sue Dent
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RELIEF CLEANERS WANTED
Monto State School is currently updating our records of available relief cleaners and invites interested people to contact the school.