Dear Families,

At Monto State School, we take a positive approach to behaviour management and strive to support children to develop as responsible, respectful and mindful learners.

Our school recently underwent a departmental Discipline (behaviour) Audit and the findings were excellent. The auditor found that there are many current systems and processes in place at Monto State School that encourage students to make good choices and sort through problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few great things the school does to support our children’s development in this area.

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- Posters (with our students as the stars) are now located in key areas around the school and model for students the school rules and the types of behaviours that need to occur at that location. These have been developed under the three headings, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe.
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When students are ‘off track’ they are given a warning. This is an opportunity to make better choices and get ‘back on track’ with the team.

If they continue to make wrong choices they are sent to the Better Choice Room (BCR) at morning tea or lunch with a Discipline Referral Form explaining the concerning behavior.

In the BCR students spend time reflecting with staff on their actions and plan out how they could make different and “better choices” for the future.

At the end of the session a Parent Communication Letter is filled in and explains to parents the reason why their child was sent to the BCR. This provides the parents with the opportunity to discuss the matter further at home and respond by filling in the form and returning it to the classroom teacher.

If the slip isn’t returned within two days the classroom teacher will call to discuss the incident with the parent.

As a staff we are working hard to ensure that children are learning and coming to school feeling safe and happy.

Kind Regards

Matthew Silvester
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.

Day for Daniel
This Friday 31 October is the annual “Day for Daniel”. We have supported this day now for many years and would like your support again. All funds from the day go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to help them further their resources into Child Safety.
Please encourage your child/ren to wear RED on Friday and to also bring in a GOLD COIN DONATION. We have child safety activities planned throughout the day and will have our local Police Officer visiting our school to discuss the subject. Students can also come to “Dance for Daniel” at big lunch for a bit of fun.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Yr1/2
As we approach the “mid-way” mark of the term, students are preparing to commence assessment tasks for report card purposes. A letter for parents was sent out yesterday, outlining the benchmark expectations for both Year 1 and Year 2 students. If you have any questions in regards to this letter, please do not hesitate to come in for a chat.
In Science, the students are currently enjoying looking at a unit called “Look! Listen!” We have been looking at various sources of light and sound. Last week, we all went on a tour of the school in search of the darkest place. We discovered that it is a cupboard in the library. If your child came home last week stating that I put them in a dark cupboard…I hope you now understand why!

Yr2/3
The 2/3s are looking at letter writing this term. We are discovering the difference between formal and informal language and about to discover how to improve sentence structure by writing more complex sentences. In Science we are looking at materials and in Geography we have looked at climate zones in Australia. I would appreciate if you could ensure that your child completes home reading and homework each week. We are in the middle of assessment for various tasks leading up to report cards at the end of term.

Yr4/5
Well.... Term 4 has arrived, and in a matter of weeks holidays will be upon us. It is lovely to be back with the class after the weeks that I had to have off.
We are working hard in class at the moment in all subject areas, and this will need to continue over the next few weeks so that we have everything completed before report cards are due out.
The positive attitude that many of the students have been displaying has been excellent. Keep up the hard work guys.
MUSIC NEWS

Music: Count Us In
The combined Monto SS, Monto SHS, Mulgildie SS and Abercorn SS Music: Count Us In concert was held today. Thank you to all those who were able to come and support the students. It can be a daunting task to perform in front of an audience but the students performed very well - congratulations to all. I hope to share some photos in the next school newsletter.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS CONTINUED

Yr6/7
Please keep an eye on the date claimer as we will be very busy. Today is Music Count us In. Tomorrow and next Thursday is transition at the high school. We also have Life Education Tuesday next week (free as it has been paid for already) Please return all forms or a written permission before then. There is another transition day and a swimming carnival coming up!

With all of this we have managed to do some testing of tables and spelling and learn more things in English (poems), Science (micro-organisms) and Geography (out connections to the world) as well as Mathematics.

It has been hot, we are very busy and students have been tired. Some may need an earlier bedtime occasionally. They are also getting excited (and maybe a little scared) about high school next year.

Happy Campers
Most of the backpacks have been returned. Could the rest please come back in ASAP.
Students interested in a copy of the photographs please bring me a USB and I will copy them for you. If you would also like a copy of the Gopro videos the USB will need to be more than 8GB.

One of the most important things adults can do for young children is to model the kind of person we would like them to be.

Carol D Hillman

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MONTO DAIRY FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all involved in the float for the Dairy Festival! Monto State school were awarded ‘Highly Commended’ for their extremely original float winning them $100 in prize money. Thank you to parents and students for your efforts with your wonderful costumes. Thank you to the P&C members for organising the float and a big thank you to the staff who supervised and escorted the students in the parade.
On the 13th to 17th of October 2014, the 5/6/7 students from Monto State School went on a camp to North Keppel Island Environmental Educational Centre. We travelled on the Gundoo Spirit to the island and unpacked the boat onto a tractor. The tractor towed the bags to the cabins where Gillie, one of the teachers at the school, gave us a welcome brief. The island is completely cut off from the mainland with its own alternate power sources. We participated in activities such as ropes courses, fish dissection, snorkelling, outrigging, screen printing, kite making, hiking and a digital treasure hunt, just to name a few. We saw turtles and dolphins while travelling on the Gundoo Spirit to Butterfish Bay. We also learnt about the Wappaburra and Kanomi people who are the traditional owners of the islands.
Monto State School Uniform 2015

Uniform Guidelines

Monto State School is proud of their student uniform and the fact that every day students are always in uniform. Polo shirts and girl’s skorts are available for sale through the school using the attached order form.

Girls

Maroon and white polo shirt with black collar. Embroidered school logo on front.

Black skorts.
White socks and black shoes.

Boys

Maroon and white polo shirt with black collar. Embroidered school logo on front.

Black shorts.
White socks and black shorts.

On interschool sports day students are encouraged to wear their sporting house colours – Eyre (Red) and Oxley (Green) with black shorts.
Monto Race Club Inc
MONTO PIGDAY OUT FAMILY FUN DAY
November 1st, 2014
Gates open at 11am—For Punters
Bar from 12.30pm to 8.30pm
Action starts at 1.30pm
Theme - ”Yellow for Cancer” - Supporting the Cancer Council
Novelty events, Pig & Duck Races and lots more
Entertainment by Blake Benecke
Courtesy buses
BYO chairs/Tables
Further info—0488508987

ARE YOU ABLE TO GIVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR THE LOVELY?
This a task, you may be joining the Community Visitors Volunteers Program.
CVs is an Australian Government Initiative

Many elderly people are lonely and isolated. They just want a friend to visit them, which gives them something to look forward to each week.

The Community Visitors Scheme is a friendship program, and links volunteer visitors with lonely and socially isolated people. This valuable volunteering opportunity offers genuine companionship to elderly so they may lead a more enriched lifestyle.

There are residents at Ridgehaven Retirement Complex in Monto who would greatly benefit from a regular visit . If you have a little spare time, would like to make a new friend and change someone’s life for the better, please talk to us about volunteering in the Community Visitors Program. All that is required is one hour per week or fortnight. It could involve a friendly chat, a game of cards, watching a movie together or anything around the interest of both the resident and the visitor.

Your time in this program would be greatly valued. If you are able to commit to this valued activity, you are also able to claim for travel to and from the facility when volunteering.

Our CVS Facilitator, Heather, will be coming to Monto in November and would like to meet with anyone who would like to volunteer or perhaps ask a few more questions about the program.

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For enquiries, please email: heather@impact.org.au or phone 41204213. If Heather is not available to speak with, she will return your call.
Day for Daniel

Get red, red, ready for Friday
Oct 31st 2014

Wear Red and Educate

Daniel Morcombe
FOUNDATION

Keeping kids safe!

Crimes against children have no place in modern Australia. Please support our National Day of Action by wearing something Red and help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Bruce Morcombe

Dawn Morcombe

Hold an Awareness Event in your Local Community or work place

Get your School involved to Teach Children to Recognise, React & Report

Register online for FREE to receive an educational starter pack

DayForDaniel.com.au