ANZAC DAY
This Friday, the students will walk to the High School to attend an ANZAC Service. We will leave the school at 9:45 am and return to school at the conclusion of the service. If any parent does not wish their child to attend the service, please contact the school immediately.

On Saturday, the school students have been invited to participate in the ANZAC March. Students will need to wear their school uniform and meet outside the RSL at 9 am. The march goes down to the Shire Hall and then a service will be held inside the hall. All students are welcome to attend.

The senior band will be performing in the march as well. Students are to meet Miss Hawkins outside the RSL at 9 am with their instruments to warm up. Senior band students are required to wear their blue MICE shirts.

Cross Country
Congratulations to the following students who took out places in the Monto District Cross Country.

Blake Barnett, Liam Green, Lucas Spletter, Chelsea Knight, Grace Ellerton, Emilee Myles, Maisey Craig, Britney Staines, Tarah Staines, Molly Salisbury, Kiralee Streeter, Emily Zumbansen, Nakayla Myles.

These students have been selected to attend the North Burnett Cross Country at Biggenden on 1st May. Good luck to all competitors!
**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN is coming up very quickly. Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in week 4. This program will be used to assess students’ skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May 2015. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact your class teacher.

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**Show Holiday**

Next Monday is a public holiday for the Monto Show. School will be closed for all students.

**Year 5/6 Camp**

The year 5/6 camp is planned for Week 2 of Term 4 (12-16 October). The camp will be held at Camp Fairbairn near Emerald. Camp Fairbairn is an outdoor education centre run by Education Queensland. The camp focuses on developing leadership skills, resilience and problem solving whilst working together in a team.

All food and cooking utensils are provided by the camp, however we do need to provide the cooks. I am asking for 2 or 3 parents to volunteer their time for the week long camp to prepare the meals. The menu is provided and instructions and quantities to cook are provided so it is quite straightforward.

Parents would not be charged to attend the camp. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the Principal know. It is essential that we do have some cooks to ensure our children can attend the camp and have a great time.
**CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS**

**Year 2/3**
Welcome to Term 2! - A busy term which includes athletics and reporting.
In English this term, the students will be looking at the stereotypes of characters within story books. We will be creating alternative character descriptions to present to our peers.
In Maths we continue to focus on whole number concepts up to 1000. We will begin to look at some division and multiplication concepts also.
In Science our unit is called "Feather, fur or leaves". This unit will require students to explore how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features.
In History, we will be "Respecting the Past" which will focus on Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories.

A SPECIAL REQUEST TO PARENTS - With the noticeable change in temperature, please ensure all your children's winter clothing is named appropriately.

**Year 3/4**
Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have enjoyed some great family time. We have a very busy term ahead of us - with Naplan, Report Cards and Athletics all happening. The Year 3s will undertake their first Naplan testing in week 4 and we have been working towards this for some time.
In English we are looking at the Persuasive genre and persuading people towards our point of view. In Maths the Yr 4s have revised number work and the Calendar. The Yr 3s have been working on fractions. Earth and Weathering is the focus in Science, whilst in History we will continue to look at Early Australian history.

A huge thank you to Miss White for helping out in our class for the last few weeks - her help has been invaluable and the children have enjoyed having her in our classroom. She will be with us for another two weeks.

Remember to have a look at our school display in the pavilion and see the great work we have completed.

**Year 5/6**
I hope that your family had a lovely break over the Easter holidays, and were able to spend quality time with your ‘loved ones’.
The first week back at school has been a busy one.
The school leaders hosted morning tea for their parents and our school patron, Mr Don Jensen, yesterday, as you can see in the photos later in the newsletter. The Morning Tea followed a badge ceremony where Mr Jensen presented our school leaders and house captains with their badges. Congratulations to all those students.
In History this Term the students will be studying the Federation of Australia and Australian Democracy. I will be setting Homework each week, please encourage your students to complete it.
In English this term the students will be learning how to change a poem into a story.
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.

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music News

MICE Senior
The MICE Senior is performing at the community Anzac Day Ceremony on Saturday 25 April. Please meet at the RSL by no later than 9am with your instrument and music for Waltzing Matilda. Instrument case and music for Advance Australia Fair and God Save the Queen needs to be left at the Monto Hall before arriving at the RSL. Ensure you complete some home practises on these pieces before Saturday.

MICE Junior
MICE Junior received a new piece of music this week: First Concert Parade. It is an entire page long and is made up of a mixture of nursery rhymes. Ask your child to perform it for you to see if you can recognise the different melodies it contains.

Instrumental Music Lessons
Instrumental music home practice charts now need to be signed by a parent or guardian each week. Please ensure you check your child/ren’s practice on Monday night or Tuesday mornings. Practise recorded without a parent signature will not contribute to the sticker reward chart.

Classroom Music News
Many students are learning the ukulele this term. We have a class set of 15 ukuleles for students to share. Many students have asked if they can bring in a ukulele from home. This is not compulsory, but if your child would like to do use their own ukulele, please ensure their name is on the instrument. The ukulele must also have four non-broken strings.
Award Presentation

School Captains Blake Barnett and Anna Phillips

Eyre Sport Captains Mac Aisthorpe and Chelsea Knight

Oxley Sport Captains Britney Staines and Emilee Myles
1-2-3 Magic and Emotion
Parenting Program

The 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program aims to teach parents how to deal with their children’s difficult behaviour by using an easy-to-learn and easy-to-use signalling system to manage children’s difficult behaviour. The system requires the parent to use less talk and less emotion, which in turn encourages the development of children’s ability to self-manage their emotional reactions to parental boundaries.

Age From: 2 – 12 years

Who is it for: Parents/Carers

How is it delivered: 3 weekly sessions (2 hours each)

When: Thursday morning 9:00-11:00am

Date: TBA

Cost: Free

Delivered by Shauna Cameron (Guidance Officer)

What people are saying about this program:
- ‘An end to the yelling and arguing’!
- ‘It saved our lives’
- ‘Simple, sane, effective’
- ‘What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember at those times when memory is the first thing to go’
- ‘I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later on down the line needs excessive discipline or grows out of control’

If you are interested in attending this program, please complete the form and submit to the school office.

Expression of Interest Form

Name: ___________________________________________ PhoneNo: __________________
7 Simple Parenting Strategies That Work

If you’re a parent, then you are likely interested in finding ways to interact with your children that create a strong relationship, foster positive behaviour, and helps you respond to behavioural problems.

Take a look at any bookstore and the shelves will be full of advice. But figuring out which strategies are actually effective can be a challenge. The American Psychological Association was asked about the best research-based parenting strategies that showed effectiveness in improving behaviour, strengthening the bond between parents and children, and helping parents react to behavioural problems that arise.

The following seven empirically tested parenting strategies were the result.

1. **Praise.** Studies have shown that the behaviour that gets attention is the behaviour that you’ll get more of. Attention to undesired behaviour — often in the form of reprimands or punishment — will increase undesired behaviour. At the same time, specific, labeled praise of desired behaviour increases that behaviour. Parents should not offer praise indiscriminately. Instead, parents should give specific feedback on exactly what the child did that the parent liked.

2. **Ignore Minor Misbehaviour.** If a misbehaviour is minor and not dangerous, ignore it. Ignoring when a toddler throws food on the floor or a pre-teen slams a door, while responding with attention when they ask nicely or express their feelings teaches the child that good behaviour is a reliable way to get attention.

3. **Understand Child Development.** Understanding developmental milestones can help a parent attend to and praise steps towards that milestone. Knowing a four-year old wants to please friends will make you more likely to praise their positive behaviour with friends. At the same time, understanding that young teens typically have concerns about body image, looks and clothes might make it easier to ignore all that extra time spent in front of the mirror.

4. **Do Time-Outs Right Along With Quality Time-In.** Brief and immediate time-outs have been shown to work best, particularly when paired with parents who are also modelling positive behaviours and praising good behaviour. Keeping calm — often a real challenge at the moment a misbehaviour is occurring! — and praising compliance makes time-outs more effective.

5. **Focus on Prevention of Misbehaviour.** Paying attention to when a child gets tired or hungry can prevent a large portion of meltdowns. Planning ahead and anticipating potential problems and teaching a child ways to cope with problems when they arise can even eliminate the need to use time-out.

6. **Take Care of Yourself First.** Children are negatively affected by parental stress, with 86 percent of children reporting that parental stress bothers them. It can seem nearly impossible when you’re busy with the demands of parenting, work and life, but it is essential to take time to exercise, maintain hobbies and connect with friends and partners.

7. **Take Time and Do Nothing.** Spend time with your child (experts recommend 1 hour a week per child) doing nothing but being with them, acting interested in them, and expressing positive thoughts and feelings to them. Avoid teaching, inquiring, correcting or offering alternative perspectives.

At times, parenting can feel like you’re in an airplane in turbulence in a thunderstorm and the oxygen masks have dropped. As with on a plane, when parenting it’s important to remain calm, put your oxygen mask on first — before you help your children and give specific instructions of what to do, with lots of positive feedback for good behaviour.

Happy Parenting!
Shauna Cameron
Guidance Officer

ABERCORN STATE SCHOOL

16th Annual Goodwill Games

Saturday 30th May 2015

Events include

- 60 metre
- 80 metre
- 100 metre
- 200 metre
- 800 metre
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Ball Games
- Relay Races

Invited schools

- Abercorn State School
- Baynewood State School
- Eldaivald State School
- Mulgildie State School
- Morogorilby State School
- Monto State School
- Mount Perry State School
- School of Distance Education
- St Therese's Catholic Primary

**All track and field events have been re-measured for accuracy**

**Modified events for those who participants who are under 10 years of age**

When: Saturday 30th May, 2015

Where: Abercorn State School—957 Wuruma Dam Road, Abercorn

Time: March Past starts at 8:30 am (day to finish at approximately 3:30 pm)

Who: All students 3 – 12 years of age are invited to participate

Nominations: To be returned to Abercorn State School by Friday 22nd May, 2015

Snacks: Food and drinks available for sale from the Canteen – menu coming soon

RSVP:
Ben DePasquale
Abercorn State School
Phone: (07) 4167 5190
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Abercorn State School

16th Annual Goodwill Games - Saturday 30th May 2015

Nomination Form – Return to bdpss@eq.edu.au or fax (07) 4167 5135 by Friday 22nd May 2015

Please list each student below who will be attending this Sports Day.

Names can be accepted and added on the day. These names, however, will not appear on printed programs for the Goodwill Games 2015. All children who participate will be added to each school’s list in the officials’ area and will be included in the relative school’s points on the day.

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BRISBANE BOYS’ COLLEGE

SPORTS CLINIC
RUGBY and CRICKET
FREE HOLIDAY COACHING

WHEN: Sunday 3 May  TIME: 9.30am to 1.00pm
WHERE: Redeemer Lutheran College Biloela, 2 Collard Street, Biloela
WHO: For children aged 7–14 years

Trial cricket and rugby in the one day - Presented by qualified expert coaches
Morning tea and lunch provided

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT JARROD TURNER 0422 231 777

LIMITED NUMBERS

REGISTRATION FORM
Please return by Friday 24 April via fax 07 3309 3667 or email jturner@bbc.qld.edu.au

Child’s Name 1: __________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________
Male Female (please circle)
Child’s Name 2: __________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________
Male Female (please circle)

Address: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________ (email will be used to communicate information regarding the clinic)

Parent/Guardian Name:
Parent/Guardian Contact Number:
Medical Conditions/ Allergies/ Dietary Requirements:

Please act in the best interests of my child if any medical emergency should arise during the clinic. I authorise you to use for marketing purposes any still or video photographic image of my child taken at this clinic.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________