Congratulations to the Abercorn School staff and community for the fantastic day on Saturday at the Goodwill Games. Emilee Myles, Britney Staines, Cody Pailthorpe, Jackson Pailthorpe and Oliver Pailthorpe were fine representatives for Monto State School and showed great sportsmanship participating in all events. Congratulations to these students for the terrific effort they put in and I thank their parents for taking the time out of their busy lives to attend the event. I also wish to thank Miss Jane Hawkins for giving up her Saturday to assist with the running on the carnival.

Attendance Update
During 2015, Fridays are proving to be the day when we have most children away. Please remember every school day is important and everyday counts. Our average attendance for the past 2 weeks is 92.3% - slightly below our target of 95%.

Principal for Semester 2
Matt Silvester has extended his leave until the new school year. The Principal position for Semester 2 was advertised and has closed this week. This position will be for the start of Term 3 to the end of the school year. The position cannot be advertised as a permanent position as it is still Matt Silvester’s substantive position. I have not applied for this position due to a number of reasons and it is a decision I made early in Term 2.

A new Principal will be appointed for Semester 2 and will also be teaching the 5/6 class. As soon as I know who the person is, I will inform students and parents. Ms Smith will continue teaching in the 5/6 classroom on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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Athletics Carnivals
Our school athletics carnival is going to be held on Thursday, 25 June. This is the last Thursday of this term. Tuckshop will be available on the day and any volunteers to assist in the tuckshop on the day would be greatly appreciated. All year levels will participate in a variety of athletic events throughout the day. Students can wear the house colours on the day.

The Monto District Athletics Carnival will be held here at Monto State School on Thursday, 30 July. This carnival is attended by other schools in the district and selection is made to attend the North Burnett Athletics carnival to represent Monto District.

Sara Whittington

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Year 2/3
The Year 2/3 students have been busy trying to finalise assessment for report cards, which are due to be distributed Monday 22nd June (week 10).

In English we have been writing many narratives. The frequent practice has allowed all students to improve in various aspects of independent writing – whether it be gaining confidence or enhancing their skills with writing conventions such as punctuation and sentence structure. The students have enjoyed creating “non-stereotyped” characters for their stories also.

In maths we continue whole number concepts up to 1000. We have been investigating number lines and early multiplication concepts. The students were recently impressed to realise that by knowing their addition doubles facts, they also know their 2x tables. Please continue the homework practice of both addition and subtraction fast facts, as every little bit helps.

This semester, our class has had weekly lessons in the computer lab, where they have been learning how to use Microsoft Word. We have spent the last few weeks creating “birds eye view” maps of our bedrooms. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this task and most have picked up the skills quickly. This program will become a major part of a technology unit planned for next semester.

Year 5/6
Well, I can’t believe that it is already Week 7 and the June/July school holidays are just around the corner. The next three weeks will be extremely busy for all of our students.

For History, the students have only one more activity to complete to finalise their assessment for this semester. Next week the students will need to complete an essay on the changing role of women in Australian society to complete their compilation (booklet of activities). If your child has missed any time at school they may not have completed all of the set activities, so please encourage your child to contact Ms Smith so that they can complete the activities that have been missed.

For English, a rough draft of their narrative is due this Friday (5/6/15) for monitoring. I was very impressed when three students showed me their work today. The students will complete Part A of the Assessment in class this week, and Part B – the multimodal narrative with accompanying images and audio is due next Friday (12 June 2015). I look forward to reading them. Please encourage your child to make use of the facilities in the library during break times to complete their assessment if they are struggling to finish it.

Science Technology projects are due on Tuesday. The children need to bring their models and their oral presentation to school next Tuesday.

We are currently working on maths assessments for our Term 2 unit. This will occur each Monday and Tuesday until Week 10.
Biloela Eisteddfod

The Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (MICE) Senior participated in the Biloela Eisteddfod on Thursday 21 May.

MICE Senior, which consists of students from Monto SHS, Monto SS and Mulgildie SS, received second place in the Secondary School Concert Band section. Congratulations to all students involved in this ensemble.

A special congratulations to Emily, Tasha and Grace who participated in the solo and duet sections. It can be very nerve-racking to perform on a stage alone or with only one other musician. Well done.

Emily Zumbansen & Tasha O’Sullivan — Instrumental Duet 10 yrs and Under — 1st place
Grace Ellerton — Woodwind Solo 12 yrs and Under — 3rd place

Football Canteen Fundraiser

Thank you to all the parents and students who volunteered at the Football Canteen Fundraiser. The Instrumental Music Program has been offered to run the next Football Canteen on Saturday 13 June. Any help will be appreciated. Funds raised from both these ventures will subsidise the cost of the bus to the Bundaberg Eisteddfod (first week of August) for the Junior and Senior Bands.

Instrumental Music Camp / Workshop

Permission notes for the Instrumental Music Camp / Workshop were due Tuesday. If you have not already done so, please return to Miss Hawkins ASAP. $50 payment to Monto State High School.
Britney Staines, Cody Pailthorpe, Will Myles, Emilee Myles, Oliver Pailthorpe and Jackson Pailthorpe represented Monto State School at the Abercorn Goodwill Games held on Saturday 30 May.

All students participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Britney was awarded female age champion 12 years and the 800m medal.

Emilee was awarded runner up female age champion 11 years.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

As athletics day is on a Thursday, there will be no tuckshop on the Wednesday 24th.

Our athletics day is very quickly approaching (Thursday 25th 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 Amy Spletter on 0422563048 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.

SPORTS DAY MENU

Steak burger      $6.00
Sausage on bread  $2.50
Hot Dog           $3.00
Sausage Roll      $2.50
Pie               $3.50
Sandwiches        $4.00
Popcorn           $0.50
Flavoured Milk    $2.50
(Chocolate, Strawberry)
Juice popper      $1.50
Bottled water     $2.00
Coffee/Tea/Milo   $1.00
Soft drink        $2.00
Monto State School is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for Relief Cleaners. Please contact the school office on 41669111 if you are interested.

An unidentified amount of money was recently left in the school office when it was unattended. If you believe you or your child were the person who left it there please contact the school office to identify.

We would like to remind families that when sending money to school please always put the money and any paperwork in an envelope or sealable plastic bag with the students name, class and what the money is for on the outside of the envelope. It is extremely difficult to identify funds if this is not done. Students tend to just leave the money on the counter if the office is unattended. This creates unnecessary confusion for both staff and families who think they may have paid for an excursion or invoice.
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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.

Seven traits of Mental Toughness

In different contexts, one character trait has emerged as a predictor for success. It isn’t social intelligence, good looks, IQ, or physical health. It is “grit,” which the dictionary defines as “mental toughness”. It could be defined as resilience or the ability to “bounce back” after setbacks.

Mental toughness is the “perseverance and passion to achieve long-term goals; having stamina; sticking with your future day in and day out and working hard to make that future a reality; a marathon not a sprint.”

Studies have shown that there is a correlation between mental toughness and self-control. It takes mental toughness and self-discipline to raise kids – they have constant needs. It is difficult to deal with tantrums/ ensure homework is done/ provide healthy food choices (when even you would prefer a chocolate bar over an apple)/ monitor TV, computer time/ up and out in the morning (when you would prefer to be sleeping) …… and on it goes.

Seven traits of mentally tough people

1. Look for positives & learn from mistakes
2. Face fears
3. Non-judgmental
4. Celebrate successes of others
5. Realise that the only person they can control is themself & do not blame others for their mistakes
6. Limit exposure to outside stimuli (e.g. Facebook, Angry Birds, Krispy Kreme donuts)
7. Accept and embrace change

Mentally tough people embrace change, but they understand that change must first happen in them before it happens through them. Mahatma Gandhi said it so well. “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

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Morning 9.30am-11.30am

For further information, please contact:

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