Monto Districts Athletics

In the future, all newsletters will be sent via email. This way you can easily send the good news from Monto State School onto extended family and friends in full colour. Also, you might get lucky and receive an uncrumpled newsletter at the time it was sent, and we can look after our environment better. We will be updating our school “banner” in the coming weeks and we hope you like our new look.

If you would still like to receive the newsletter in print, please contact the office and leave your details.
Dear Families

This week and last week, at our weekly assembly, we celebrated the achievements of many students who have excelled in their school work, and in their effort in the classroom. On a day to day basis, as I move around the school I see great learning opportunities for your children; capably managed, delivered and assessed by their teachers in a safe and supportive environment.

Last week Kay Kirkman, Assistant Regional Director, visited our school to check that we provide a happy and intellectually challenging environment for your children. Kay asked probing questions where the children revealed that they:

- **know what they are specifically learning**: My teacher makes it clear what they want me to learn eg. I am learning what adjectives are so that I can use them in my writing to make an interesting story.
- **what they need to do to improve**: My teacher tells me through feedback, what I have done well and exactly what I need to do to make it better - and shows me what an A standard looks like.

There is a very broad range of research and evidence from around the globe that clearly supports these teaching strategies. When students can articulate what they are learning and how they can make it better, the educational outcomes for every child will move to a higher level, provided it is surrounded by positive support and encouragement. I am pleased to say that Kay found plenty of evidence to support that good pedagogy is happening at Monto SS.

As we move through the term, I would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. Well done to the Year 3 / 4 class with 96 % attendance so far this year. If your child misses 20 days of school every year, then over 13 years of schooling they have missed 1 ½ years of school. Quite substantial! Our statistics this year are:

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Thank you for supporting your child’s education at home by sending them to school every day, speaking positively about their school experiences, supporting them with homework and investing in their confidence and self-worth.

Warm regards,

*Lisa Roach*

Acting Principal/Teacher
Band and Choir Students lead Monto State School in the National Anthem at parade

Bundaberg Eisteddfod
The Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (MICE) bands will be participating in the Bundaberg Eisteddfod on Wednesday 5 August. The Senior Band is participating in the Intermediate Section and the Junior Band is participating in the Junior Section. The bus will be leaving the Monto State School music room at 9am. Students participating in the Eisteddfod are to go straight to the music room on Wednesday morning. Remember to pack morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (and, of course, your instrument and music)!

Parade
The band students and choir did a terrific job at leading the school for the National Anthem on parade this week. The choir projected their voices well and the band students performed very musically.
Last Thursday was our Monto District Sports Day! We decided to hold off on the newsletter that day so we could include all the excitement of the day in this newsletter.

Students from Monto, Mulgildie, Abercorn, St Therese and the 12 year olds from the High School competed on the day to earn points for their schools. Monto State School took out the Overall Points Trophy and the Aggregate Points Trophy (ratio of points to enrolments) went to Abercorn State School. Well done to all students, parents and staff for putting in such a huge effort. The food from the tuckshop was fantastic!

A special thank you goes to Sonya Clarke, Karen Staines and Jane Hawkins for their organising of events and programs on the day and in the lead up to the carnival. Thank you ladies!!

Age Champions were 9yrs girls—Tayla Edgar (St Therese), 9yrs boys—Luke Barnett (Monto SS), 10yrs girls—Tarah Staines (Monto SS), 10yrs boys—Jayden Cowan (Mulgildie SS), 11yrs girls—Emilee Myles (Monto SS), 11yrs boys—Kayne Mitchell (St Therese), 12yrs girls Lailah Mitchell (MSHS), 12yrs boys—Blake Barnett (Monto SS). Congratulations to all the age champions and all students for your fabulous effort on the day!

Lailah Mitchell (MSHS) broke the 12yrs girls 800M record with a time of 2:38:54. this was a 25 year old record that was previously held by Rebecca Millar. Awesome effort Lailah!!

Cody Pailthorpe putting in a huge effort at High Jump!
Emily Zumbansen and Britney Staines fight it out to the finish line!

Emilee Myles takes it home!

Oliver Pailthorpe sprints to the finish line!
Brianna Smith, Luke Barnett and Aylah Sinclair receive their 9yrs Age Champions medallions from last terms Interhouse Athletics Carnival.

Parade Awards presented. Lets celebrate the achievements of our students!
MUNGUNGO V’S THE WORLD

The Waratah Hotel & Monto Irrigation are hosting their mid-winter cricket fundraiser at the MCG (Mungungo Cricket Grounds) to raise funds for Care Flight & The Monto Hospital Auxiliary on Saturday 15th August.

A series of friendly 7 a side matches with the winning team taking on the Mighty Mungungo in the finals.

Places available for teams or singles at $5 per player. Paul Trace Regional Cricket Officer from Qld Cricket will be attending to have some fun with the kids and hand out giveaways.

Plenty of great food, licenced bar, no BYO allowed, wonderful prizes in the continuous raffle to be won.

Saturday night: pig on the spit dinner, entertainment and mystery auction. Bring the family along for a great time with various forms of accommodation available.

For more information contact Mark or Trish at The Waratah Hotel on 07 41665166 or email: thewaratahhotel@gmail.com