On Monday 15th February, the school enjoyed a special drumming experience with John from ‘Planet Rhythm’. John created an experience that all classes were amazed by.

For the last 10 years John has been travelling around Australia presenting his much loved and respected ‘Planet Rhythm’ workshops.

More photos from the day can be viewed on the Monto State School website in the photo gallery.
Welcome to our March newsletter. Monto SS newsletters are a celebration of what has been happening at school and some great pictures of happy kids enjoying their school experience. I hope you also receive the irregular ‘Notes from School’ that keep you up to date with events. Whilst the newsletter highlights what your children are learning and experiencing at school, the ‘Notes from School’ are intended to fill in the details. Please also check out our website https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx which Melinda updates regularly with photos, notes from school, newsletters and calendar events.

Research tells us that effective partnerships and positive interactions between families and school leads to better education results for students. I know many of you would like to help out at school but are constrained by other commitments and find it difficult to visit school in school time. We understand – so here are some other suggestions to support the school and the work we do. Send them to school expecting to learn and grow. Equip them with what they need to get them through the day. Ask them what they studied at school and find out what they focused on in English, Maths and other subject areas. Take some time to look at their homework to see how they are going with their class work. Support them with assignments. Encourage them to read. By valuing and encouraging reading you are supporting the school and all their efforts to teach literacy. Use everyday opportunities to teach science and maths – cooking, shopping, constructing or fixing things. Finally, talk regularly with their teachers. This might be a phone call or a written message. Of course a visit is always welcome. We are a team for the benefit of your child. In the next two weeks, teachers are inviting you to discuss your child’s progress at teacher and parent meetings. Please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment at a time convenient to you.

Lisa Roach
Acting Principal
Parade Awards—Week 3, 4 & 5

Parade Awards – Week 3

Parade Awards – Week 4

Parade Awards – Week 5

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Hey mum and dad we have been working very hard on our name writing as of late so get your Prep/Yr One to write their name for you.

We have all been practising really hard to get all our letters in the correct order, facing the right direction and even some of us are able to write our first, middle and last names without any assistance. Very important and something that we all need to know for ever - how to read and write our full names.

Great work with the Friday folders Year Ones. Keep up the good work - remember it comes to school on Friday and goes home again on Friday. That's why we call it our Friday Folder.

Prep your turn is coming soon- Friday the 18th March. Stay tuned for more exciting information.

Monto State School
Carol Scott

Ever Onward
In English, The Prep /One class has been looking at the different ways that authors and illustrators express the emotions of their different characters. We have found that authors use the words and illustrators use their pictures to represent the emotions of the characters in stories.

Looking at the character's face and their body gives the reader really good clues about how the characters are feeling.

Can you guess how we are feeling??

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The students continue to investigate narratives during English. The year 3 students are enjoying “The Twits” by Roald Dahl and reading about the disgusting pranks both Mr and Mrs Twit get up to. The Year 1 and 2 students have been focusing more on picture books, including “Too Loud Lily” by Sofia Laguna. We have all started writing our own narratives.

In Maths, students continue to revise number concepts, operations and place value. I have noticed the improvement already with practising daily sums.

In Science, the students have planted their own seeds to learn about the germination process of plants. We have planted beans and marigolds. We will provide these plants with the necessary elements of sunlight, water and nutrients and observe their growth (hopefully!) over the next few weeks. These plants will come home at the end of term.

Thank you to parents for their support during homework time. I have been impressed by the prompt return of homework on Fridays.

Megan Sinclair

Students tending to their seeds.

Checking for any sprouting of leaves or roots.
The Year 3/4 class have been busy writing a new chapter for *Fantastic Mr Fox* as their assessment for their English unit on this novel. Most are enjoying their writing. We are working on improving the use of paragraphs and also speech marks in our writing.

In Maths we have been revising trading in subtraction and regrouping in addition. We have been focusing on a times table each week – this week we are learning the 3 times table. A booklet has been sent home for homework this week and children can write out this times table each night to learn it. We have been rediscovering the calendar and how to read them in Maths lessons this week, as well as how many days in a year, leap year, fortnight etc.

Our paper weaving project in Art is completed – this was a challenge for some! They look great.

In Science, our broad bean seeds have sprouted – so we have seen them develop from a seed to growing roots and a green leaf.

We have also been comparing the life cycles of mammals. Did you know a baby rabbit is called a “kit”?

Karen Hockey
W hile the year 5 students worked on their persuasive techniques for persuasive writing in preparation for NAPLAN, the year 6 class engaged in an even higher level of persuasion. They gathered all their persuasive devices together and debated “Bomb diving should be allowed at Monto Public Pool”. All children performed amazingly well for first timers and presented their various opinions with confidence, humour and well structured arguments. They learnt to ‘rebuff’ the opposing team, consolidate their arguments with examples and facts, as well as make suggestions for ‘a better future for Monto Pool.

Congratulations to all the year six students for a tremendous effort. Both year 5 and 6 students are to be highly commended on their ability to listen to instructions, and work productively and collaboratively in groups to produce high standards of work. The year 6’s enjoyed ice-creams all round in celebration!

Lisa Roach
**Friday Sports**
Students can wear their Oxley or Eyre shirts on Fridays. This term children play Aus Tag, Netball or Softball, on Friday afternoons.

**North Burnett Sports Trials News Update**

**10-12 Year old**

**Softball** players representing North Burnett at the Wide Bay Trials 23/24\(^{th}\) March: Molly Salisbury, Tarah Staines, Sophie McLaughlan, Connor McLaughlan, Kayne Mitchell

**Netball** players representing Monto District 18 March: Molly Salisbury and Emily Zumbansen


**Rugby League** players representing Monto District 18 March: **U11** Connor McLaughlan, Isaac Green and **U12** Kayne Mitchell and Jonah Chapman

All trial dates for 10 to 12 year old boys and girls are updated on the Monto State School website in the events calendar.
Prep/1 & 1/2/3 class
These classes have been busily preparing the song “See Saw” for their performance assessment for this term. Students have been practicing using their singing voices and clapping and saying their rhythm names for the song.

This week we have been busy preparing our rhythm playing and clapping for our performance assessment. Students have been exploring the world of rhythm and internalising the beat.

Band rehearsals
No junior band rehearsal
Senior Band (MICE)
Tuesday- 3:30-4:30
Senior extension band
Tuesday- 4:30-5:00

This term we were lucky enough to be visited by John from Planet Rhythm. Taking inspiration from his workshop, the grade 5/6 class have been practicing their percussion skills in the song “Funga Alafia”. In small groups, students will perform this song for their performance assessment for this term.

Instrumental Music News
This week we have been busy learning our instruments and preparing for our upcoming band events. Please see below for further information regarding these events. Thank you for your continued support and ensuring that all students have their instruments and music for lessons.

Upcoming band events (MICE band members)
12th of April- After school band workshop with the Crack up Sisters (MICE after school band rehearsal)
24th of April- Band concert at the Monto Show (MICE band and Senior Extension band)
25th of April- Band concert at Anzac Day parade (MICE band)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (4166 9111) or email.

Tamara Purkis

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Fancy Dress Ball.

Cost $20 for a family or $5 per person

All primary schools and kindy kids invited.

18 March 2016
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Monto Community Hall

Proudly presented by Monto State School P & C Association

Children must be accompanied by an adult. NO DROP OFFS

Prizes for best dressed in early childhood, middle and upper primary and adults too!

Food and drinks available.
Games and dancing.
Monto Soccer Club

Monto Soccer Club is up and running for the 2016 season. Training session is on Wednesday afternoons at the Combined Sports Oval at 4.00pm. It isn’t too late to join, come down and sign up. Club matches against Moura and Biloela to start soon. Please contact Amanda Fletcher (club president) for more information on 0478 693 219.

Like us on Facebook “Monto Soccer”

Monto Netball Association

Monto Netball Club season has commenced. If you were unable to attend the sign on and are interested in registering your child in the Junior season please contact Tara on 0457 597 966

Training times
Under 10 &12—3.30pm to 4.30pm
Under 15—5.00pm to 6.15pm

Like us on Facebook “Monto Netball Association”

Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!
The Australia Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community.

Area Supervisors are:
- Non-office based positions requiring travel
- Casual/temporary positions, with flexible working hours.

As an Area Supervisor, you will:
- Recruit, manage and train a small team of temporary Census field staff.
- Implement and manage the Census delivery and collection processes and procedures.
- Undertake a range of administrate tasks, including the receipt, handling and storage of Census materials.
- Earn $34.75 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

As an Area Supervisor, you must:
- Know your local community
- Hold a current driver’s licence
- Be comfortable using computers, tablet and mobile devices
- Comply with ABS work health and safety policies
- Hold Australian Citizenship or have the right to work in Australia.

Job seekers from diverse backgrounds, including non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, are encouraged to apply.

More information is available from the ABS website. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers

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