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We are fast approaching the end of July and the first three weeks of term have flown. I hope you will enjoy looking through this newsletter and celebrating with us all the great things that happen at our school. As you browse, you will see many happy faces of the children who are enjoying their experience. School is a place to connect - connect with community; connect with each other; connect with their teachers; and connect with their learning.

When the community connection is strong and positive, it grows in a healthy direction. At a broader community level, we enjoyed a fantastic day in the sun at the district athletics carnival. Parents, spectators and all the surrounding schools were welcomed not only to participate, but also to model positive behaviors such as lending a hand in the tuckshop, baking, as officials at events, putting up tents, encouraging and supporting competitors and cleaning up. How wonderful was it to see the parents sprint up the track? Enjoying and reliving the exhilaration of running a race with the crowds cheering!

Connections between students strengthened as they competed, were defeated and celebrated wins together at the carnival. On another occasion the students connected by working together to create the amazing mural painted on the library. If they missed out on the mural, every child had an opportunity to draw their own aboriginal art and share the different outcomes with their classmates.

Finally, our core business is teaching and learning. Our task as teachers is to connect the students to the lessons so that they grow intellectually, socially and emotionally. This happens when a classroom is safe and happy and the teachers are well prepared. This of course, is what we provide at Monto State School!

I have had some parents wanting to discuss their child’s learning with me lately. Their enquiries are completely welcome. Please take time to visit your child’s teacher for a chat. After all, we do spend six hours a day with them so you could say, we are well connected! Everyone (students, families, staff and community) all benefit from positive connections so let’s keep it healthy and happy for your child’s sake!

Lisa Roach
Principal

HAPPY SAFE LEARNING
Parade Awards—Term 3

More upcoming parade award photos can be viewed on the website.
https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx

Monto State School  Ever Onward
Is it the end of July already?? We have been so busy since our return from the holidays. We gained 2 new children to join the class and our new colourful snake desks arrived. We spent a session creating a beautiful turtle picture and the library wall was transformed. We had a great district sports day and we have even found time to do some great writing and maths work.

I will be sending home some information about some P/1 parent teacher interview times shortly, so please think about which day and what time suits you best to come in and check out all the great work we have been doing.

Please help all the children to remember our school playground rule – No Hat No Play. This still applies in Winter, so everybody needs to remember to pack that hat. I have talked to the children that it is their hat, so they need to be responsible for bringing/wearing it to school.

Carol Scott

Prep/1 students enjoying the new classroom mat.
Week 3 of the Term already…..

WELCOME TO JASMINE AND JOSEPH! WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU IN OUR CLASS.

This term in English, we are looking at Procedural texts. We have read Roald Dahl’s “George’s Marvellous Medicine” (which the kids thoroughly enjoyed) and are now exploring the structure of recipes. We are writing about and making some simple recipes to try.

In maths, all students have continued to enhance their skills in number concepts. We have all revised some time related concepts including the Months of the Year and the Seasons. The Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about some new shapes including a rhombus, trapezium and parallelogram, while the Year 3 students have been investigating angles.

In Science, we are learning about “HOT STUFF”. This unit requires us to conduct numerous experiments involving heat. Earlier this week, we did an experiment using hot and cold water with food colouring to compare the differences of heat energy.

In Geography, we are focusing on “Landforms and Bodies of Water”. So far we have looked at mountains and hills, volcanoes and islands, as well as deserts and plains. The students seem very keen to make a “volcano” over the next few weeks, so I plan to link it into our Science Unit also.

I will be organising Parent Interviews later in the term for any parents who wish to have a “catch-up” about their child’s learning and progress at school. These will most likely be in Weeks 6 and 7, so I shall send home the appointment times soon. Please note: I am away for the last 2 weeks of this term (long service leave) and Miss Dunwoodie will be taking my place.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please come in for a chat, phone me at school or email me at: msinc39@eq.edu.au

Students with Arthur Conlon, display their original works.

Creating colourful snake murals with crayon.

Megan Sinclair
Year 3 & 4

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ears 3 and 4 have been eagerly investigating different sorts of poems this term. So far we have written our own Haiku, Shape and Acrostic poems - if you visit the school, please come and see them on display around our room. We have also been looking at word pictures and allusions - seeing ordinary things in new and creative ways. Following are a few samples of our work:

Happiness is the sound of laughing.  Will Myles
Silence is the sound of sadness. A kitten is a fluff ball with eyes!  Hugo Robertson
A rainbow is a path to happiness.  Brianna Smith
Happiness is a frown upside down.  Travis Bleakley
A rainbow is like a colourful doorway.  Holly Knight
A good book is a portal to happiness.  Aylah Sinclair
Happiness is joyful laughter.  Liam Myles
A good book is the key to the soul.  Kolter Hutton
A rainbow is a colourful jackpot end.  Cooper Downie
A good book is the key to your imagination.  Joshua Rudder
Happiness is a bundle of joy on your face.  Isaac Green
A rainbow is a wonder of colours.  Rhianna Dent
A kitten is fluffy, cute and playful.  Ainsley Zieth
A good book will take you on adventures.  Lilly McLaughlan

A sample of our poem writing:

**Acrostic Poem**
Laughing out loud always
In a beautiful place
Loving horses
Liking animals
Yelling out in the yard

Always having fun
Ice cream is yummy
Nice and kind
Sliding down things
Love my family
Every day is a good day
Yellow is my second favourite colour

Talkative
Restive
Awesome
Very adventurous
Interesting
Super star!

**Haiku Poem**
(A haiku poem has 3 lines - 5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables)

In Spring, flowers bloom.
The kids play in the flowers.
Having lots of fun.

Rhianna Dent

Raindrops are falling.
Falling till they hit the Earth.
Plopping on the ground.

Kolter Hutton

The falling leaves danced.
Through the blazing orange fire.
Which burns really bad.

Liam Myles

We also enjoyed drawing and colouring kangaroos with Arthur when he visited our classroom. We learnt some new techniques working with oil pastels.

The wet weather a few weeks ago was welcome to all. Lilly made a "creation" when she used the construction gear during lunch time.

Karen Hockey
Welcome back to a new term of music! Firstly, I would like to personally thank all of the parents that attended our end of semester band break up. I know that I had a great time socialising with all of you and showcasing our student’s hard work this semester.

This term we have been approached by Ridgehaven retirement village to perform at their annual Seniors week celebrations. The band is busily preparing songs for this performance. They will be performing for the Ridgehaven residents on **Friday 19 August**. The students will be performing songs and also have a shared morning tea with the residents. Below is a schedule for the day.

**Schedule:**
- 9-9:10am - Students meet at the **music block** to mark the roll
- 9:10-9:20am - Students walk to Ridgehaven retirement home
- 9:20-9:30am - Students set up for performance
- 9:30-10am - Performance
- 10-10:30am - Morning tea with residents
- 10:30-11:00am - Performance
- 11:00-11:15am - Students pack up equipment
- 11:15-11:30am - Students return to school

This term we have been working on team building and working together as a group. Our first week saw the band engaging in chair drumming. I think we are going to have some Animals (from the Muppets) in the band.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (4166 9111) or email (txpur1@eq.edu.au).

*Tamara Purkis*
**Sports & P & C News**

**North Burnett Athletics** – trails will be held in Gayndah on Wednesday 3 August. Congratulations to the athletes who have been successful in selection. We wish you all the best!!

Age Champions

9 years Holly Knight (M) and Riely Bates (M)
10 years Tayla Edgar (St T), Aylah Sinclair (M) and Luke Barnett (M)
11 years Emily Zumbansen (M), Tarah Staines (M) and Jayden Cowen (Mul)
12 years Chelsea Knight (MSHS) and Kayne Mitchell (M)

More photos from the Monto District carnival can be viewed by clicking [here!!](#)

**P and C Fundraiser:** Picture products – turn your child’s treasured memories into durable, high-quality melamine **picture plates** that will last a lifetime.

Please [click here](#) which will take you to the school notes on the MSS website and follow the link to the picture plate information to download a form for ordering and paying.

Students will be completing their plate design in the first week of August. If you would like photos included in their art, please send along to school.

**Community News**

The Melbourne Cup is coming to Monto on July 31 and you are invited to attend!!

The day starts off at 8.30am with a breakfast and barrel race at the Monto Race Club. Brekky is $10 for adults and $2 for kids. Tickets for the breakfast are available from Monto Cattle & Country. You are welcome to attend without having the breakfast. Don’t miss the change to have your photo taken with the $175,000 Emirates Melbourne Cup!

Morning tea will be at the Lions Park at 10am, with the official unveiling of Ken Russell bronze statue to commence at 10.30am.

Lunch will commence at 11.30am at the Monto Historical and Cultural Complex.

We look forward to the Community of Monto supporting these events as it’s a once in a lifetime opportunity.