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[https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx)
Last Tuesday evening I visited the old preschool, now set up as an area for classroom music lessons and instrumental music lessons. It is a lovely open space, fresh and airy, with plenty of room for large and loud instruments and classes of busy children enjoying making music. Tamara Purkis is a beginning teacher, with loads of knowledge, capability and enthusiasm for her job. She moves quickly from guitar to drums, from conducting to leading singing, from musical theory instruction to encouragement and praise – all with ease, skill and fluency. To say the least, I am impressed. I was a specialist teacher for many years, and know the difficulties of meeting a new class every half hour, doing loads of extra-curricular activities and the planning for them, being responsible for reporting for so many, but also the challenges and joy of seeing students growing and enjoying your specialist area.

As I watched the senior band play on Tuesday night, I was overcome by the excitement of seeing a group of musicians come together to produce a piece of artist work. Together they played the most beautiful tunes, melodiously and harmonically (not sure that I know the correct musical terms there!) What a privilege it is for our students to learn music with a perfect space to learn, instruments to play and an enthusiastic and capable teacher. Aside from music, the staff here offer endless moments for students to learn and grow. Ultimately, it is up to the children to make a decision as to how much they participate in the learning opportunities at school. Parents who support, encourage, and shine a positive light on the school, will help their children succeed – and make good decisions. Thank you parents for demonstrating these positive values that make our school a safe, happy and learning environment.

Have a wonderful break!

Lisa Roach
Principal

HAPPY SAFE LEARNING
Parade Awards—Term 3

More parade award photos can be viewed on the website.

https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx
Wow, the term is at an end already!

The Prep /One classroom has been very busy in these recent weeks. It has also been fantastic to welcome Ms Dunwoodie to our classroom and she has certainly helped us all stay extra focussed on our learning tasks. Even though she has been working with Mrs Sinclair’s class for the last two weeks she will be returning to us after the holiday break. Ms Dunwoodie and I will be team teaching with the expert assistance of Mrs Shultz. We will still operate as a whole class for some activities as well as work in mixed groups and sometimes in Year levels for different learning sessions. We should see some great progress in our learning all round.

Have a great holiday break, take care and see you all back at school for the final term of 2016.

Pre Prep: We have a schedule of Pre-Prep days planned for next term. If you, or anybody you know, has a child eligible for Prep next year (turning 5 before the 30 June 2017) please contact the school for more information.

Hats, Hats, Hats
No hat - No outside play. Please try and ensure that all children have a hat to wear for outside play time. Next Term, when we walk to and from the pool, this is going to be extra essential to protect young skin from the sun. We have a few spares for emergency but that is always a risk also.

Jumpers, Jumpers, Jumpers
Lost any? Please send a message or come and have a dig in the varied collections building around the classrooms.

Carol Scott
With Mrs. Sinclair away and as the end of the term closes in on us, the year 1/2/3 class have been busy learning new content and completing assessment tasks.

In English, the students have been completing assessment pieces that demonstrate their understandings of a procedural text and in Maths, each year level has been assessed on a variety of topics relating to what they have learnt throughout the term.

In science, the students have been keeping with the topic of ‘heating up’, with investigations demonstrating that heat moves from a hotter area or object, to a colder area or object and that insulation can be utilised to keep things warm or cool.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic holiday and recovers well from all these nasty colds and illnesses that are getting around.

Kay Dunwoodie

The Year 3/4 class have been busily completing their PowerPoint displays of the different types of poems they have written during this unit of work. They have all enjoyed discovering the finer points of the PowerPoint program such as Transitions (from slide to slide) and Animations (introducing items on each slide). Some have even added sounds to make their presentation even better.

In Maths we have been working hard at Fractions, including improper fractions and mixed numbers for the Year 4’s. We are now moving onto Decimals (hundredths and tenths for the Year 4’s). We are continually revising operations and most are grasping the concept of trading. We have worked hard during the term and I congratulate the class for the progress they have made during the term.

Karen Hockey
As this term draws to a close, I would like to thank all parents for your effort in making sure that all students are prepared for instrumental music lessons.

**Ridgehaven performance**
On the 19th of August our students played for the residents of Ridgehaven retirement village for their annual seniors week celebrations. I am very proud of all students who participated and they certainly put on a show for the residents. Not only did we have pieces from the band but also some very brave soloists who performed. The residents particularly enjoyed the sing along at the end and the students loved joining in for *G'day G'day* by Slim Dusty. The audience loved the band so much that we have been invited back to perform again. Well done!

**Instrumental recruitment for 2017**
Students in year 4, 5 and 6 are given an opportunity to learn an instrument in the Instrumental Music Program. This week, students will be given a letter that outlines what the Instrumental Music program has to offer your child and any associated information for parents. If your child is interested in playing and instrument in 2017 please read the information and fill out the attached recruitment form.

**All forms must be returned to the office by the 21st of October** (Week 3, Term 4). Once all of the forms are returned, I will hold a beginner induction day in which your child will be able to hear the different instruments available and try their chosen instrument. Thank you!

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

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*Tamara Purkis*
Dear Parent/Guardians,

Students in year 4, 5 and 6 are given an opportunity to learn an instrument in the Instrumental Music Program. Therefore your child is eligible in 2017.

The Instrumental Music Program provides tuition on a wide range of musical instruments to students from year 4 through to year 12. Students are required to attend weekly 30 minute lesson during school time. These lessons are rotated so as not to miss the same class each week. Students are also required to attend a band rehearsal each week. Students in their first year of learning an instrument will join the junior band which rehearses one lunch time per week. Once the student has progressed to an appropriate level (usually after 12 months) they will be invited to join the senior band which rehearses after school.

Costs Involved – Instrument Supplies

Students will require a “Tradition of Excellence Book 1” for their instrument. These usually cost about $20.

Instruments also require consumable supplies such as reeds (for clarinets, saxophones, oboes and bassoons) and valve and slide greases (for trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba).

Supplies may be purchased from Monto State High School office and picked up from the music room shop. Alternatively, you may wish to purchase supplies from a music stores (eg. Alive Music (Bundaberg), Green Brothers (Rockhampton and online).

Levy

All students are required to pay an instrumental music levy of $20. This is used to cover photocopying band music, purchasing of new repertoire and other equipment.

Instrument Purchase or Hire

The school has a number of instruments that will be available for use by beginning students. These instruments can be hired for the duration of the year for $50. This amount contributes to the cost of repairing and servicing the instruments. School instruments will be distributed as fairly as possible, with priority going to beginning students. While every effort is given to provide your child with their first choice of instrument, this will not always possible.

Alternatively, you may wish to purchase an instrument for your child. As instruments can be expensive, a good second hand option is Sally Lindenberg Wind and Brass. She can be contacted on 0416153985 and can provide you with a range of options for purchase of a suitable instrument. Otherwise, if you wish to purchase a new instrument for your child, I recommend you visit a local Music shop such as Alive Music (Bundaberg) or the Green Brothers (Rockhampton).

I do not recommend purchasing the low-cost instruments available online (in particular eBay). New instruments for sale at very low prices are often made of lower quality materials; the bars connect keys a little bit thinner etc. These instruments can often cost more in repairs than the initial price of purchasing a better quality instrument. Please do your research into any instrument you are looking at. A quick Google search of a particular brand can reveal a lot of information. If you have any questions about a particular brand, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tamara Purkis
Music Teacher

Lisa Roach
Principal
Music News

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Instrumental Music Program Application
Please return by 21st October 16

Student Name ____________________________

Instruments Preferred
Please indicate at least three instruments you are interested in learning. Number from 1 being the most preferred.

[ ] Flute
[ ] Clarinet
[ ] Bass clarinet
[ ] Saxophone
[ ] Oboe
[ ] Bassoon
[ ] Trumpet / Cornet
[ ] Trombone
[ ] French Horn
[ ] Euphonium
[ ] Tuba
[ ] Percussion
[ ] Bass Guitar

Please note: Percussion includes all percussion instruments including glockenspiel, xylophone, triangle, tambourine, drum kit, etc.

Please note: Reeds for clarinet, bass clarinet and saxophone cost $6 – $8 each and will need to be replaced every 6 – 8 weeks for beginning students.
Reeds for oboe and bassoon cost approximately $20 and will need to be replaced every 8 – 12 weeks for beginning students.

Each student will have the opportunity to try some of these instruments and will be allowed to change their preferences during the period of testing.

Instrument Hire (please tick where appropriate)

[ ] I am interested in providing an instrument should my child be selected for the program.
[ ] I own a ___________________________ and am happy for my child to use this instrument at school.
[ ] I am unable to provide an instrument for my child at this stage and would like to hire one at school. I understand I may not be able to hire this instrument in 2017.

Please tick

[ ] I understand that there are fees involved if my child would like to participate in Instrumental Music.

[ ] I will need to pay

[ ] $50 for hire of school instrument.
[ ] $20 for Instrumental Music Levy (All Students required to pay)

Parent’s signature: ____________________________ Date: _____________
Monto Primary School Float

Children are encouraged to take part in this fun tradition by dressing up and travelling on the float in the Dairy Festival parade on **Saturday 24 September**. The theme being “Legendairy Udder to Butter”, we are suggesting children can take their pick as to how they would like to dress up. Some ideas might be cows, bulls, calves, milkmaids, dairy farmers, super cows or super heroes (legends) or even walking bill boards selling/advertising butter.

It would be great if children could be ready at **12.30pm** with the parade starting at 1pm at the top of the main street. The parade will go down Newton Street and over to the Show Grounds. Please collect your children off the float at the Show Grounds.

**If you are able to help with the float preparations**—this will be happening at the school on Thursday (22 Sept) and Friday (23 Sept) before the dairy festival. Please contact Helen Goody on 0429 623 937 if you are able to help.

Program for all kids activities from Saturday 17 September to Saturday 25 September, can be found [here!!](#)

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**Monto Amateur Swimming Club**

INVITES

All new and existing members to our Sign on - Come & Try night.

**Tuesday 4 Oct**—**5.45pm to 7.30pm**

Swim club is not a learn to swim, it's a continuation of skills taught.

Free Sausage Sizzle on the night

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Are you community minded and willing to help support local people with special needs and their families? If so, the Callide Dawson Special Needs Support Group Inc could use your input.

We are a dedicated group which advocates for and provides services, equipment and materials to enhance the learning and development of people with a identified needs in our region. Some recent examples of our success stories include funding a series of Sing and Grow Workshops for 0 – 5 year olds, State Ensemble Honours Gifted and Talented Instrumental Program and the installation of a new shade sail at the Banana Shire Community Resource Centre (CRC).

We are currently seeking new members who may have a fresh outlook and some bright ideas. If you would like to become involved, or even just learn a little more about what we do, we meet every six-eight weeks at the CRC, 102 Rainbow Street, Biloela. For further info please contact Donna or Pam at the CRC 4992 7360 or email cdsnsg@outlook.com

Softball Come and Try Day

Interested in Softball?
Looking for some school holiday fun?.
Waves Softball Club Bundaberg will be hosting a School holiday Softball Come and try day. No experience needed. For all interested players in the North Burnett
Venue - Mundubbera Sports Ground
Date – Friday 23rd September
Time – 12pm start
What to bring – Hat, Water, sunscreen
Open to all boys and girls
Sausage sizzle provided. Contact 0428931151

SLEEP…..EAT…..PLAY
SOFTBALL