



# MONTO STATE SCHOOL NEWS

*Ever onwards - Be respectful, responsible, safe and a thinker*

*100 years of educating the Monto Community in 2026*

Term 2 Week 4 has been very exciting. In Science students have been writing information reports about the solar system and understanding how the solar system works. Our Prep – Year 2 students are super excited about their trip to Bundaberg where they will see Pevan and Sarah, an educational learning presentation, have a pizza party, and visit the zoo.

Good luck to our Cross Country runners today as they tackle the North Burnett course in Gayndah for selection in the North Burnett Cross Country Team.

## Y Safe

Once again, our cluster schools (Monto SS, Monto SHS, Abercorn SS, Mulgildie SS) have invested in the Y Safe program. This program aims at providing our students and families with knowledge and understanding about cyber safety. The program will run from 27-29 May. **We strongly encourage parents to attend the free information session on 27 May from 5-6pm at Monto SHS.**

## Breakfast Club

Kirsty Curtis has been running a very successful Breakfast Club every Tuesday and Thursday morning. This is a free service, and students have been encouraged to have some cereal or fruit. Groceries have been sourced from Food Bank, a company that supports schools in this space. Thank you Kirsty for your dedication and support to our

students.

That's it for another week. I look forward to seeing you at the front gate!

Troy Jenkins  
Principal

## 2026 Priorities

**Excellence in reading and transitions**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**15 May—Pre-prep transition**

**20 May—School Photos**

**22 May—Under 8's**

**25—26 May—Life Education**

**27—29 May Y Safe Program**

**02 June—Prep—Yr2 Excursion Bundaberg**



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance: **90.6%**

Target: **93%**



**Interruption leads to disruption!**



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# 2026 CALENDAR

15 May—Pre-prep transition

20 May—School Photos

22 May—Under 8's

25—26 May—Life Education

27—29 May

Y Safe Program

02 June—Prep—Yr2 Excursion  
Bundaberg

16 June—Burnett Playgroup visit

18 June—Prep vision screening

22 June—Pre-prep transition

25 June—Monto SS Athletics  
Carnival

26 June—Mega Mega Draw

26 June—Last day of Term 2

13 July—First day of Term 3

14 July—Burnett Playgroup visit

20-21 July—Regional Shield

18 August—Burnett Playgroup visit

18-21 August—Year 3 & 4 Camp

21 August—Pre-prep transition

20 August—Teddy bear Hospital P-2

4 September—Pupil Free Day

14 September—Pre-prep transition

15 September—Burnett Playgroup visit

16 September—Biloela Netball Carnival

18 September—Colour Run

18 September—Mega Mega Mega Draw

18 September—Last day of Term 3

5 October—King's Birthday public holiday

6 October—First day of Term 4

13 October Burnett Playgroup visit

30 October—Pre-prep transition

16-20 November—Year 5 & 6 Camp

7 December—Pre-prep transition

7 December—Year 6 Graduation

9 December—Awards Night

10 December—Swimming Carnival

11 December—Mega Mega Mega Mega  
Draw

11 December—Last day of Term 4





### **Family Support Coordinators**

I am very pleased to announce that Mundubbera State College and Monto State School has engaged a **Family Support Coordinator**.

Our new **Family Support Coordinator** is part of the Queensland Government's *Putting Queensland Kids First* plan. The initiative is designed to support children and families transition to school and support engagement and learning in Queensland State primary schools.

### **What services will the Family Support Coordinator provide?**

The Family Support Coordinator will support our children, families and our school staff, with a focus on Prep to year 2 cohort. They will provide essential support to our students and their families, connecting them with external services, ensuring our students' have a smooth transition into the school environment. By fostering these connections, the Family Support Coordinator helps ensure that our students remain actively engaged in their education.

### **Our school Family Support Coordinator**

Our school's **Family Support Coordinator** is **Kirsty Curtis**.

**Kirsty grew up in the Monto area and after working away has returned. Kirsty has worked in the school aged care, community support and engagement area as PCYC Branch Manager for many years. Her role will now see her working across Monto SS and Mundubbera SS.**

**Kristy Townsend who was the previous support worker for Mundubbera, Monto, Gayndah and Biggenden will now focus her time on Gayndah SS and Biggenden SS.**

For further information about our school's Family Support Coordinator and the Queensland Government's *Putting Queensland Kids First* plan please visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/putting-qld-kids-first>.

### **Family Support Coordinator Farewell**

Monto families, I would like to thank you for welcoming me into the school and town over the last 12 months. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and support families and the school community during this time. I will continue to support Gayndah and Biggenden and welcome Kirsty Curtis to the role in both Monto and Mundubbera. Whilst Kirsty is learning the ropes I will be assisting in the background- please feel free to contact either of us and we will work to support you and your family.

Mrs Kristy Townsend





# Year 3-4



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Term 2

Welcome to Term 2! This term we are really focusing on our bookwork, trying our best in all learning activities and maintaining a calm focused classroom.

#### English

In Term 2 we are exploring a variety of space concepts both in English and Science. The students are loving growing their knowledge of the different planets in our solar system!

#### Maths

In Maths we are developing our number skills and learning to calculate duration of events using analogue and digital clocks.

### Our Space Craft



# Under 8's Day

We are very excited to announce that during Under 8's Day, Monto State School will be purchasing the lunch meal deal for each of our students that are attending.

Mr Jenkins is asking students what they want. If you would like to discuss this further please contact the office.

**Friday 22 May 2026**

@ St Therese's Catholic  
Primary School



# School Photo Day

## REMINDER



Country School  
Photos

Customer Service and  
Professional Photography

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Owners: Paul and Donna Webb  
P.O. Box 882 Warwick 4370  
ABN: 51944 801 243

This is a friendly reminder that School Photo Day is coming up soon! Check your school newsletter for details. Please make a note in your diaries and help your child come prepared for this special day. Have your child arrive on time with a clean uniform, tidy hair and a lovely smile.

- Each student is to return their envelope to the photographer on photo day regardless of payment type. One envelope per student.

(Additional envelopes for separated parents & grandparents are available from the school office or by contacting us. Please write 'Mum's order' or 'Dad's order' across the top of the envelope)

- Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually regardless of whether purchasing or not.

#### IMPORTANT – 'NOT FOR PUBLICATION' STUDENTS & CORRECT STUDENT NAMES


Please ensure that your child's christian & surnames and that the media release instructions are current & correct. This includes whether your child's image is to be included in the class photos and/or if your child's full name is able to be shown – either present or absent. You must notify the school immediately if you need to have these records changed. All students, otherwise, will be photographed & named in their class photo for purchase by all families.

- Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. **Payment can be made by cash, credit card or direct deposit. The Photographers must receive the envelope with order details regardless of payment type.** The DIGITAL COPIES of portraits & sibling photos are complimentary with purchase of Photo Packs by writing 'DIGITAL' & your email on top of the envelope.

- **Sibling photo** to be ordered on your **eldest child's envelope only.**

**Please ensure your eldest child knows that a sibling photo is to be taken.**

Tips for a better photo:

Have your child practise their smile. Say 'chooky' or 'monkey'.  Breathe out and relax your shoulders. Have hair as tidy as possible and a clean uniform. Please ensure your child wears their full school uniform, including appropriate shoes and accessories as per the school's dress code.

Please contact Donna who will happily answer any questions you may have. (Email is best)

Parent Enquiries Mobile: 0429 405 418 Email: [countryphotos@gmail.com](mailto:countryphotos@gmail.com) [www.countryphotos.com.au](http://www.countryphotos.com.au)

We will adhere to the safe social distancing rules and have minimal contact with each student whilst they are being photographed. Hand sanitisers and hand wipes will be available for all to use to help ensure a safe working environment.



# SAVE THE DATE



We are pleased to  
invite you to join us for a

## Cyber Safety Education Session

For parents and carers



**Term 2, Week 6 – Wednesday, 27th May  
2026**

**5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Monto State High School Hall**

# Attendance Counts at Monto State School

## Every day counts.



qld.gov.au/everydaycounts



## Tips for turning up



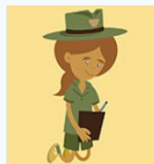
### Don't think about it

Just do it, go to school.  
Sounds simple, because it is.  
School attendance should become a habit.



### Get to bed early

Yeah, we know it sounds preachy, but it's important. Go to bed late on weekends, that's what they're for. During the week, though, be sensible: hit the hay early. It's a sure way to make the most of your school day.



### Dream big

What's this about?  
It's thinking possibilities, more importantly your career and work possibilities. Whatever your dream is, school is important in making sure you achieve it.



### Teamwork

Check in with your friends to make sure they're turning up, and hopefully they'll do the same for you. What's your tip for turning up?  
Contact us so we can share your deadly idea.

## Every day counts

### MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

**OK** reasons to stay home from school

- sick
- natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

### EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

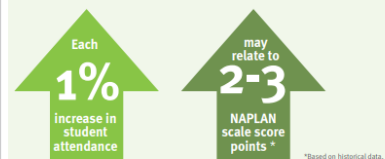
Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep  
It's where good habits begin

### ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



### What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information

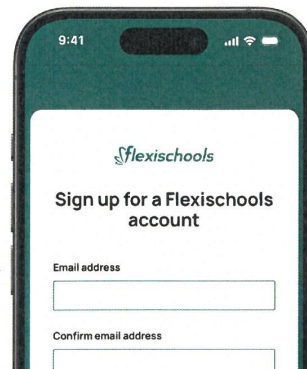
Go to the [Every day counts](https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts) website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>

# Our school is online with Flexischools

## Step 1

### Register with Flexischools

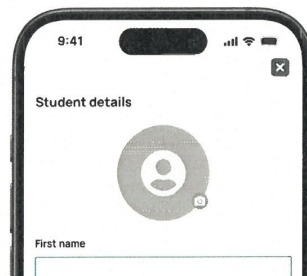
- 1 Download the Flexischools app and click **"Sign Up."**
- 2 Enter your email to **create an account.**
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to **verify your email.**
- 4 Follow the prompts to complete your registration.



## Step 2

### Enter your child's details

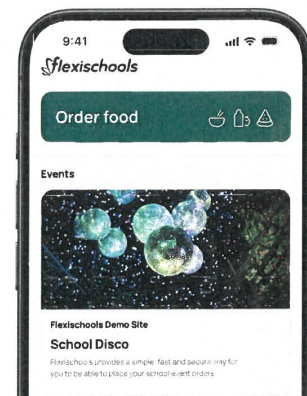
- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under **"Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."**
- 2 **Add your child's details** to the new student profile.



## Step 3

### Place an order

- 1 On the home page, click the **"Order food"** button.
- 2 **Select the student** you would like to order for. Choose a **service** and **order date.**
- 3 **Select the items you would like to order**
- 4 Click **"View order"** and select **"Checkout and pay"** to place your order.



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Welcome to the 

# MNC Playgroup



9:30am - 11am

**Monto Neighbourhood  
Centre**  
**7 Huxley Street**

**FORTNIGHTLY on  
Wednesday**

**Come along for a fun session of craft, games and story time!  
Great morning for social connection and inclusion!  
Bring a hat and water bottle  
Morning tea provided!**

**For more information or to be added to the reminder text list, please  
contact the Monto Neighbourhood Centre on (07)4994 2508**



**Monto  
Neighbourhood Centre**  
TOGETHER WE GROW AS A COMMUNITY



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