



# MONTO STATE SCHOOL NEWS

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

*100 years of educating the Monto Community in 2026*

The term is moving extremely quickly. Students are analysing characters in English, properties of materials in Science, life and communities in HaSS and number, space and statistics in Maths. We are preparing for the Centenary and gathering memorabilia to display. It is a very exciting time at Monto SS.

Sports trials are in full swing with students trialling for Netball, Soccer and Rugby League. This year we are hosting these trials for North Burnett sport to cut down on travel for our students. North Burnett Netball is on Friday at the town courts and Mrs Galloway will be convening. Rugby League and Soccer trials will be on 6 March at the Combined Sports fields. Good luck to all our students who have been selected in our Monto District teams.

The Queensland Government has introduced the Back to School Boost which means every primary school aged child has received \$100 credit on their school account. We are currently working on the Consent Form for this, which will be distributed via QParents in the next couple of weeks. If you haven't already signed up to QParents please do so in preparation, as this is required for use of the credit. There is a flyer further in the newsletter with information on how to sign up to QParents. Please call the school office if you require any support with this.

Please remember to look at our date section as this term is very busy. Have a great weekend and I look forward to catching up with you at the front gate some time.

## 2026 Priorities

**Excellence in reading and transitions**

Troy Jenkins  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

**20 February—North Burnett Netball Trials**

**24 February—Badges & Beginnings Ceremony**

**6 March—North Burnett Rugby League Trials**

**14 March— Centenary Celebrations**

**17 March—Burnett Playgroup visit**

**2 April—Mega Draw**

**2 April—Last day of Term 1**



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance: **92.3%**

Target: **93%**



# Mighty Monto Manners!



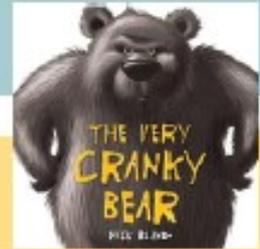
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# **2025 CALENDAR**

- 20 February—North Burnett  
Netball Trials**
- 24 February—Badges & Beginnings  
Ceremony**
- 6 March—North Burnett Rugby  
League Trials**
- 14 March— Centenary Celebrations**
- 17 March—Burnett Playgroup visit**
- 2 April—Mega Draw**
- 2 April—Last day of Term 1**
- 20 April—First day of Term 2**
- 24 April—ANZAC Day Ceremony  
MSHS**
- 24 April—Cross Country MSHS**
- 25 April—ANZAC Day**
- 12 May—Burnett Playgroup visit**
- 20 May—School Photos**
- 22 May—Under 8's**
- 16 June—Burnett Playgroup visit**
- 18 June—Prep vision screening**
- 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**
- 19-21 August—Year 3 & 4 Camp**
- 4 September—Pupil Free Day**
- 15 September—Burnett Playgroup  
visit**
- 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**
- 16-20 November—Year 5 & 6  
Camp**
- 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**

# YEAR 1/ 2 NEWS

Term 1



The Year 1/ 2 class have started the year exceptionally well! The students have settled in and are adjusting well to new staff and routines.

## Maths

In Maths, students are becoming familiar with numbers up to 120 (year 1) and 1000 (year 2). Both year levels are learning about data collection and representing this into a picture graph to compare and answer questions. Positional language to give and follow directions has also been a focus.

## English

In English this term, we are learning to share ideas and express an opinion about a character from a familiar story. We are using the Nick Bland "Cranky Bear" series to explore characters, settings and events. Students are required to present their opinions to the class using some formal language and appropriate vocal techniques including: volume, pace and tone.



# QParents

Stay connected with your child's school.

This free and secure app allows you to:



provide digital consent



notify of absences including future absences



manage your child's information



view report cards, upcoming events and timetables



pay invoices and view payment history



receive school announcements



Learn more about QParents  
on our website



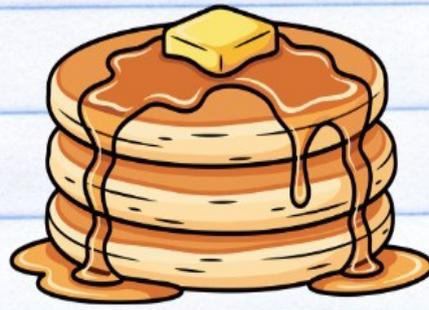
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## STUDENT COUNCIL PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS EXCITED TO HOST A PANCAKE FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENTS!

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT AND BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS



1 PANCAKE WITH MAPLE SYRUP — \$1.00

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ORDERS MUST BE PLACED IN ADVANCE
- NO PURCHASES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.
- MONEY AND COMPLETED ORDER FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.
- NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED



### COLLECTION DETAILS:

PANCAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

FROM THE TUCKSHOP THURSDAY 5TH MARCH SECOND BREAK (EATING TIME)

Date Claimer

*Celebrating*

100

Years of educating the  
Monto community

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*Monto SS Centenary*

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**EVER ONWARD**



# MONTO STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 AT MONTO STATE SCHOOL

9AM

School Open

9.30AM

Roll Call

Monto Instrumental Music Band performance

10.30AM -  
11.30AM

Official Welcome - Troy Jenkins School Principal

National Anthem

School Song

Principal Address - Troy Jenkins

P & C Address - President Lachlan Brown

Welcome - 2026 School Captains

Archer Tincknell and Lillian Jenkins

## Memories of Monto State School

### Guest Speakers

Current Monto State School Student -

Beau Bourke

Past Pupil Address -

Brianna Hockey & Courtney Winfield-Hill

Past Principal Address -

Greg Dobson

Opening of the Time Capsule

Replacing the Time Capsule

12.00PM  
- 6.00PM

BBQ Lunch and Bar operating (P & C)

Live music by Blake Benecke - Past Student

Photo opportunities for returning classmates

Open classroom displays with memorabilia

*Monto State School celebrating 100 years  
1926-2026*

# 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

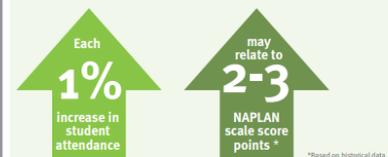
Missing even 1 day can make a difference

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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Monday - Friday 7AM - 4PM AEST on **1300 361 769**.



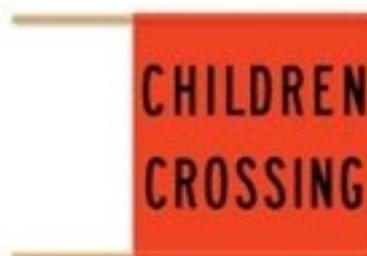
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## Children's crossings

When flags are on display, drivers must give way to pedestrians on or about to enter the crossing.

Drivers ***must also*** remain behind the stop line until everyone has left the crossing,

**including the Crossing Supervisor.**



If you need to stop or park to pick-up / drop-off passengers, your vehicle must be no closer than *20m on the approaching side and 10m on the departure side*. These

**'No stopping'** areas are marked with a sign.



## SECTION 20 - LITERACY

Chief Steward: Carol Scott

Steward: Karen Hockey

Free Entry

Entries Close: 5pm Tuesday 21st April

Judging: Wednesday

The Literacy Section is sponsored by;



### Regulations

1. All works must be the original work of the competitor.
2. The Society reserves the right to refuse any entry (refer By-Laws).
3. If entering a School Class, please also include the name of the school in the entry.
4. Exhibits which have won a first prize at a previous Monto Show, are not eligible.
5. Exhibition will be dismantled at 3pm on the last day of the Show and will be available for collection by 3.30pm.

All Literacy Competition Exhibits can be left with the secretary or emailed to [themontoshow@gmail.com](mailto:themontoshow@gmail.com)

Entries in the Handwriting classes must be handwritten in the required format

a. Classes 2006 & 2009: Prep to Year 3 - Lead pencil

b. Class 2010: Year 4 – Lead pencil / Years 5 & 6 – Lead pencil/Black or Blue ink pen.

Classes 2004, 2005 and 2006 are to be judged on general handwriting using the provided passages.

Literacy Competition: "We will always remember them"

Participants are encouraged to explore the theme "We will always remember them" as a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who have served in the Australian Armed Forces. They were farmers, factory workers, timber cutters, volunteers, and neighbours—everyday Australians who gave generously both in service and at home. We remember them not only as soldiers, but as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers—people who built lives, raised families, worked the land, and contributed to the strength and spirit of their local communities.



# 2026 JOEY'S JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

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## SIGN ON - COME & TRY DAY

AGES 5YRS TO 14YRS

**FREE**  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
TO FOLLOW

*Both Boys and Girls welcome!*

*Date: Saturday, 21st February*

*Place: Monto Combined Sports Fields*

*Time: 9am*

*Bring: Water bottle, closed in shoes*

WE ACCEPT FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

*Joey's committee will be available to assist with questions and sign up on the day! If you have any questions, please message our Facebook Page - Monto Joey's Junior Rugby League.*