



MONTO STATE SCHOOL NEWS

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

99 years of educating the Monto Community in 2025

The term has started with a bang, with our students competing at Monto District Athletics and the Regional Shield. We had 48 students compete in the Monto District Athletics Carnival with our students performing at a high level. Students who have been selected in the Monto District Athletics Team to travel to Childers will receive paperwork tomorrow. We had our Netballers and Rugby League players travel to Tannum Sands to compete in the Department of Education's Regional Shield competition. This is the largest run primary Netball and Rugby League competition in the state. Our Rugby League boys came 11th overall out of 20 teams and our Netball team came 14th out of 32. This is huge achievement for all students involved. Our teams beat schools like Kin Kora SS, Clinton SS and Victoria Park SS. All of these schools have well over 600 students. Our teams played well above their weight in both competitions. A huge thank you to parents making the journey over and supporting our sporting program at Monto SS. Thank you also to Miss Shallcross for her super coaching of our elite Netballers. We look forward to heading over again next year with a new bunch of students to this great carnival.

Last week cluster schools organised a company to teach students about cyber safety and protecting themselves while using devices. The Y Safe program was extremely engaging, and all students have a better understanding of how to stay safe while using the internet and phone apps. If you would like to learn more about keeping your children safe and understanding what apps are appropriate for them to use, please follow this link <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>. The website is a government site which has information and support about safety, illegal and restricted online content, adult cyber abuse, cyberbullying, and consent to name a few. This site has helped me to understand how to regulate my child's device time and ways to restrict content and access to inappropriate sites. I encourage you to jump onto the site and read through the information.

Playgroup is running on a Monday morning at our school from 9-11am. We have had great numbers, and both children and parents have enjoyed the interaction. We are using our new outdoor play area, and the children are all having a great time exploring and learning together. Next week we will be painting, climbing and building things so come along and have a couple of hours of fun! Our playgroup is open to all children in the community and we look forward to seeing this group for over the coming months!

2025 Priorities

Refine and implement a whole school approach to pedagogy.

Continue to refine and implement V9 Australian Mathematics Curriculum across the whole school.

We are still trying to find a replacement for the irreplaceable Miss White. This process is ongoing and Miss White will remain with the Year 3/4 class until we find a suitable replacement.

That's a wrap for this week. I hope you have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you at the front gate!

Troy Jenkins
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

01 August—Australian Primary School Principal Day

04-08 August—School Support Staff Recognition Day (Admin & Grounds)

08 August—North Burnett Athletics

11 August—Monto Show Public Holiday

15 August—CPR with Mrs Salisbury

15 August—Wear Orange for Bullying No Way



ATTENDANCE

Attendance: 93%

Target: 92%



First Time Only Time!



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2025 CALENDAR

01 August—Primary School Principal Day

04—08 August—School Support Staff Recognition Week (Grounds and Admin)

11 August—Show Holiday

15 August—CPR with Mrs Salisbury

15 August—Wear Orange for Bullying No Way

22 August—Pre Prep Day 9-11

25—29 August—Speech Pathology Week

25—29 August—Children's Book Week

29 August—Book Week Costume Parade & Breakfast

01—04 September—Year 3/4 Camp

01-05 September—Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

05 September—Pupil Free Day

11 September—R U OK Day

12 September—Ice Cream Sandwich fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charity

12 September—Ergon Electricity visiting Year 5 &6

19 September—Colour Explosion Run

19 September—Last day of Term 3

06 October—Kings Birthday public holiday

07 October—First day of Term 4

14 October—Prep Vision Screening

24 October—Pre Prep Day 9-11

24 October— World Teachers' Day

31 October—Day for Daniel

03—07 November—Year 5/6 Camp

11 November—Remembrance Day

14 November—World Diabetes Day

28 November—Pre Prep Day 9-11

01—05 December—Disability Action Week

12 December—Last day of Term 4



Chappy's Corner – What is School Chaplaincy?

Over the school holidays, I had the opportunity to attend a Scripture Union Conference for school chaplains. Around sixty chaplains gathered from across the Sunshine Coast, Hinterlands, Bundaberg, Murgon, Gayndah, Gin Gin, Mt Perry and surrounding areas. It was a great time to connect with others in a similar role, learn how they serve their school community, grow professionally and reflect on the purpose behind what we do. Chaplaincy can be a difficult role to define, as it often looks different in every school and reflects the individual goals and needs of each school community.

For the most part, a school chaplain helps to support the social, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of students and the broader school community. But what does that really mean? At the heart of chaplaincy is this incredible opportunity to simply take the time to intentionally build genuine and trusting relationships with others. For me, this means being present with students in whatever they're doing, whether it's in the classroom or on the handball court. My aim is to offer a listening ear and create a space within relationship where students feel seen, valued, and safe.

One of the biggest takeaways from the conference was the reminder not to underestimate the power of being intentional with time and presence. While I was away, another chaplain asked me what strengths I bring to my school. It caught me off guard, but his question was sincere. I am not particularly musical, academic, athletic or artistic! I failed to articulate any kind of fantastic response to the question, but simply replied, "I just love spending time getting to know the kids." I have since realised that chaplaincy isn't so much about showcasing our own strengths, so much as it is about bringing the strengths out in others.

It's in these everyday moments when trust is established that we begin to understand how to best support students. The conference provided a range of practical tools and program ideas to support emotional regulation and peer relationships which I am excited to explore further. We also work as part of a wellbeing team at school to help connect students with the appropriate services if more specialised care is needed. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch at the school or via email at karina.hotz@suchaplaincy.org.au.

Karina Hotz
Chaplain at Monto State School



Prep/1 Happenings



Happy 100 days – or it was last week when our class celebrated 100 days of being at school and learning with our very own party. Our students planned, made and enjoyed our afternoon extravaganza of food, games, dancing and being the first in the school on the new playground.



This term in English and Science, we are very busy learning about different endangered animals, their habitats and the difference between information and imagination texts. This week we are learning about the Northern Hairy-Nosed Wombat, just ask us.

In Maths we will continue building our number sense and using this to work out given problems. We will also be learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes and finding them in our environment.

This semester we will be focussing on learning about using computers and being able to login and off by ourselves.

It is wonderful to see so many of our students continuing to practice their reading and writing with our Decodable Readers Australia online programs, that as a school we can go and check what skills they have been practicing. Well done to students and parents who are taking advantage of accessing this program for extra practice.

We will begin our Pre-Prep orientation days this term, so if you know of any children for Prep in 2026 that are interested in seeing what we do, please send them along, the dates are in our attached flyer.



PARADE



Attendance Counts at Monto State School

Every day counts.



qld.gov.au/everydaycounts



Tips for turning up



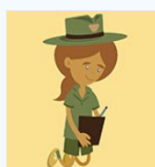
Don't think about it

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



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

Each 1% increase in student attendance

may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points*

*Based on historical data.

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>



Queensland Government



Monto State School

2026 Prep Transition Days

We invite all prospective 2026 Prep students the opportunity to experience a taste of school life at Monto State School. Our kind, caring and highly experienced early years educator, along with our full time Teacher Aide will provide your child with the chance to take part in learning experiences along side our 2025 Prep students to guide them in their journey to school. During these sessions, students will experience different learning experiences, that will begin to prepare them for their schooling journey. When attending please bring a small snack for fruit break, hat and water bottle.

- Friday 22 August 9am-11am - Separation, Resilience and Exploration - supporting your child's social and emotional wellbeing with the concept of beginning school.
- Friday 12 September 9am-11am - Literacy focus - providing your child with a taste of the early literacy demands of school.
- Friday 24 October 9am-11am - Numeracy focus - providing your child with a taste of the early numeracy demands of school.
- Friday 28 November 9am-11:30am - End of Year Celebrations - activities designed to celebrate the end of your child's Kindergarten journey and beginning of their Primary School journey. Children will also be able to experience a first lunch and play session.

RSVP to let us know when you can attend - 41 669 111

2026 Prep Interviews

These interviews offer parents the opportunity to discuss with our educators any concerns they or their children have about entering their next step in schooling and gives our educators an opportunity to learn about the more intricate natures of each child entering our care.

Talk to our wonderful administration team about available times for this interview.

Enrol your child to be a part of our supportive, caring school and
unlock their full potential

You are invited to
experience our annual
Colour Fun Run.

Friday 19 September 2pm

EST 1926 - Educating our community for over 99 years !

<https://montoss.eq.edu.au/>

Get your costumes ready and prepare to...

book an ADVENTURE



for the 2025 Book Week!

Book themed activities run at lunch times throughout the week.
Costume parade and whole school breakfast Friday 29th August.
More information to come closer to the date.

Any questions please see Miss Shallcross.

YEAR 5 / 6 CAMP 2025



All families with children attending camp will have had an invoice emailed to them this week.

The cost of camp has been finalised at \$400.

Payments are due by Wednesday 17th September.

Medical forms, consent forms and an itinerary will be sent home early in Term 4.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Shallcross.





Parent Information Session

A powerful and informative session designed for parents, carers, teachers and community leaders, emphasising the importance of a whole-school community working together to prevent all forms of bullying, with a strong focus on cyberbullying and online safety.

This session will explore:

- Different types of bullying – definitions, signs, and symptoms
- The role of the bystander
- Key facts and statistics
- Current social media trends and online dangers
- Account management, privacy and reporting
- What parents can do to reduce online risks
- Setting realistic boundaries and rules at home
- Legal consequences and responsibilities
- Help and support

Participants will gain practical tools and strategies to reduce online risks and support young people in using technology safely and responsibly.

Join us at 1 of 5 Workshops:

Bundaberg West: Monday 4 August 2025, 6 - 7:30 pm, Brothers Sports Club 130 Takalvan St

Maryborough: Tuesday 5 August 2025, 6 - 7:30 pm, Carriers Arms Hotel Motel 405 Alice St

Maroochydore: Wednesday 6 August 2025, 6 - 7:30 pm, Maroochydore RSL 105 Memorial Ave

Caloundra: Thursday 7 August 2025, 6 - 7:30 pm, Caloundra RSL 19 West Terrace

Online: Tuesday 5 August 2025, 7 – 8:00 pm

To register for a face-to-face training session please RSVP to: NorthCoastRegion@qed.qld.gov.au

To register for the online training click on the below link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bCtPI4_ISWuMn8W-rLvARA

***Let's work together to build a
safer and more respectful
environment for every child
– both online and offline.***



www.bullyzero.org.au



Fundraiser for Striker Football 2025 Borneo Cup



Trivia Night

BILOELA BOWLS CLUB

SATURDAY

AUG 16

DOORS OPEN @5PM

MEMORABILIA
AUCTION, PRIZES
AND RAFFLE

\$80 PER TABLE

TABLES OF 8

Get in quick!
Limited tables

TABLE BOOKINGS & MORE INFO:

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