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From the Principal’s Post

WOW! What a whirlwind first term it has been. We have had cyclones, earthquakes, floods, building works and somewhere in the midst of all that, a whole lot of teaching and learning! I would like to congratulate all the students on their efforts this term. I am very pleased with how they have conducted themselves and they should be proud of their efforts over the past 10 weeks. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe break. Take the time to relax and refresh, spend time with family and friends, and most importantly – enjoy some well-earned chocolate! See you all on Monday 20th April as we embark on another ten week journey with ample teaching and learning, along with reports, parent/teacher/student discussions, sports competitions, athletics carnivals and lots of other exciting events. Remember – if you ever have any questions or comments, please contact the school or email Ben DePasquale at bdepa5@eq.edu.au. We welcome and value your feedback.

Weekly Parade

Don’t forget that we have our weekly parade on a Monday afternoon. It will begin at 2:45 pm and conclude by 3:00 pm. We welcome all members of the community to join us on these occasions, when we can celebrate and recognise the efforts of the amazing Abercorn students. Our School Captain and Vice-Captains are doing a great job at running our parades each week. Well done!

Crazy Hair Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 20th March, our school participated in a ‘Crazy Hair Day’ to raise money and awareness for Leukemia. We are proud to announce that our school was able to raise approximately $65 from this event. We also recognised the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence by wearing orange. Students participated in discussions and activities to raise awareness of this issue in society.

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 31st was our last P&C Meeting. These meetings are a great opportunity to share your opinions and provide valuable feedback to us, which can be used to inform many decisions made here at the school. Thanks also to Scott, Liam, Kerri and Camille, our P&C Executive for 2015, for leading these meetings. The first initiative of the P&C this year was purchasing fridges for each classroom for students to put their lunches in to prevent food getting warm or going ‘off’. The students are very happy about the new investments in our school.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Reghan – showing respect to his classmates and working hard to achieve his best.

Archie – always trying hard to learn in every lesson and taking pride in his bookwork.

Zarah – working hard to make a huge improvement in knowledge of her times tables facts.

Mitchell – a colourful drawing of the book ‘The Rescue’. Excellent Effort!
Combined Schools ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Friday 24th April, our school has been invited to combine with Monto State School, Monto State High School and Mulgildie State School for an ANZAC Day Memorial Service. This will be held in Monto and begin at 10:00 am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this occasion. It is anticipated that we will hire the bus from Kim to transport us to and from the event. Costs for this will be met by the school. Permission notes for travel to and from the event will be distributed on the first day of Term 2.

ANZAC Day Merchandise

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. The school has purchased some ANZAC Day merchandise which will be for sale in the first week of Term 2, with prices ranging from 50c to $2. All money raised goes back to the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee, who initiate and maintain projects in order to honour the ANZACs and all the Australians who have served their country in times of conflict.

School Building Works

Over the past few weeks and over the holidays, our school is undergoing some significant building works to improve our facilities. These works will include items such as new steps to B-Block, new windows and Crim-Safe screens to A-Block, B-Block, the foyer and office, new carpet in the office, shelving in foyer, repainting of B-Block and foyer, electrical work in the switch-board and cages around air conditioner units downstairs. There has been minimal interruption to classes, and hopefully this continues. Most works should be completed prior to school commencing next term.

Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions

Attached to this newsletter there is a note regarding Parent/Teacher/Student discussions. I would encourage students to also attend these meetings, as we are discussing them and what we can do to help them. They will most likely be held in the first two weeks of next term. This is an opportunity for teachers, students and parents/carers to get together and discuss student progress and some future goals.

2015 School Camp

We are likely to be going to Yeppoon to the PCYC camp there. It is an ex-government facility which the PCYC has been operating for the past year. The cost is expected to be around $440 per person. This is before any subsidies from the P&C or Tuckshop. We hope to finalise this and have accurate costs early next term.

School Times

Our daily class time starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 3:00 pm. With this in mind, we ask that you please advise us if you intend on dropping your child/children off early. More often than not, we are happy for them to be here early, however we do ask that if you are leaving them before 8:30 am to let us know so we can ensure there will be adequate supervision on site. We understand that mornings can be a very hectic time in preparing and organising children for school, however we do ask for your consideration in this matter, as we are frequently preparing lessons and activities for the day during before school time.

NAPLAN News

Help your child make the most of NAPLAN. It is important that not only reading takes place, but comprehension of the text is tested. This can be done in a few simple ways, including through asking questions about how and why things have occurred in the text. Students should also be able to give a recount of the text – indicating that they actually ’took in’ some of the meaning being conveyed in the text. Our Year 3 and 5 students will undertake these tests on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.
Reading Corner
Last week we included more information on ‘Making Connections’ has been included. In this newsletter, we have included some tips on how the ‘Predicting’ and ‘Questioning’ strategies can be used. These two strategies are some of the more common ones that we might use when reading to and with our children.

Cattle Club
Mrs Scholl has been coming in on a Thursday lunchtime to speak with our students in Cattle Club. Last Thursday, Mrs Scholl organised for us to visit Mortimer’s property – thankyou to Kathryn and Tony Mortimer for hosting us. Mrs Scholl had also organised for some professionals to meet us out there and talk through cattle judging with the students. On Saturday we had 7 students from Abercorn State School participate in Cattle Judging in Mundubbera. The students did a great job representing their school. Thanks to Mrs Scholl for organising it all.

Attendance Update
Our attendance rate is currently 96.28%. Great work everyone on helping our school achieve such a great attendance rate! Next term, we will recognise all those students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1.

Monto District Cross Country Carnival
As has happened in previous years, the Monto District Cross Country Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 1 – Thursday 2nd April. All students are invited and encouraged to attend this event. Food and drinks can be purchased at the event.

Goodwill Games and Monto District Athletics
Our Annual Goodwill Games will be held on Saturday 30th May. This is a chance for our students to participate in a range of Athletics Track and Field events in preparation for the Monto District Athletics Carnival (which will be held on 31st July). Further information about both of these events will be distributed next Term.

Monto District Sport Trials
Earlier this week, three students represented Abercorn State School and the Monto District in the North Burnett Sports Trials in Gayndah. Congratulations to Emily D, Izac and Cameron on your participation in this day.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Library Borrowing
Don’t forget that our library borrowing is Thursday. Remember to bring your book back so you can swap it on a Thursday!

School Website
What would you like to see on our school website? We are keen to have the website updated regularly with news and information that can often be of great assistance to parents and carers at home. Email bdepa5@eq.edu.au to give your feedback and ideas.

Brain Teaser
Last week’s answer – I have streets but no pavement, I have cities but no buildings, I have forests but no trees, I have rivers yet no water. A map!
**Tuckshop News**

Remember that Tuckshop costs $5 ($3 at first break and $2 at second break) and all the money raised will be used to subsidise the cost of school camp. Please see the attached Draft Tuckshop Roster for Term 2. If you have not done so, please complete and return this ASAP.

**Student Council**

Our Year 5 students are extremely pleased to have been given the job of Student Councillors for 2015. They will work closely with our School Captains elected earlier this year to assist in presenting information to the school and also leading and representing our school district events.

**School Dental Visit**

Thanks everyone who has returned their dental forms – we have got them all back! Robyn, the Oral Health Therapist, will collect these this week and come out with her team in the first couple of weeks next term to do their assessments on the students. They will advise you of any work that your child requires. Students who are identified as needing dental work will receive notice and be required to attend the dental van in either Monto or Eidsvold (this will be confirmed at a later date).

**Other Awards**

Over the past few weeks, we have had several students receive awards, additional to our ‘Student of the Week’ awards. Congratulations to Riley on reaching ‘Club 25’. Well done to Reghan, Mitchell and Gemma who have all reached the next level in their Lexia Reading. Keep up the great reading efforts for your homework. Congratulations also to Reghan who has achieved the next level in his Lexia Reading.

**Easter EGG-Tivities**

On Wednesday 1st April, our students were excited to see the Easter Bunny had visited. There were footprints all through both classrooms – chairs had been knocked over and stepped on! The Easter Bunny left a clear trail with his fluffy white footprints and even found everyone’s Easter basket. They were loaded with heaps of eggs. Some eggs were even dropped around the classrooms – obviously the Easter Bunny had holes in his pockets. We had an ‘Egg Drop’ in the afternoon, where the students made a contraption that was designed to keep a real egg safe. Some were very inventive and when they were dropped from the front balcony, the egg survived. Following this we had a fashion parade to show off our Easter Hats. It turns out we have some very ‘fashionable’ students. What a great way to end a very busy and successful term. Watch out for more photos to come on our Facebook page.

**Winter Hoodies and Jackets**

It was decided at the P&C Meeting on Monday that with the cooler months coming, it would be a good time to put in an order for hoodies and coats. If you are interested in purchasing a hoodie or coat for winter, please advise the school by Friday 24th April – first week of Term 2 – so orders can be placed. All shirts, hoodies and coats will be embroidered with the Abercorn State School emblem. Hoodies will be around $25 each, while a Dry and Cosy Jackets will be approximately $35. Also, if anyone is interested in purchasing an Abercorn State School P&C Shirt, these will be available for approximately $20. All prices are approximate and a final price will be available when order numbers are confirmed. Please advise the school ASAP if you are interested in purchasing any of these. It is hoped that these can be ordered by Week 2 of next term – before it gets too cold!
# 16th Annual Goodwill Games

**Saturday 30th May 2015**

## Events Include
- 60 metre
- 80 metre
- 100 metre
- 200 metre
- 800 metre
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Ball Games
- Relay Races

## Invited Schools
- Abercorn State School
- Boynewood State School
- Eidsvold State School
- Mulgildie State School
- Monogorilby State School
- Monto State School
- Mount Perry State School
- School of Distance Education
- St Therese’s Catholic Primary

**All track and field events have been re-measured for accuracy**

**Modified events for those participants who are under 10 years of age**

**When:**
Saturday 30th May, 2015

**Where:**
Abercorn State School – 957 Wuruma Dam Road, Abercorn

**Time:**
March Past starts at 8:30 am (day to finish at approximately 3:30 pm)

**Who:**
All students 3 – 12 years of age are invited to participate

**Nominations:**
To be returned to Abercorn State School by Friday 22nd May, 2015

**Snacks:**
Food and drinks available for sale from the Canteen – menu coming soon

**RSVP:**
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Monto Veterinary Services

Provide a mobile vet service for both small and large animals through the North Burnett Region.

Our services include:

- **Cattle examinations**: herd health advice, pregnancy testing, semen testing, surgical dehorning, surgical castration and disease investigations.
- **Horse examinations**: lameness investigation, castrations, freeze breeding, dentistry and vaccinations including Hendra.
- **Dog & Cat examinations**: parvo virus vaccinations, heartworm prevention, flea and worm treatments plus arrangements for surgery’s and dentals to be performed in clinic.

To make an appointment, please call us at the Monto Vet Surgery on **(07) 4166 1285** or email: admin@montovetsurgery.com.au or look for us on Facebook or our website: www.montovetsurgery.com.au

Stacey, Mat, Yasmin, Ann, Hayley & Kristy

Monto Netball Association

OUR 2015 SEASON HAS BEGUN!!! If anyone would like to join please come down and see one of our coaches or committee members. TRAINING AND FIXTURES TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **UNDER 10’S**: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **UNDER 12’S**: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- **UNDER 15’S**: 5:00pm - 6:15pm
- **SENIOR FIXTURES**: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Every WEDNESDAY except school holidays. Otherwise please contact Tara on 0437 597 966.
Predicting

Predicting is a useful reading strategy as it helps us think about what to expect when we read. What we know already (our prior knowledge) helps us to predict.

When we predict we can use the
- title
- front and back covers
- blurb
- pictures or diagrams
- table of contents

We can think about the
- topic
- author
- text form – is it a narrative? factual report? recount?

Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

From the way Dylan is acting in the story, I think he is going to get into trouble pretty soon.
Questioning

Good readers ask questions before, during and after they have read a text.

Sometimes the question is answered in the text.

Sometimes you have to use your own prior knowledge and what’s in the text to help you come up with the answer.

Sometimes the question may not be answered by the text at all and you will have to find another source of information to help you.

Asking and answering questions helps you look for information, which builds understanding.

I wonder why the prince is being so mean to the wizard when the wizard is really just trying to help him . . .
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22 Students and 5 staff on Thursday