Upcoming Events

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Who has a Birthday in May?

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**From the Principal’s Post**

I know I say this every newsletter, but what a hectic fortnight we have had! NAPLAN, P&C Meetings, Parent/Teacher Discussions, training for the Goodwill Games and of course lots of learning. It’s hard to believe there are now only 6 weeks left this term.

This week, our students in Years 3 and 5 have participated in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) Tests. I believe our students were as prepared for NAPLAN as they could be, having been exposed to the test situation, talked through how the procedure of NAPLAN works, and practiced tests from previous years. They also enjoyed a breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages, juice and toast on the days. Official results from the test will be sent to schools around August-September. Thanks to all parents and carers for your support with these tests. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. Even though the tests are a ‘point in time’ assessment, the results provide data to direct future teaching focusses across our school and allow you to track your child’s learning across several years.

**Working Bee**

This Saturday 16th May we will be having a Working Bee at school. The purpose of the Working Bee is to prepare for our 16th Annual Goodwill Games, which will be held in 2 weeks time, on 30th May. If you are available to come and lend a hand, please bring along a plate of snacks to share to celebrate our successes!
P & C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 11th June. Thanks to Scott, Liam, Kerri and Camille, our 2015 P&C Executive, for leading these meetings. We welcome all members of the school community to join us at these discussions, as decisions are made that impact directly on the school and our students.

Attendance Update
Our attendance rate is currently 94.36%. I would like to thank our parents and carers for your support in getting your child to school every day.

2015 School Camp
Arrangements are currently being made for our school camp to the PCYC Capricorn Coast Leadership Development Centre in Yeppoon. We are currently finalising costs and getting accurate quotes for the camp. It is likely to be held in Week 4 of Term 4 this year - Tuesday 27th October to Friday 30th October (three nights). The cost will include all accommodation, meals, activities and travel. Further information about costs, deposits and payment due dates will be forwarded home in the coming weeks.

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 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.

Reading Corner
We are continuing to share some reading comprehension strategies in each newsletter this term. We continue this week with two strategies that most people are familiar with, yet we may forget to share these with our children. ‘Summarising’ and ‘Skimming’ are a couple of strategies that can be easy to teach and assist in helping students to understand a text. Does your child know what these strategies mean and how to utilise them?

North Burnett Cross Country
Congratulations to Reghan who represented Monto District and Abercorn State School at the North Burnett Cross Country Trials in Gayndah last week. Reghan ran 2km in a time of 9 minutes 56 seconds. He came 8th out of a field of 24 competitors from the region and was only 58 seconds behind first place. Excellent effort Reghan!

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.

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 Tuckshop Roster for Term 2.

Student Council
On Monday 18th May we will be holding our Student Council Induction Parade. This will be an opportunity for us to present out Year 5 Student Councillors to the community. The parade will start at 2:30 pm and conclude by 3 pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend.
Library Borrowing
Don’t forget that our library borrowing day is Thursday. Remember to bring your book back so you can swap it on a Thursday!

Homework for Term 2
There will be some minor changes to homework this term. Students will get their homework on a Monday and return it on Friday. There may also be a change to some of the homework sheets sent home each week. Students should continue with their reading and spelling as it occurred last term.

Privacy Awareness Week 3–9 May
for Facebook and Twitter
Privacy Awareness Week runs 3 to 9 May and this year’s theme is ‘Privacy everyday @ work and @ play’. Keeping personal information safe online is an important lesson. Take the Creep Quiz to find out more.
www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au

A Few Fantastic Funnies
Doctor Doctor, I swallowed a bone!
Are you choking?
No, no, I really did!

Q: Why was the maths book sad?
A: Because it had too many problems.

Q: What does it mean if you find a horse shoe?
A: A horse is walking around in his socks.

Other Award Winners
Congratulations to Jordi, Dion, Archie, Michael, Emily and Hamish on completing a level in their Lexia Reading. Remember, you can work on your Lexia from home too. Well done to Michael for reaching ‘Club 25’ in his nightly reading. Chloe has also been doing lots of reading at home and was excited to receive her ‘Club 50’ certificate. Well done to all our award winners. You are true models of our Abercorn State School motto - Achieving with Pride.
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
16th Annual Goodwill Games

Saturday 30th May 2015

Events include

| 60 metre | Abercorn State School |
| 80 metre | Boynewood State School |
| 100 metre | Eidsvold State School |
| 200 metre | Mulgildie State School |
| 800 metre | Monogorilby State School |
| Long Jump | Monto State School |
| High Jump | Mount Perry State School |
| Shot Put | School of Distance Education |
| Discus | St Therese’s Catholic Primary |
| Ball Games |  |
| Relay Races |  |

**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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Abercorn State School
Phone: (07) 4167 5190
Fax: (07) 4167 5135
Email: bdepa5@eq.edu.au
Summarising

A summary is a shortened version of a text that contains all the main points.

Summarising is an important skill that helps us when we are researching, gathering and presenting information.

Finding key words and phrases helps us to summarise the text.

My summary is that cheetahs are the fastest land animals in the world and that their bodies have made adaptations to help them to go fast.
Skimming

Skimming is a fast-reading technique.

Skimming helps you to get the big picture of what a book or text is about.

You can use skimming to decide whether a book is useful for study or if you think a book interests you for personal reading. Here are some things to look for.

At whole book level
- Read the title.
- Look at the contents page.
- Read the blurb if it has one.
- Read the introduction.
- Flick through the book to see if there are any pictures, charts, tables, maps or graphs that look interesting or useful.

At chapter level
- Look at the headings and subheadings.
- Read the first and last sentence in a paragraph – the first sentence is often the topic sentence, which sets out what the paragraph will tell you in more detail.
- Don’t read every word or every sentence – let your eyes skim over the text looking for key words.
- Look for words that are highlighted, written in italics or bullet-pointed.

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MONOGORILBY STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY -
SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2015
INVITATION

Commencing 9am sharp

A delicious canteen will be running all day!

Remember to bring your shoes and a coat. Please borrow a baton and balls (for ballgames) from your school.

Trophies and medallions on the day will be awarded to champion and runner-up for each age level from 2004-2010, ribbons for all age groups for individual track and field events. 12 year olds however must compete in 50% of events to be eligible for the Age Champion medalion.

There is no limit to the number of competitors in each event. Consequently all competitors will be automatically entered into each available event for their age. Please note that only Juniors and Seniors compete in the 200m and 800m and the Minors compete in the 400m.

Email Nominations to Vicki-Lee Radke by Monday 15th June 2015.
Email: vradk1@eq.edu.au
Phone: Peta 4165 8118
Email: monoschoolbus@bigpond.com
Remember to include name, gender, year of birth & school

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- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
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Rockin' Oz 4 A Cure

STAR HOTEL
IT'S FREE
16 May, 7pm

Limited seats so bookings are essential

In aid of the Breast Cancer Foundation

Cost: $25 Adults

Friday 15th May 6pm

With a good dose of good music, a good laugh and great company, this event will be a night to remember.

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# Tuckshop Term 2 – 2015

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22 Students and 5 staff on Thursday