Welcome to Week 5.

Last week saw the release of the NAPLAN results for 2015 and it is very pleasing to see the success our student achieved within this National Testing process. NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of a student’s education and, alongside their in-class assessments and regular report cards, are an important diagnostic tool for each student’s teacher to review and address the areas of need. This information will therefore provide teachers with appropriate strategies for future student improvement.

Queensland’s NAPLAN results demonstrated the biggest improvement since the tests began in 2008. Monto State High School’s results reflect this improvement particularly with 100% of students achieving the National Minimum Standard for Numeracy in Years 7 and 9, as well as 100% of Year 7 students achieving National Minimum Standard in Reading. These great results would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the class teachers and the support programs that have targeted Literacy and Numeracy across years 7, 8 and 9. Congratulations to students and staff on achieving this result for 2015.

Last week, students, staff and parents travelled to Brisbane for the week long cattle judging events at the EKKA. Monto State High has a long and proud history of success at this competition, with students working extremely hard during the Show season to gain the opportunity to attend the EKKA. Our team of students performed exceptionally well and came away triumphant as Winners of the School Team Judging event. A number of our students also were highly placed in individual events, reinforcing the tradition of our School achieving success in this field. Congratulations to all of the students involved. A huge thankyou to the staff and parents who assisted the students, as without your continued support our students would not have these opportunities.

Basketball came to Monto State High School last week with a Clinic held at the school on Wednesday and Thursday. Two Gladstone Port City Power players, Ray Willis and Justin Baker conducted clinics for Primary students on Wednesday and Secondary students on Thursday, targeting the development of fundamental basketball skills. These clinics allowed our students to participate in a range of coaching activities and to gain from the experience and expertise of international players. It was rewarding to hear the positive discussions and enthusiasm from the students following the 3 hours of skills and drills. Thank you to Drew Kilpatrick for the organisation of this event.

With week 5 upon us, it is important for students to be reminded of assessment and upcoming events. This is a busy term for our senior students with Queensland Core Skills test taking place in week 8 and the end of term exams scheduled for week 9. All students have their assessment calendars and are encouraged to plan ahead so as not to get overwhelmed at the end of term.

Finally, the P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 13 August commencing at 6pm in the school library. I would like to invite all parents/carers along to this meeting as it is an opportunity for our school community to discuss changes, challenges and upcoming events that may impact on our students. I hope to see you there.

Have a great week.

Kylie
We are now midway through the term and most students will be in the thick of assessment. Students need to be managing their time to ensure that all assessment is completed and submitted by the due date. Extensions can be applied for however applications must be completed before the due date and need to have supporting evidence for an extension to be granted.

Year 12 students – QCS test is fast approaching and students are continuing their preparation with the focus at the moment on the Writing Task. QCS test is scheduled for week 8.

Year 11 students – An introduction to QCS and Common Curriculum Elements (CCE’s) has been the focus in Senior Studies Program this term. Demystifying the QCS test and CCE’s is the aim this term so that students are well aware of what is expected.

For year 10 parents - Senior Subject Selection Information evening is fast approaching. A letter will be coming out shortly regarding our senior subject selection information evening which is to be held on Monday 24th August at school in the Lionel Cavanagh Memorial Hall. This a valuable and informative evening for parents and year 10 students to speak with teachers regarding what senior schooling is all about. I encourage you all to attend.

Have a good week,

Mrs Zumbansen

Basketball Clinic
Well Term Three is certainly alive and in full swing! Our Junior Secondary lunchtime events are running smoothly and providing activities and entertainment for our students. The Readers Cup Challenge runs on a Monday, Family Feud runs on a Tuesday and Thursday and our Handball Tournament runs on a Friday. These events are being coordinated by our Year 9 students and I would like to thank Miss Anderson and Ms Robertson for helping out with these also.

As previously communicated, our Junior School academic results were pleasing. This week we recognised students who received a majority of A’s and B’s on these report cards. Congratulations to these students on their results and efforts. I encourage you to keep this going.

We have introduced a Junior Secondary Award which will be presented at our Junior Secondary Assemblies. Our Junior Secondary students were involved in naming this award. The award is given to a student who is nominated by teachers for embracing the Junior Secondary motto, Healthy and Proud, Achieving Success. The award is titled “Shining Star". We have given this to six students in the past fortnight, all of whom have been deserving of this. Thank you to all of the students who provided ideas for this award.

Due to some restructuring in our timetable Mr Iain Tucker has picked a couple of extra classes. This workload has meant that unfortunately Mr Tucker has had to relinquish his position of Year 8 Coordinator. I would like to thank Iain for his support and the excellent job he did in this role. Parents, I will be your contact for any issues in Year 8 until the end of the year.

Have a great week.

Stacey Hyland
Head of Department Middleschooling
On Thursday 6 August, Monto State High School students participated in a basketball clinic run by two Gladstone Port City Power import players targeting the development of their basketball skills. Ray Willis, from Atlanta and Justin Baker, Sacramento are the import players from America who devoted their time to our students to give them invaluable insights into the fundamentals of basketball and what it takes to be a professional player in today’s society. Students participated in running drills, handling of the basketball, communication and shooting techniques throughout the three hour session. Students participating in the coaching clinic showed the utmost respect for the coaches which was fantastic to watch however, the most pleasing thing for myself and staff to witness was the encouragement and respect every student showed for one another throughout the entire clinic. It was an enjoyable experience for every student who learnt a lot about the game of basketball along with strong values of sportsmanship, respect and hard work to succeed. It was another tremendous occasion which all staff at Monto State High School can be so very proud of our wonderful students.

**Monto SHS**

**Basketball Clinic**

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**Homework Club!**

Tuesday and Thursday  
3.15pm – 4 pm  
B06

*Got an assignment you need help with?  
Confused about homework?  
Really not following what the teacher is going on about in class?*

Come to Homework club – trained professionals just waiting to assist you!
Eight students from years 11 and 12 joined a group of 200 students from the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay region on the 2015 QUT Explore Uni Camp in Brisbane last month. The three day camp provided students with information about university courses, careers, financial assistance and support services available.

Many students are potentially the first in their family to go onto tertiary education and, as such, have had little or no experience of what university is like and believe that tertiary study is not an option for them. The QUT Explore Uni camp attempts to address this lack of experience and encourages students to consider university study as a realistic option.

The camp included visits to QUT campuses, the QUT Open Day and Brisbane North Institute of TAFE. Students also participated in a variety of activities on campus and received additional information from current students to assist them in making decisions about their post-school options.
Wednesday 29 July was the Year 10 Beacon Speed Careering morning. Thankyou to our Guest Speakers for supporting a fantastic morning where we heard about many various career choices and pathways in the health Industry.

Guest Speakers
Mrs Anita Salisbury
Dr Charma
Dr Tim Stewart
Mrs Amanda Devilliers
Ms Dannette A’Bell
Ms Chris Duncan
On Wednesday 5 August the Monto Instrumental Community Ensemble (MICE) Senior competed at the Bundaberg Eisteddfod. The band tied for highly commended with 88 out of 100 points, only one point off second place (89 points) and two points off first place (90 points) (third place was not awarded at this eisteddfod).

A huge congratulations to Claire, Kalena, Kristal, Matthew, Rebekah and Saxon who performed with the senior band which includes students from Monto SHS, Monto SS and Mulgilde SS.

The band also welcomes community members. If you have an instrument gathering dust underneath the bed, bring it out and come along to a rehearsal held every Tuesday 3.30pm – 5.00pm at the Monto State School Music room (old prep building).
ATHLETICS DAY

After years of winning, Cook finally handed over the shield to Russel who won with an impressive 1529 points. Cook however still victorious took out the prized Novelty Shield. Although the carnival didn’t go as planned, the atmosphere during those days was contagious with many parents and community members attending. It was fantastic to see so many students either participating or encouraging their peers. Congratulations to the following students who broke records:
Breanna Cook: 1500m
Kalena Egan: 800m
Jessie Moscrop: Discus
Chloe Harm: Shot Put
Jasmine Popp: Javelin
Hannah Staines: Javelin
Breanna Curtis: 100m, 200m, long jump, triple jump, long jump, discus and javelin.

I would also like to congratulate Lailah Mitchell, Ethan Grubb, Declan Howlett and Maxwell Hill for setting the records for our 12 year olds.

Congratulations to all of our age champions, you did a fantastic job!

Age Champions:
12B: Ethan Grubb
12G: Lailah Mitchell
13B: Daniel Phillips
13G: Laney Ariens
14B: Angus Dow
14G: Kalena Egan
15B: Brenton Dowling, Kurt Evans, Kyle O’Neil
15G: Alecia Rigg
16B: Troy Johnston
16G: Hannah Staines
17B: Dylan Burgess
17G: Tia Netz
18B: Cameron Hill
18G: Breanna Curtis

NORTH BURNETT TRIALS

On the 14th of August several students will be travelling to Burnett State College to compete in their strongest athletic events. Students will be going up against other schools within the district for a place in the North Burnett team. Good luck to you all.
EKKA
We were again fortunate enough to take a team of keen Cattle Club members to the EKKA this year. It always impresses me how well these guys get along and get stuck into what needs to be done. Almost all of the work that goes into showing and judging is done by the students themselves. The schools competitions include led steer, paraders, individual judging and team judging. With over 350 students vying for ribbons the competition was very tough. Due to the number of competitors in junior paraders a number of heats had to be conducted for each age class. It is pleasing to note that 6 out of the 7 students got into the final heats. At the conclusion of the finals it was an exciting moment to see Darcy Mortimer receiving a second place ribbon for his age class with over 100 competitors. The 14 - 16 year old paraders class was a very big group with over 180 competitors. So Luke Aisthorpe’s fourth place in such a large class is particularly impressive.

Approximately forty schools vied for honours in the School Team Judging. This involved choosing three students from each school to judge four commercial cattle with one student then speaking on behalf of the three. As one of our students correctly said, anyone of the seven students from Monto would have done a very good job. The team consisted of Nanci Wilson, Luke Aisthorpe and Amy Birch with Amy being chosen to speak. They worked well as a team outlining their individual key findings so that they could form a consensus. From the outset of Amy’s speech it became apparent that she was going to be hard to beat. She spoke with confidence, clarity and with a clear perception of why the team had placed the animals in their respective order. It was indeed a proud moment to hear Monto State High School was awarded first place in team judging. This is even more impressive when you consider that Monto was up against schools from Queensland and New South Wales that included Nudgee College, Downlands College and West Moreton Anglican College. Another example of how competitive the Monto students are. It is fantastic to hear that after the schools competitions that students went on to achieve individual success as well with Maddi Low getting 2nd in RNA paraders.

On behalf of the Cattle Club, I would like to pass on our gratitude to those that have contributed to the teams successes, not only at the EKKA but throughout the show season. Our thanks to the parents that give up their time to assist, guide, transport and feed students. Thanks to James Sinclair for continuing to offer training sessions after school to guide the up and coming team members. Thanks also to sponsors such as Riverina Stockfeeds for donating grain and also to Cameron Marbach from All Creatures Veterinary clinic for ensuring the health and welfare of the school cattle. It should also be noted that without the support from Kylie Cochran (Principal) and the staff at Monto High it would not be possible to attend these shows. I personally would like to thank Bec Wilson for ensuring I do what I need to do. I would like to end by saying that the students really appreciate the support and the encouragement that they receive from the Monto community.

The Cattle Club look forward to doing it all again next year.

Andrew Wallis
Agriculture Teacher
Notice of August Monto SHS P&C Meeting

All parents, guardians and community members are invited to attend the August meeting of the Monto State High School P&C Association.

Date - 13 August 2015
Time - 6.00pm
Venue - Monto State High School Library