From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 1.

Even though the Term has been rolling to a close, there has been much activity and much to celebrate in the past two weeks.

On Monday evening, the Beacon Business Launch for 2016 was held at the School. Our guest speaker, Ms Stacey Rae provided an overview of her journey to becoming a vet, with the strong message that there are multiple pathways to follow, to achieve your goals. The evening was coordinated by the Beacon Ambassadors, with each student showing developing leadership and public speaking skills. Congratulations to the students and to the staff for the organisation of the event.

On Tuesday night, the year 11/12 Drama students presented their term performance of “Black Medea”. It was an incredible yet confronting performance, which showcased the many talents of our students and staff. Congratulations to all involved in the production.

This week, students have also been involved in Wide Bay sports trials and Year 7 students have attended their Junior Camp at Cania. For a small school, the opportunities for our students to participate in events and to attend camps or excursions is equal to any other school within the district or the state. Thank you to all the staff who have helped coordinated these events so as our students can have worthwhile learning opportunities.

I am pleased to announce that the School has secured a Manual Arts teacher, who will commence at the start of term 2. Mr John Williams will take up the position as the Manual Arts teacher and is looking forward to working with our staff and students.

I would like to thank the staff on Monto State High School for all their support this term. It has been a difficult term with many changes but we have all worked together to ensure our students are getting the best educational opportunities available. As I will be on leave for part of term 2, there will be a number of staff stepping into leadership roles within the school. Thank you to Stacey Hyland, Bron Zimpel, Kirsten Burgess and Iain Tucker who will be taking on various roles across the school and I hope your enjoy the challenges these positions may bring.

Finally, as the term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break and I look forward to next term.

Cheers

Kylie
Farewell and all the best to Laura Wells and Victor Woods.

Thank you for your time and support of the staff, students and volunteers of Monto State High School over many years.

Enjoy!
Well Term one has flown by. Our Year 7 students have settled in well and are currently on their Year 7 Camp at Cania. Last night we shared dinner with Year 7 parents, students and staff at camp. It was great to catch up with parents and chat about the term and camp. Thank you to Miss Anderson, Mr Gronert, Mrs Brown and Mrs Davis for organising and attending the camp. It was great to see the students working together and building trust with each other.

Our junior students have worked really well this term, and their behaviour and efforts were pleasing. I’m looking forward to next term. There is plenty on the calendar for Term Two—Cross Country, Monto Show, Cattle Club, ANZAC ceremonies, NAPLAN, Junior Drama Showcase, and much more.

For the first five weeks of the term, Ms Kirsten Burgess will be sitting in my role as Head of Department—Junior School. I know that Ms Burgess is looking forward to the challenge and I wish her the very best.

I would like to wish you all a great Easter holiday and look forward to working with you next term.

Stay Safe.

Stacey Hyland

Head of Department—Middleschooling

Our Term One Shining Star Recipients

Daniel, Aimee, Mac, Claire, Jasmena, Ethan, Rohan, Cameron, Grant and Brooke.
MONTO STATE HIGH SCHOOL

1. Administering medication at school

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g., doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

2. Requirements for students at risk of anaphylaxis

If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor. This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.

If you have any concerns about your child’s health condition, please contact 41669555.

3. Requirements for students at risk of asthma

If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.

We recognise that some students are capable of managing their asthma without adult assistance. If you are confident that your child can confidently, competently and safely self-administer their asthma medication, let the school administration know. The school will record your decision and will not require your child’s Asthma Action Plan. Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

If you have any concerns about your child’s asthma, please contact 41669555.

4. Providing medication to the school

Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g., paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If you believe your child is capable of self-administering their own medication at school, please contact me to discuss, as this requires my approval.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for your assisting the school in keeping our students safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Cochran

Adopt the Positive - Strive for Excellence – Seek Improvement – Be A Success
For Sale

$100.00  Steel Tank Stand $100

$50.00  Tank Stand  $50

$500.00  Toyota Hiace Minibus (1992)  (Unregistered)

$100.00  Toyota Corolla Wagon Sept 1983 (running) (Unregistered)

$100.00  Mazda 626 Apr 1986 (not working due to electrical problem) (Unregistered)

$100.00  Table Saw and Surface Planer (as is)

For More details
Contact MSHS
41669555

Tuckshop Convenor Vacancies

Two paid positions have become available at the Monto State High School Tuckshop.
The successful applicants will be employed by the Monto State High School P & C.

Job Description
- Ordering supplies and stocktaking
- Daily Food Preparation
- Managing the menu as per Education Queensland policy
- Tallying the daily takings and banking
- Organising & Supervising the volunteers & their roster

Qualifications
- A Blue card
- Food Safety Course
  Both of these can be organised through the school if you do not already have them

Hours will be approx. 12 hours per week

Interested parties please submit a Resume to the High School Administration by 12th April.

Becky Wilson
MSHS Tuckshop Co-Ordinator
 Homework Club 2016

Times: Wednesday morning 7:45am – 8:45am
Thursday afternoon: 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Venue: Library
This term we have been busy preparing for our upcoming band events. Please see below for further information regarding these events. I have distributed permission notes for these events via email and hardcopy to students. Please return these notes as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support and ensuring that all students have their instruments and music for lessons.

**Upcoming band events (MICE band members)**

**12th of April- (3:30-4:30pm)** After school band workshop with the Crack up Sisters (MICE after school band rehearsal)

**24th of April-(approx time 12:30-1pm)** Band concert at the Monto Show (MICE band and Senior Extension band)

**25th of April-(time to be confirmed)** Band concert at Anzac Day parade (MICE band)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (4166 9111) or email (txpur1@eq.edu.au).

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Tamara Purkis
Classroom/Instrumental music teacher
(4166 9111)
txpur1@eq.edu.au
Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don’t have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school’s Managed Internet Service (MIS) administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their school login.

Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licenced copy of Microsoft Office.

Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you’re a Queensland state school student, or employed by the department.

Download process

For PC and Mac, visit the Office 365 website, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computers:

- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Windows computer (DOCX, 1.9MB)
- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac computer (DOCX, 2.7MB)
Secret Barista, Mr Tucker passes on his coffee making skills to the Senior Hospitality Class.

Monto Combined Schools’ Annual Cross Country

WHEN:  Friday, April 15
WHERE:  Monto Sports Grounds
STARTING TIME:  9am; first race will commence at approximately 9:40am
DETAILS: The day will include novelty events
DRESS: Sports uniform, house colours; all students must have a hat; sunscreen will be supplied; appropriate, closed-in shoes must be worn at all times.
FINISH TIME: approximately 1:40pm; individual schools will coordinate the afternoon arrangements for their students.
CATERING: A BBQ will be operating for lunch with steak burgers, sausages on bread and drinks available for purchase.
All families and friends welcome
Enquiries to Monto State High School 0741669555
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