Welcome back to the start of 2016. And to all our new Parents and Students to Monto State High, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school community.

What an incredible start to the year. We welcomed 21 Year 7 students into our school for the start of their Secondary Education on Wednesday 27 January and their start was met with excitement and enthusiasm. I would like to congratulate all the students for their positive start and look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

Our first week was extremely busy with our Senior Students involved in the Leadership Selection process. Following an extended parade on Friday, the Senior School students and staff voted for the Leadership positions and these were announced on Friday afternoon. I am very proud of all the students who nominated for positions and would like to congratulate each and every person for their role in this process. I believe we have a very strong leadership team and look forward to working with the students throughout the year. I am pleased to announce our 2016 Leaders are:

**School Captains**
Kaylee  Dylan

**Vice Captains**
Libby  Ryan

**Russell Captains**
Hannah  Anthonel

**Cook Captains**
Simone  Summer

**Student Council Executive**
Maddi  Thorin  Megan

**Beacon Ambassadors**
Angus  Alexis  Kristall  Tiarna  Naomi

**Junior Secondary**
Jordane  Madison  Miguel  Hamish

As this is the first newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight my expectations for the coming year.

Our core business is teaching and ensuring students achieve success in their chosen subjects. For students to achieve this success they are to arrive at school prepared to learn. This means with the correct books and equipment for each lesson. Being prepared for class takes away the distractions and the possibility of missing out on important lesson time and information.

Attendance is crucial for effective learning. It is important for every student to be at school every day. Whilst there may be times that students may need to be away for outside commitments, we encourage all students to be at school so as to maximise their learning. It is interesting to note that just 10 minutes late each day adds up to nearly 1.5 weeks in the school year. This is valuable learning time that students are missing. Please encourage your students to attend every day.

I have spoken with students on parade regarding uniform expectations for Monto State High. Our uniform is endorsed by the P&C and all students are required to wear the uniform as set out in the School’s Prospectus. Our Day Uniform, complete with black shoes and white socks, is to be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Sports Uniform is to be worn on a Wednesday. Make-up is to be kept to a light foundation. Eye liner or mascara is not acceptable and students will be asked to remove this before attending class. Fingernail polish will also be asked to be removed.

In the current social climate where mobile phones and electronic devises are an extension of the person, I have reminded students that these items are to be kept at home. Students are at school to learn and the temptation to text their friends or to visit facebook instead of concentrating on classwork is too high. This also covers iPods or MP3’s. If students do bring these items to school, they are to be handed into the office at the start of each day. Consequences for failing to comply with this process will be applied.

Communication is very important between home and school. To keep home informed of what is happening at Monto State High, we have established a Parent Email list, which will see weekly updates communicated to all on the list. If you would like to receive these updates, please contact the front office with your email address so it can be added to the email list.

It is the first weeks of the term and I would appreciate if you could discuss these expectations with your students. The start of the term has been impressive and I would like to see the standard of student dress and following routines continue.

Regards

Kylie
A big welcome back to the Seniors for 2016. This is a big year for years 10, 11 and 12 students as they embark on the final phase of secondary education.

Over the coming weeks I will be meeting with year 11 and 12 students and discussing some important information regarding senior schooling including:
- Revising their SETplans and discussing their end of year report card results
- Year 12 QCE tracking
- Year 11/12 goal setting for semester 1
- Goal setting for post school transition
- OP/QCS

These are just a few of the topics that are disseminated to students during their weekly senior studies lesson.

For the year 10 students it is going to be a big year of learning about senior schooling and planning for the senior phase of learning. Each week students will be involved in a career development lesson which will give them the opportunity to discuss and explore the world of possibilities for their future career pathways.

Year 10 students this week have also been introduced to our BEACON program and congratulations to our students who have been successful as our 2016 BEACON Ambassadors.

On Friday 29th January, students who nominated for a leadership position spoke on a full school assembly. The school then voted on who they believed will be the best person for the jobs. This is the last phase of the selection process where students have also submitted a written application addressing key selection criteria and sat an interview.

Year 11 students have been involved in a selection process for Student Council Executive positions and these will be decided on Friday after they too have spoken on the full school assembly regarding their plans for student council 2016.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up with swimming carnival on Friday, summer sports trials, Investiture ceremony as well as staff away with Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority monitoring meetings.

For those students who are still unsure of their subject selection. You need to speak with me urgently as subject selections should have been completed by the end of this week.

This year some changes have been made to the school based apprenticeship/traineeship program to align with a more real life experience. Students will now need to complete an expression of interest form and then apply for a position when a vacancy arises. Students will then be required to participate in an interview and submit a resume to the prospective employer. A school based traineeship/apprenticeship is a serious commitment and something we value at Monto High. However these SBA/Ts are a commitment to the school, employer and the individual and that you are serious in pursuing a career in this industry and not just taking time away from school. If you wish to discuss anything further relating to SBA/T please contact our coordinator Ms Stacey Delaney O’Reilly.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding year 10, 11, 12 and their studies.

Have a great week,

Donna
Mrs Zumbansen
Senior Schooling HOD
Happy New Year to you all. Welcome to all of our new families and students and welcome back to our returning ones. 2016 has started smoothly for our Junior Secondary students. The first school day for the year was filled with many emotions for a lot of students, staff and parents, as we welcomed our Year Sevens into high school. It was great to see the students arrive, looking very smart in their new uniforms. It was also pleasing to see that the students knew exactly where to go as soon as they arrived. I thank all of the staff, parents and the staff from our primary schools for being part of what I believe was a comprehensive and successful transition program last year. I really think that this program had a major impact on the students being prepared and at ease with moving to high school.

By now parents should have received a letter from our Year Level Coordinators introducing themselves and informing you of some important process and events happening this term. Miss Claire Anderson is our Year 7 Coordinator and Ms Tess Roger is our Year 8 Coordinator. Currently I am looking after the Year 9 students as we are in the process of allocating a Coordinator for this year level.

Last night our student leaders were inducted into their positions and it was great to see so many of our Junior students receive their badges. Congratulations to all students in these leadership positions.

This Friday is our annual school swimming carnival. It will be a great day full of fierce competition and fun. Parents are encouraged to come along for the day. The events will begin at 9:00am with Butterfly first up on the program. Good luck to all students participating and to the two houses.

School photos will be next Monday 15th February. A reminder that student are required to be in their full formal uniform, and their hair needs to be neat and tidy. Our Junior Leaders are running a uniform competition again this year, and so far it has been pleasing to see all of our students in the correct uniform.

Each student should have received a school diary. The diary is used to record homework, assessment dates and events. Please ensure that you check on your student's diary from time to time. This is one strategy we use to help students organise themselves. Their timetable should be kept in the diary also. Next week students will receive a copy of their term one assessment calendar. Students will be asked to write into their diaries their assessment due dates. The copy is for your information and I recommend putting it on the fridge—so as you can help your student organise themselves with their assessment.

If at any time you would like to talk with me, please contact me through the school. If we don’t know that there is an issue then we can’t address it.

I look forward to the rest of the term and working with everyone.

Stacey Hyland

Head of Department– Middleschooling
HEALTH

In 2016 Monto Health Services is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 8 students March 16\textsuperscript{th}, May 4\textsuperscript{th}, June 8\textsuperscript{th} and October 26\textsuperscript{th}, as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

In 2016 Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as Queensland is transitioning the School Immunisation Program from Year 8 to Year 7. Transitioning the program to Year 7 will ensure adolescents continue to receive their vaccinations within the recommended age range (11-13 years) and align Queensland’s School Immunisation Program with other Australian adolescent programs which are delivered in the first year of secondary school.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a specially trained registered nurse.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return consent form to the school by the 24\textsuperscript{th} February 2016.

FOR SALE

Toyota Hiace Minibus
(1992)
Unregistered

$1000.00 negotiable
For More details
Contact MSHS
41669555
SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Kaylee
Dylan

VICE CAPTAINS
Libby
Ryan

House Captains

COOK
Simone
Summer

RUSSELL
Hannah
Anthonel

STUDENT COUNCIL
CHAIR: Madison
SECRETARY: Megan
TREASURER: Thorin

JUNIOR SECONDARY LEADERS
Madison
Jordane
Miguel
Hamish

BEACON AMBASSADORS
Tiarna
Angus
Alexsis
Naomi
Kristal
Dear parents and caregivers.

Just want to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge all the wonderful help our volunteers have put forth during the last year in the tuck shop. Your help is not only much appreciated but is also a truly valuable asset to the functioning of this valuable addition to the school community.

That time of year has rolled around again where we make up a new roster for volunteers in the tuck shop. We have lost a few helpers this year due to graduating students and require a few more volunteers willing to give 4 hours one day a month to assist with the maintenance of this important part of the schools community.

Please call 41669555, or Ann Egan on 0434000545 if you would like to assist.

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**Homework Club 2016**

*Times: Wednesday morning 7:45am - 8:45am*

*Thursday afternoon: 3:10pm - 4:10pm*

*Venue: Library*
P & C Association AGM

Thursday 11th February 2016, 6pm School Library

The P & C Association plays a vital role in the running of our school Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and assists greatly in the development of our school.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, February to November. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please show your support and be
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