Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to State of Origin Week!!!!

After 7 weeks away from Monto SHS, it was a pleasure to return to work 2 weeks ago. Life continued its whirlwind journey during this time, with NAPLAN testing, the Combined Cross Country, the commencement of the Show Circuit for Cattle Club and the Combined Schools Anzac Ceremony all occurring in the first 5 weeks of term. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the team left to organise these events and to keep the School moving along. Thank you to Stacey Hyland, Bronwyn Zimpel, Kirsten Burgess and Iain Tucker for taking on the various roles during my time away – it was greatly appreciated.

"Winter is coming" - this has been the catch cry all year, with a push for students to be ready for the winter season by purchasing a school jumper for the cold weather. There has been a little confusion around what jumper the students in the Junior School can wear. Whilst we have stocks of the green pullover jumper, Junior students have the option of purchasing this jumper from the Uniform shop or the green micro-fibre jacket from Heilbronn's. Senior students are to be in the green pullover jumper. 2016 is the year for ALL students to be in the correct uniform, therefore, variations to this policy such as grey hoodies, black jackets or multi-coloured jumpers will not be tolerated. Similarly, beanies, scarves or gloves are to be left at home also. If you have difficulties in supplying the uniform, please do not hesitate in contacting the School to discuss options that will allow your student's to be in correct uniform.

As it is coming towards the end of Semester 1, it is time for our Senior students to refocus their energies towards their assessment. During the past week, I have fielded requests from students for extensions on their assessment dates – with many reasons for these requests due to poor time management. The Senior School Assessment policy is briefly outlined below and has been revisited with students last week.

- Extensions can only be provided prior to the due date of the assignment – not on the due date
- Extensions are provided for sickness – NOT FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- Documentation requesting the extension to be completed by the student, signed by the parent/carer and submitted to the class teacher. The Head of Department and Principal will make the final decision
- Exams that are missed will be sat the day the student returns to school
- Exams and Assignments completed/submitted after the due date, must be accompanied by a medical certificate

I understand that this is a very busy time for our students and each year we witness a number of students “crumbling” due to the workload pressure. Managing their time wisely and ensuring that they attend every lesson leading up to the assessment will go a long way in alleviating the workload pressure.

Not only are students preparing for assessment, but our Year 12 students will also be involved in preparing for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS Test) in the coming weeks. The QCS Testing dates are in Term 3 and more information will be sent home with students prior to the end of term.

2016 is a time of renewal at Monto SHS. This year we have moved to review our Curriculum and Timetable structure that is currently in operation. As the enrolments across the school have slowly decreased in the past 2 year, this has impacted on the ability to cater for the range of subjects previously on offer. In the coming weeks, staff will begin the process of review, with parents and students being provided the opportunity for their views to be included in the processes. As we are moving into Term 3 and subject selection cycle for 2017, the Curriculum Review is a priority for this term. More information will be sent home this week.

Congratulations to the Monto SHS Cattle Club Team for their efforts over the past weeks. This weekend, our students competed at the Gin Gin Show, with Nanci Wilson placing first in the Regional Finals for Paraders and will now travel to the EKKA to compete in Term 3.

Good luck to our students travelling to Maryborough for the Wide Bay Cross Country trials being held on Tuesday. I look forward to hearing the results of this competition on their return.
Last week we had students participate in the **ICAS Testing** for Digital Technologies. The **ICAS Tests** are independent tests conducted by the University of NSW and cover a range of areas such as Maths, Writing, Spelling, Technology and Reading. This week, a further group of students in Years 7/8/9 will participate in the Spelling and Writing exams. I wish these students all the best for these tests.

During the start of Term 2, 7 students were invited to participate in Education QLD’s IMPACT programs, offered through Brisbane’s Distance Education Program. These students have been involved with on-line study programs in the areas of Philosophy and Marine Studies. This opportunity is provided by EQ and allows for students to participate in extension programs as well as their main-stream classes. Even though the students have only be “on-line” for two weeks, the feedback from the students has been extremely positive.

Finally, as I travelled on my holidays, both here and overseas, I took time to reflect on our School and what we have achieved. I am confident to say that Monto State High School presents a polished image, respectful, confident and responsible students who are able to compete and succeed across many fields. The opportunities provided to our students are vast and varied. Be proud of our School and our Students – I certainly am.

Have a great week. Go the BLUES!!!!

Regards

Kylie Cochran

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! We are over half way through the term! Where did the time go? As usual, our students have been involved in many activities both in and out of the classroom. It is great to see so many students, senior and junior, involved in the lunch time Chess competition organised by our senior leaders. It is interesting to see the enthusiasm and competitiveness of some of our students…and teachers!

Most students have been busily working in class and are gearing up for the bulk of assessment to be completed at the end of Semester 1. There are processes in place regarding assessment that align with QCAA policy regarding sickness and extensions. A brief overview of the Monto SHS Senior Assessment Policy is as follows:

Assignments must be completed and/or submitted on or prior to the due date. The absolute deadline for this is 4pm and it must be submitted to the teacher or if they are unavailable, to another teacher.

Extensions for assessment will only be granted for illness or for family concerns such as bereavement. They will not be granted for extra-curricular activities.

Students must get an extension form and have it completed by all relevant parties BEFORE the due date.

If the student is absent on the due date and they cannot get their assignment to school then they must get a medical certificate or parents may contact the Principal to discuss the circumstances and make arrangements.

If a student is ill on the day of an exam then they can either produce a Medical Certificate or the parent may contact the Principal to discuss the circumstances. The student would then set the test immediately on their return to school.

The complete version of the assessment policy is attached for your information. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you,
Bronwyn Zimpel

Visitors

All visitors to Monto State High School are required to sign in at the Administration Area on arrival and are required to wear a visitors or contractors badge when on site.

NB. Parents and Caregivers are visitors to the school.

School Carpark

The carpark inside Monto State High School is for school staff and contractors only. Students are to be dropped off in Mouatt Street. All other visitors are required to park in the designated carparks in Mouatt Street.

This procedure is put in to place to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors.
Sport News

Gala Day

Monto State High School hosted a Rugby League/Netball gala day for the North Burnett region on Wed the 18th of May. The day was very successful on many levels, but most of all it was a great day out for our young sports enthusiasts. We are at times limited to the amount of opportunities our students have to be involved in interschool sport, so the gala day was a fantastic chance for the student of Monto State High School to test their skills against the other students in the region.

Monto State High School sent teams for U13’s, U15’s and Open age groups in both netball and rugby league. Each age group and team played hard and fair all day long with ISIS and Gayndah proving to be the biggest tests in both sports. See results below:

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Well done to the students for their participation and sportsmanship on the day. A big thank you must also go out to Rupert for helping to set up, Linda Brown for helping with the food preparation, Danielle Sinclair and Lachlan Smeed for helping coordinate, cook the BBQ and run the netball on the day. Furthermore, thank you to the additional support from Taylah Steger and Bec Evans for helping out with the running of the netball. The day ran very smoothly thanks to all involved.

Mr Gronert
Our wonderful Year 7 students have almost completed half a year of high school! Over the last 2 terms, I have watched the Year 7’s mature, flourish and establish lifelong relationships. Each individual student has shown an improvement throughout their schooling, whether it be academic, sporting or musical.

I would like to congratulate the Year 7 students that participated in NAPLAN during Week 5 of this term. They displayed a high level of resilience and dedication, and they worked extremely hard to achieve the best results that they could. I would, also, like to thank Sophie, Ashleigh, Junia, Grant and Blake for their impeccable behaviour during the NAPLAN testing period.

As the end of term looms before us, our Year 7 students will begin to prepare for their assessments and exams. I would like to take the time to promote a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast for all! On that note, every Friday morning, the school conducts our Breakfast Club. This gives the students a chance to eat some delicious food, listen to music and to socialise with their peers and teachers.

On the 23rd and 24th of June, our annual athletics days will be held on the Monto State High School oval. More information about these 2 days will be released as the date moves closer. However, please note that all parents and guardians are welcome to attend as to support our students. Our athletics days are still regarded as school days, and all students are required to attend. I hope to see you there in your ORANGE outfits, as Cook takes out another win! GO COOK!

Kindest regards,
Claire Anderson
Year 7 Coordinator

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Student Uniform Policy and Dress Code

In this code, the term ‘community’ is used as a synonym for ‘community members, parents, teachers and students’

Scope

The scope of this code applies to Monto State High School community.

Purpose

The main purpose of a uniform is that it identifies the person as a member of our community and secondly it removes the competitive elements from dress style, presenting students more equally. This dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging and demonstrating pride in the school and self
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.
Process

The policy on school dress standards for students has been determined by the Monto State High School community in consultation with the school Principal and endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association. It is designed to contribute to and support a healthy and safe learning environment which allows students to participate in school activities.

Monto State High School is a uniform school which consists of a Junior Uniform (Years 7, 8 & 9) and a Senior uniform (years 10, 11 & 12).

The neat, tidy and appropriate wearing of a school uniform is a sign of pride in oneself and in our school. Students should strive to wear the full school uniform neatly at all times.

Students at Monto State High School are expected to wear the correct uniform when:

- Attending or representing their school
- Travelling to and from school, engaged in school activities out of school hours

Students are exempt from wearing their school uniforms on free dress days only, which are held as fundraising events approximately once per term. Students however, at all times are required to dress according to occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination legislation and the Sun Safety Strategy on such days.

All students are to wear their day uniform Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The sports uniform can be worn on Wednesday and students are encouraged to change into their sports uniform when participating in HPE lessons, Sports activities, Ag, Man Arts or as required by Workplace, Health and Safety or curriculum.

Footwear

Departmental instructions on safety procedures adopted by all schools in Queensland clearly states that for science laboratories, kitchens, manual arts workshops and art rooms, feet must be covered with impervious material with tongue and laces. Thongs, sandals, open weave shoes, etc., must NOT be worn. Students with an injured foot must wear closed-in footwear on the 'good' foot.

Hats

Students must wear a broad brimmed hat with a minimum brim measurement of 8 – 10cm (in compliance with the Sun Safety Strategy) whenever they are exposed to the sun – for HPE lessons, sport activities or when participating in games or sports during recess. Caps do not provide enough coverage under the Sun Safety Strategy and are therefore, not permitted to be worn at school. Students without a hat at break times will be required to attend alternative indoor activities such as library.

Jewellery

Jewellery is limited to two plain ear studs or sleepers per ear. A watch and school badge are the only other items of jewellery that are permitted to be worn at school. There are to be no visible body or facial piercings at school or Make-up and Hair Colour

Hair must be kept neat and combed. Hair must be a Natural shade of colour (no extreme or bright unnatural colours permitted). Hair must be restrained in workshops, kitchen and laboratory areas due to Workplace Health and Safety. ‘Natural’ subtle foundation is the only make-up permitted. No other makeup is allowed, including nail polish. Students with excess make-up will be instructed to remove it.

Safety Regulations

Should the dress of students not comply with the safety regulations set down for certain subjects and activities, those students will be refused entry to work in those areas, and other relevant work will be provided in a supervised environment.
Non-compliance with this code:
There are two categories. These are:

a) Inappropriate dress – refers to clothing apparel that a student wears which could be deemed to be:
   a) Offensive;
   b) Likely to disrupt or negatively influence the normal operation of the school;
   c) Unsafe for the student or others;
   d) Likely result in a risk of health of the student or others.

b) Reasonable dress – refers to clothing apparel that is socially acceptable but does not conform to the school dress code.

Any student, who is wearing clothing that is deemed non-compliant but reasonable dress must present a note, signed by parents or caregivers, to their teacher or the office and will be issued with a uniform pass. Failure to produce a note will result in detention. Students who are consistently out of uniform will have their parents contacted and the school behaviour management policy will apply.

On casual dress days students must wear clothing that is modest and functional. Shirts must have sleeves, and not expose midriff, there are to be no offensive logos or advertising and covered footwear is essential. If these criteria are not met parents will be advised and students may be sent home to change or detained in the office for the day.

c) Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school

d) Prevent the student from attending any school activity until the uniform issue is resolved. Opportunity will be provided for all students to complete school work if students are prevented from participating in school activities.

NB: Representative sports uniforms are not endorsed as part of the official school uniform and are not to be worn at school

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Uniform Information – For students in ALL year levels

**SHOES**
- **Day Uniform** – black impervious material with tongue and laces
  - Sports uniform – predominantly black or white sports shoes
  
  No multi-colour or fluorescent colours, slip-on shoes or ballet flats, these as not acceptable. Shoes must fulfill the safety requirements of Education Queensland for particular circumstances, eg. Specialist and science rooms require shoes that have an impervious upper.

**SOCKS**
- White ¼ crew socks – visible above the shoe

**STOCKINGS (GIRLS)**
- Black Opaque 70+ denier – as required due to cooler weather.

**HATS**
- Bottle green broad brimmed hat with a minimum brim measurement of 8 – 10cm (in compliance with the Sun Safety Strategy.) Bottle Green Reversable Cook and Russell house hats also available.

**TIES**
- Girls – Bottle green crossover
- Boys – Bottle green tartan tie

**SCHOOL BADGES**
- school badges may be purchased from the school office.

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**JUNIOR UNIFORM – YEAR 7, 8 & 9**

**JUNIOR SHIRT**
- Girls – girls blouse heavier weight. White peaked front blouse with low peaked collar with short sleeves and school logo.
  - Boys – White, straight, short sleeves, collar and school logo.

**JUNIOR SHORTS**
- Boys – Black or Grey Stubbies (Grey will be phased by 2018)

**JUNIOR SKIRTS**
- Girls – Plain Bottle green (knee length) pleated gabardine skirt with adjustable back, embroidered with MSHS

**WINTER UNIFORM**
- Unisex Bottle Green Microfiber tracksuit . The Black trousers & Bottle Green Fleece Jumper with MSHS embroidered on it may be worn by both Girls and Boys if they prefer.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
- School Polo shirt – bottle green with white sleeves and school logo.

**WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM**
- Green Microfiber Tracksuit with School Polo shirt (available from Heilbronns)

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**SENIOR UNIFORM – YEAR 10, 11 & 12**

**SENIOR SHIRT**
- Girls – White peaked front blouse with low peaked collar with bottle green piping on pocket, cuff and collar, short sleeves and school logo.
  - Boys – White, straight, Bottle green piping on pocket, cuff and collar with school logo.

**SENIOR SHORTS**
- Boys – Black dress shorts/ black long pants.

**SENIOR SKIRTS**
- Girls – tartan #9005 style (knee length) pleated gabardine skirt with adjustable back, and black tights optional for winter.

**WINTER UNIFORM**
- Pants – Black tailored long pants
  - Jumper – Bottle green V-neck style with white piping

**BLAZERS**
- Bottle green with MSHS logo (optional)

**SENIOR JERSEYS**
- Year 12 students are permitted to wear Monto SHS senior jerseys/shirt on sports days only.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
- School Polo shirt – bottle green with white sleeves and school logo.
  - Bottle Green microfiber sports shorts – mid thigh in length.

**WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM**
- Green microfiber Tracksuit with School Polo shirt (available from Heilbronns)
Thursday 19th May all Year 10 students participated in our Beacon Polish Programme. This was presented by Ms Trisha Telford from TMT Deportment & Etiquette Academy. The students had a fantastic day learning about how to present and conduct themselves to ‘Create your Career Success’.

Students participated in various exercises ranging from what attire to wear to an interview, personal grooming and matching your career choice with your abilities and ambitions. Students found this day very valuable and we would like to thank Ms Telford for sharing her programme with us.
GET VACCINATED!!!

Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines are in short supply. Monto Family Practice will need to place our final order for private flu vaccines without delay.

Please let us know if you would like to have a flu shot this year – firm orders only.

Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines cost $20.90 with consultation fees bulk billed to Medicare (if no other concerns addressed at your consultation).

Contact Monto Family Practice on 4166 1212 to place your order.

Public vaccines are also available for eligible patients – please contact the practice to make arrangements to have yours...

Q FEVER

Monto Family Practice is taking names of those interested in undergoing Q Fever Vaccination.

(We anticipate holding our next vaccination clinic in June 2016, pending patient numbers)

The clinic will be run over three days. You must attend all three days and is available to all over the age of 15.

Day 1: Pre-vaccination testing
(this includes a Q Fever skin test and pre-vaccination blood test)

Day 2: Check the results
It is imperative that the Dr see you again on this day. Your body’s reaction to the skin test, combined with pathology result will determine your need for vaccination. Vaccines will be ordered only pending the result of this consultation.

Day 3: Vaccination
Due to the cost of vaccines, only the specific number of vaccines required for patients will be ordered. They will be given on day 3 of the Q Fever program.

Please phone reception on 41661212 for costs and to register your interest.
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.

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 this Departmental Procedure and appreciate your co-operation.

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

This term students in Year 7 and Year 8 Focused Numeracy have re-vamped the garden at the front of the school near the staff car park. This involved a trip to the nursery to price, budget and purchase plants, as well as measuring and calculating the area of the garden, and the volume of soil required. Students, with Mr Maddox, Mr Gronert and Mrs Sinclair’s supervision and gardening expertise planted the plants this week. Many thanks to Mr Maddox and Geraldine at the Nursery for their help with this project. We think the garden looks great, and will hopefully survive the upcoming frosts!

Danielle Sinclair and Anthony Gronert
Class Teachers

Physical Education

Students in the Senior PE class recently designed and implemented athletic sessions with the Year 8 PE class. Sessions were conducted over three weeks and covered all throwing and jumping events, along with relays and sprints. As part of this, students in Senior PE were able to gather data, through survey questions and observations, to assist with their analysis of a teenager’s participation in athletics, in Monto. This is part of their current unit of study on Figueroa’s Framework, and is an important component for their upcoming exam essay.

It was great to see our students working together. Thank you to the Year 8 class for their cooperation wit this task.

Danielle Sinclair
Class Teacher
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