Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Camp is here!! Only 5 more sleeps and we are off to Yeppoon for our annual camp, this year with Abercorn State School. I know everyone is looking forward to our time away. Camp is always a wonderful opportunity for the staff of our school to interact with the students on a more informal level and we enjoy it greatly! Bring on next Tuesday!!

Year 7 orientation days
Thursday our year 7 students will be travelling to Monto State High School to take part in their first orientation day. I know all of our year six students are very excited about this.

Prep orientation/open day
Last Thursday 3 of our future prep students joined us for the day, and our current year 2 students spent the day in the "big room" in preparation for 2016. I know all of our year six students are very excited about this.

State Athletics Championship
Last week Melissa Birch and Mitchell Moscrop competed at the State Schools Athletics Competition in Townsville. Both students did us proud with Melissa placing 10th out of 29 in discus and 15th out of 27 in shotput and Mitchell unfortunately fouled out in discus and got 7th out of 27 in shotput. Well done guys!!

Special visitors
Last Friday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Mr Reid’s wife, Keiko, and his son, Takashi, who have recently moved to Monto. The students were able to converse with them in Japanese and we hope these visits will occur regularly to help us improve our Japanese speaking skills.

Moderation
Mrs Dow and I travelled to Mt Perry on Monday to take part in a moderation activity with the staff of Mt Perry State School. This process involved the staff from each school looking over each others marked writing pieces and discussing the mark given, whether all are agreeable on that mark and if not what mark it was felt should have been given. By doing this we are able to ensure fair marking over both schools. Sam and I found this a very worthwhile day and we are planning to continue moderating with Mt Perry throughout next year.

I can’t wait to let you in on all the events of camp in our next newsletter!!

Regards, Kelly Low

!!ATTENTION!!

Students Not Attending Camp

We have arranged with Tracy Pattie that students not attending camp will catch the bus (driven by Tegan Howie) into Monto State School on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Please ensure that your child/ren are at the school by 8:30am to catch the bus each morning. The bus will return to the school at approximately 3:30pm every afternoon.

As there will be no supervisors at the school on this day parents will be responsible for the child before they enter the school bus of a morning and upon leaving the bus of an afternoon.

If any parents have any queries please contact Kelly at the school.

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CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP - YEAR 2 by Samantha Dow

We have definitely hit the ground running. We have now had 2 rather chilly swimming lessons with all 19 students participating. Please send a jumper or a vest with your child of a Tuesday. Some students are taking a long time to warm up again after they swim.

We have been examining poetry in English this term. Our job this week has been to look out for rhyming words, naming words and descriptive words in our poetry. On a different note—well done to many of our Year 1 and 2 spellers! A fabulous effort is being made to learn spelling words each week.

Maths—Money and time have been our major focus over the last three weeks. After camp we will move into fractions and more number work. A BIG achievement this week has been that we have everybody’s homework folders in on time, and nearly all of the reading folders too. Well done troops!

A quick reminder that Library is on Wednesdays each week. We have only been averaging about half the class borrowing each week. It would be awesome to see all or nearly all of the class taking advantage of our great little library.

YEAR 3 - 6 by Kelly Low

Since last newsletter we have begun work on all of our content for this term. Mrs Smith has been busily chipping away at this semester’s history unit, while Mrs Curtis has everyone busily designing and constructing their recycled wearable art.

Yesterday we began looking at electrical conductors and insulators which will lead us into electrical currents shortly. This knowledge will be used when the students begin constructing their “Gadgets and Gizmos” in science.

In maths we have been studying angles, and yesterday we all learnt how to use a protractor to measure angles as well as draw our own angles. We also know how to correctly name the vertex and sides of angles.

English has seen everyone continuing to work on their persuasive speeches, with the time drawing closer for their presentation.

Congratulations to the following students for fabulous results in spelling and number facts this fortnight:

**Spelling 100%**
- Week 1: Jack, Cooper, Alyssa, Prue, Mitchell, Hans, Jayden, Ralph, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda, Rohan
- Week 2: Riley, Prue, Liam, Jayden, Clay, Ralph, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda, Rohan

**Year 6 had all students with 100% both weeks. Well done guys!!**
- Number facts 100%
  - Week 1: Riley, Alyssa, Liam, Mitchell, Ralph, Chloe, Matylda
  - Week 2: Prue, Liam, Hans, Jayden, Clay, Lachlan

**Homework**

Please ensure all homework is completed and handed back into school next Monday 26th October, the day before students leave for camp!

**SCHOOL CAMP**

Five more sleeps and we will be on camp! **All students will be required to be at the school by 7:45am (at the latest) next Tuesday morning!**

**Please make sure you pack a morning tea for Tuesday morning. students will receive lunch upon arrival at the PCYC!**

**SCHOOL MOBILE NUMBER:** 0484 231 088
To be used in case of emergency’s only!

Don’t forget to fill out your Medication forms and return them to the school as soon as you can.

Medication doesn’t need to be at the school until next Tuesday morning but if you wish to send it in before then we will store it securely in the school office until Camp begins. Please remember if you have listed that your child has any medical problems that may arise during camp you are REQUIRED to provide the proper medication for that condition.

For example: if you have listed that your child has Asthma on their medical form, you must provide a puffer (with the students name and dosage requirements on a pharmacy label) along with the medication details filled out on the form provided. Failure to provide this medication with the proper labelling may result in your child not being able to attend camp. Please also consider if your child suffers from travel sickness as often this is the medication parents don’t provide!

If parents require any copies of the itinerary, what to bring list, consent form, medical form or Medication form please let the school know ASAP so we can get these sent home. On another note, students will not require spending money for camp this year.

We have had one change to our Itinerary since sending it out last week. We have decided students will be watching ‘Oddball’ at the cinemas next Friday. This movie will begin at 10am not 9:30am as previously stated. All students were given the opportunity yesterday to order there lunch for Hogs Breath! Each student will receive a Kids meal along with an Ice-Cream for dessert & a soft drink or two (No Coke or Pepsi). With this mind we hope that Hogs Breath will be able to have our orders ready for our arrival just past 12pm so our arrival time back at school shouldn’t vary too much. (Hypothetically Speaking!)

I hope you all have a great time at camp!! Can’t wait to see the photos!
**SWIMMING**
Don’t forget swimming lessons are every Tuesday beginning back after school camp! Please ensure students bring with them: their togs, a towel, goggles (optional), water bottle and their entrance fee (if required) on these days.

Swimming Lesson dates for Term 4:
- Tuesday 3rd November
- Tuesday 10th November
- Tuesday 17th November
- Tuesday 24th November
- Tuesday 1st December
- Tuesday 8th December

Lessons times are as follows:
- Year 3 - 6 Students: 9:15 - 10am
- Prep - Year 2 Students: 10 - 10:30am

**TUCKSHOP**
Don’t forget our first Tuckshop day is tomorrow!
Our tuckshop dates for this term:
- Friday 23rd October (Wk 3)
- Friday 6th November (Wk 5)
- Friday 20th November (Wk 7)
- Friday 4th December (Wk 9)
Please ensure all orders are returned to the school by Thursday morning, the day before Tuckshop! Thank you for your help!

**RECYCLING MATERIALS**
We are in desperate need of some recycling materials as the Year 3-6 students are doing a Trash Fashion unit this term for Art with Mrs Curtis. If any families have any recycling materials at home, for example:
- soft drink bottles, cans etc. Could they please bring them into the school, please no newspaper as we have lots and lots already!

**P&C NEWS**
Don’t forget our next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd November starting at 7:30pm in the staff room at school. We will be beginning to organise our end of year functions, so come along and have an input!

Don’t forget our ongoing battery drive. Keep bringing in those batteries and dropping them off into our battery bin in the school car park!!!

Regards, Karla Galloway (Secretary)

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**Week 2 Awards**

**Ralph & Jake**
Presented for Great Book Work! Good Job!

**Eliza & Matylda**
Awarded for 75 nights (Eliza) & 200 nights (Matylda) of reading! Great Work!

**Liam**
Number Facts Star!

**Chloe & Matylda**
Pen Licence Awarded!

*Students of the Week*
For Good Sportsmanship!!
Front Row: Ethan, Ralph, Hans, Lachlan, Riley B, Tayla, Alyssa & Cooper
Back Row: Clay, Rohan, Chloe, Matylda, Jayden, Liam, Nickalus, Prue & Jack

**Monto Race Club Inc.**
**MONTO PIGDAY OUT FAMILY FUN DAY**
31st October, 2015
Gates open at 11am - For Punters
Bar from 12noon til Late
Action starts at 1:30pm
Supporting Qld Cancer Council
Novelty Events - Pig Races
Bookmaker/Sky Channel for Southern Races - Food Stall
Pig on Spit Night Meal - Ice Cream Van - Fairy Floss Van
Jumping Castle - Entertainment - Courtesy Buses
BYO Chairs/Tables for a Casual Afternoon of great family fun.
Further info - Phone 0488 508 987
Week 3 Awards

Melissa & Mitchell
Pen Licence Awarded! (Melissa)
Students of the Week! For Good Sportsmanship!

Chloe & Ava
Students of the Week!
For respecting others right to learn!

Dana & Nickalus
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box! Great Work!!

Ty & Lachlan
Awarded for Great Book Work!

Hans
Number Facts Star!

Ridgehaven Residents And Friends
Invite you to join the fun and watch the big race with them

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Of Chicken Salad/Dessert/Tea or Coffee

When: Tuesday 3rd November 2015
Time: 11:00am – Doors Open
12pm – Lunch Begins
Where: Ridgehaven’s Sanderson Lounge
Sweeps: $2 and $5
Prizes: Lucky Door, Raffle, Jockey’s Colours, Best Dressed Lady and Gentleman, Best Lady and Gent Hat
Fashion Parade by Hellbronn’s Fashions

Admission: $25.00 with complimentary glass of champagne
Bookings: Phone – 41661082 between 9am and 3pm and by Friday 30th October 2015