The term has got off to a busy start as we welcomed back students to the new school year. We have had some changes this year with our enrolments significantly smaller than previous years. Each year schools are staffed and funded on the basis of Day 8 enrolment collections. This year our enrolment collection means that Tamara will be transferred to another school.

We had a morning tea on Thursday morning to farewell Tamara. We wish Tamara all the best in her new school.

Dear Parents,

Thank-you for your patience and kindness while I've been at Monogorilby. It is a lovely little school and I have enjoyed working with the children. I hope to see you about in the Toowoomba area at some time.

With best wishes, Tamara Persse

Teaching and Curriculum

This term students will be engaged in English, Math, Science, Geography, Visual Arts, Technology and Physical Education curriculum. Throughout the term we will be sharing with you what the students are learning about.

In English, Reading and Comprehension will be a focus where students will be learning strategies for decoding and understanding the text they read. Students have been learning and applying the comprehension strategy ‘finding the main idea’. Spelling continues to be a focus with the continuation of the Spelling Mastery Program and is incorporated into homework using the C2C spelling word lists. Students are encouraged to change their reading books and read every night. Reading levels will be tested and updated again early this term.
Welcome to Rodger
Rodger has started Prep at Monogorilby State School.

Date Claimer: 16th February

Open Classroom, Student Leader Induction, P&C AGM and Bus AGM
Parents are invited to join us in the classroom on Tuesday afternoon to have a look at what the students will be learning about this term, followed by an induction ceremony to induct our 2016 Student Leader. We will finish the day with the P&C AGM and Bus AGM. Times and events will be:

♦ 1:30 Open Classroom and Student Leader Induction
♦ 2:30 P&C AGM and General Meeting
♦ 4:00 Bus AGM

Routines and Timetable for Term 1
Most of our routines will remain the same this term with Mrs Jane Augustine visiting on Mondays to teach music and LOTE and Steve coming out to coach tennis on Tuesdays. Our Library day will change to a Thursday and students from years 1-6 will enjoy Religious Instruction with Mrs Jackie Carlyle. Homework will be sent home on Mondays and due back at the end of the week.

Monogorilby Fun Run
Monogorilby Fun Run will be on Thursday the 24th of March. More information will be sent out about this. The fun run is our practice before the Mundubbera Cross Country which will be held in Term 2.
**Attendance**

**Everyday counts at Monogorilby!**

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**Attendance Was Not Met!**

The Regional target is 95%

In the first two weeks attendance has only been at 81%. We must take into consideration some of our students are away on exemptions.

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**Medication**

At the beginning of this year there has been an update with the administration of medications at schools. This information has been taken directly from Department’s Policy and Procedure Register:

The administration of medications to students by school staff is only considered when a prescribing health practitioner has determined that it is necessary or when there is no other alternative in relation to the treatment of a specific health need.

Schools require *medical authorisation* to administer any medication to students (including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol or alternative medicines). Before any medication can be administered to your child at school, you will need to complete the appropriate record sheet for routine/short term medication or for emergency medication.

Medication will only be administered if it is prescribed, in the original container and has a pharmacy label. If the medication is more complex with specific administration requirements then a letter from the medical practitioner should be provided.

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**Swimming**

Swimming lessons have commenced for Monogorilby school students for term 1. Lessons are at the Chinchilla Aquatic Centre at 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesdays and will continue through to the end of this term. The school is paying for the instruction and entry however parents are responsible for the transport of their children.

Those who don’t travel to Chinchilla have the option of going to Mundubbera and we will also pay. Please arrange this and let Jennilee know if you want to travel to Mundubbera instead.

Please contact Jennilee if your children will be attending swimming lessons this term or you have any questions.
MUNDUBBERA BLUE LIGHT DISCO
12-2-2016
MUNDUBBERA STATE SCHOOL - MARGARET KELLY HALL
KINDY TO YEAR 4 - 5.30PM TO 7PM
YEAR 5 TO HIGH SCHOOL - 7.15PM TO 9PM
$5 ENTRY - (COVERS ENTRY, SAUSAGE ON BREAD AND A POPPER)
PARENTS / GUARDIANS ARE TO SIGN THE CHILDREN IN AND OUT
## What’s On

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### Birthday Corner

#### January
- 8th Sonya
- 17th Matilda
- 17th Rachelle
- 31st Jenae