Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing break. I am pleased to announce that I will be continuing in the Principal role again next year. My contract has been extended until June/July next year. I look forward to working with parents and staff to continue to move our school forward and provide quality education for students. This term will be a very busy term as we complete final assessments for curriculum and diagnostic assessments for student folios. Student reports will be written and parent teacher interviews will be offered at the end of the term.

School Review
Every state school will be reviewed at least every four years. The School Improvement Team are an independent unit where experienced Principals and reviewers from outside the department conduct reviews in state schools. We had our Review last week and welcomed two reviewers to our school. They looked at our school operations and spoke to staff, students, parents and members of the community.

The Review feedback was very positive and the reviewers were pleased with the direction the school is heading. We will receive a written report in the coming weeks that will be shared with parents at the P&C Meeting and a report will be published on the school website. From the findings of the Review a four year Strategic Plan will be written and next year’s annual plan for school and student improvement will be drafted by the end of this term.

Curriculum
This term students continue to engage in the core subjects of Math, English and Science. During Math students continue to work on key concepts and Australian Curriculum. In English students have completed their fractured fairytales and have been working on editing their work. They will now publish their work to be collated into a book for our Library. Students will look at chemistry in Science and investigate materials and matter. Geography will see students learning about their diverse world and exploring customs in other cultures.

Book Fair
We have run a very short Book Fair this term due to our school review and timelines to get the books back to Scholastic. Students have enjoyed browsing all the wonderful books on offer and have written their Wishlists to take home. Please remember that you are not obligated to purchase any books, but the purchases you do make go toward some credits we can use to buy books for the school library.

Crazy Hat Day - Friday 21st October
Students have been invited to decorate / make a hat or wear a crazy hat on Friday for Book Week that was earlier in the year. The hat could reflect a character from a book or just be altogether crazy!
Musica Viva Excursion

Students will be travelling to Burra Burri State School on Tuesday the 25th of October to enjoy a day with other small schools in some fun activities and then to watch a Musica Viva performance by Entourage - Tree Tales. Students will enjoy listening and interacting with live music that emulates that native Australian bush.

Swimming / Swimming Carnival

Term 4 is swimming season again. Some students have already started their lessons in Chinchilla and others have decided to go into Mundubbera. Swimming is funded by the school and parents take their children into the lessons after school so as not to interrupt learning. Please let me know if you are taking your child/children into lessons if you haven’t already done so and when and where so that we can expect the invoice at the end of the term.

ICAS Competition

ICAS Math and English competition results have arrived. All students who participated receive a participation certificate. Eve earned a Credit for Math and Tom earned a Credit for English. Well done to all who participated and congratulations to Eve and Tom for their efforts!

School Photos

School photo orders have been placed and we should expect to receive our photos at school soon. These will be posted or sent home as soon as they arrive.
Everyday counts at Monogorilby!

Student absences have a huge affect on student learning and success rates. We are very privileged to have a nine day fortnight so that we can have that one rostered day off for appointments, shopping, etc. I understand that sometimes appointments and trips cannot be made on these days and I thank parents for communicating with me in these instances.

Although we have an assessment planner for diagnostic testing, it is difficult to predict exactly when curriculum assessment will be due during the term. This is because assessment usually follows a series of lessons that are either taught or revised to assess student knowledge and skills. A variety of factors influence the time that it takes to teach these topics, such as, student prior skills and understanding, introducing new concepts or revising already taught concepts and students being absent during critical teaching times.

When assessing concepts and knowledge it is important that students are given the best chance at performing to the best of their ability to complete an assessment - including the teaching and learning, consolidating skills and having the time to complete the assessment. I am able to rearrange lessons and assessment to minimise students missing out on learning if I know well in advance that students will be away. Please keep this in mind if you have planned absences so that all students have the best chance to perform to the best of their abilities.

I must commend parent’s efforts in ensuring their children attend school. I am aware that parents have made other arrangements during busy periods of time to ensure absences are minimised. We want to continue having the privilege of the nine day fortnight and to have that we all need to be making an effort to have children at school.
Attendance Awards

Students of the Week - Sonya and Mac
Monogorilby Christmas Tree
26th November 2016 @ 6pm
Santa @ 8pm
BBQ operating
BYO Drinks
Please bring a dessert to share.

*Parents to supply a small gift for their children, to be left under the Christmas Tree on the night.

Cattle Tick Accredited Inspectors
Allen and Amanda Briggs have just got their Cattle Tick Accredited Certificates. They are based at Boondoona Dip and are available for on farm and cleaning dip inspections. Please contact Allen or Amanda on:

Ph: 41680202
Mobile: 0427172801
What’s On

- **17 Oct**  Pupil Free Day
- **19 Oct**  Book Fair Wishlists Due
- **21 Oct**  Crazy Hat Day - Book Week
- **25 Oct**  Musica Viva at Burra Burri SS
- **27 Oct**  Sue and Jennilea at Finance Training
- **5th Nov**  Mono Cricket Day
- **10 Nov**  Jennilea at Cluster Meeting
- **14th Nov**  P&C Meeting at 2:00
- **Week 8**  Report Cards Sent Home
- **Week 9**  Parent / Teacher Interviews
- **2nd Dec**  Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- **8th Dec**  Break Up Day
- **23rd Jan 2017**  Back to School 2017

Birthday Corner

**October**

There are no Birthdays for October