Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all families had a lovely relaxing holiday and managed to stay warm on those cold days.

School Opinion Surveys
Please take the time to complete the School Opinion Survey that was sent home as this provides valuable feedback to the school. Parents are welcome to use the school computers if you don’t have access at home. Remember, all responses and surveys are completely confidential so it important to give honest feedback. **School Opinion Surveys close on the 29th of July.**

Teaching and Curriculum
We continue to focus on our school priority of improving reading and comprehension. Students are revisiting and consolidating reading strategies this term and continue to work on comprehension strategies. In English students will read and explore fairy tales where they will build word and language knowledge to improve descriptive writing. Students will use the narrative writing genre to create fairy tales with a twist.

Students will continue to build skills and knowledge in Mathematics. Students have been introduced to the teaching and learning strategy of ‘Warm Ups’ before their math lessons. This is where students recall knowledge and skills from previous lessons and allows the teacher to check for understanding prior to the lesson to be able to teach specifically to the student’s needs. Math planning has also been organised so that students are learning about the same concepts each week while working at their appropriate year levels.

In Science this term students will be exploring the physical sciences and developing their understanding in matter and energy in the units Heating Up and Essential Energy. Students are learning the art of creating power points in Technology and will share their power points with you later in the term.

During Term 3 students will also be involved in scheduled diagnostic testing for PAT Math, Reading and Spelling. This will occur later in the term and results will be collated in student data folios. Parents are always very welcome to book an appointment with me to discuss their child/ren’s progress at school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students are half way through the Premier’s Reading Challenge. A lot of dedicated students have already reached their reading goal and have handed in their forms. Forms are due back on the 26th August.
School Camp

All students were a pleasure to take away on camp late last term. Their manners were impeccable and we all really enjoyed spending time with the students enjoying the sights and activities Brisbane offered. We plan to share photos and stories with you later in the term after these have been sorted and organised. The photo below was taken on the last day of camp when we spent a couple of hours playing at the beach.

![Photo of students at the beach](image)

Sport

Small Schools Athletics Day

Monogorilby students tried their very best and did Monogorilby State School very proud. A special mention goes to Grace, Rachelle and Sonya for achieving age champion. Rachelle also broke two records on the day. She broke the 8 years girls shot put record. The old record was set at 5.49 metres in 2012 and Rachelle’s new record is 5.98 metres. She also broke a record set in 2000 for high jump. It was 97 centimetres and Rachelle jumped 1 metre. Monogorilby State School took home a shield for the average points on the day.

Not only did students excel on the field but their sportmanship and mateship shone through on the day showing support for their fellow students and for students from other schools on the day.

Mundubbera and District Athletics Day

Eve, Sam, Mac, Eva, Liam, Jill, CJ, Sonya and Hayley were all invited to represent the Small Schools Team at the Mundubbera and District Athletics that will be held this Friday in Mundubbera

Mono Sports Day

After discussions at a P&C Meeting it was decided to postpone the Sports Day due a variety of reasons. A new date and more information will be shared as soon as plans have been confirmed.

This term in PE students will be developing their skills in ball skills - kicking, throwing and catching. They will be involved in learning and enhancing their skills to play soccer and netball. Students from years 3 to 6 have been invited to the annual Fun Sports Day in Mundubbera on the 9th of September to play these two sports with other students. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
Everyday counts at Monogorilby!

Week 2 saw us at 100% attendance!! Well done everyone! That means that all students were at school learning everyday!

We are so close to reaching our target of 95% for the term. Unfortunately, illness has let us down this term but we are on our way to being healthy again. Lets aim to reach 95% attendance in the next fortnight!

Changes to Absenteeism

The Department has released a new policy regarding same day absence notifications. State Schools are required to begin planning to implement a same-day notifications relating to unexplained absences for all students by the end of 2017. More information will be shared about this during the next P&C Meeting. We can make a start by ensuring you inform the school if you are planning on being away and follow up on absences with a note or email to inform the school the reason for the absence.

Attendance Awards / Students of the Week
MUNDUBBERA BLUE LIGHT
FANCY DRESS

Friday 19th August 2016 at Margaret Kelly Hall
Mundubbera State School

$5.00 entry (covers entry, free Sausage on bread and a popper)

Kindy to Year 4 - 5.30pm to 7pm
Year 5 to High school
7.15pm to 9pm

Prizes to be won

Parents / guardians please sign your children in and out at the door please
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**Birthday Corner**

**August**

Eve