Students have settled into a busy and productive Term 1. With this term being a short term (9 weeks) we will be busy working right up until the last day of school with assessments occurring in the last week of school. This term has especially been busy with writing the School Annual Implementation Plan, Investing For Success Application and balancing the school budget.

The School Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) is a planning document guiding Monogorilby State School’s improvement agenda and includes school priorities and strategies that will be implemented throughout the year to work towards maintaining and improving student high achievement. Our priorities this year are:

- Reading and Comprehension
- Attendance
- Purposeful Use of Data

Investing for Success is Australian Government funding that is allocated to Queensland schools to support students to achieve improved outcomes. As a state school we are required to identify key areas for investment and enter an agreement with the department on how the money will be spent during the year. This funding supports the implementation of the AIP and supports school improvement and student achievement.

These documents along with the school budget will be shared with parents at the P&C AGM meeting.

**Date Claimer:**

**P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM was postponed to **Thursday the 24th of March.**
We will hold the AGM meeting after the Monogorilby State School Fun Run.

To be a member of the school’s P&C is to have a hand in helping to shape the school’s future. All parents are encouraged to be a member of the school’s P&C as this is great opportunity to get involved in making decisions for the school and your child’s education. P&Cs are the voice of the parents and the driver behind many school improvements and initiatives.
Teaching and Curriculum
This term we have been focusing on the basics—English, Math and Science. In Math students have been focusing on number and operations, including learning different strategies that they can use to solve problems. Students have also studied fractions, data collection and graphing. Homework has included the review and practice of number facts. Students need to be able to automatically recall number facts to be able to solve more complex math problems with efficiency and accuracy.

Science this term has involved the study of plants in the Life and Living strand. Students shared their knowledge and posed questions at the beginning of the unit. They have been exploring the parts of plants, germination of seeds, the process of photosynthesis and the lifecycle of a plant. Students have participated in experiments to answer their posed questions.

Students have been learning comprehension strategies, including the strategies Finding the Main Idea and Recalling Facts and Details. Students are taught explicitly how to use the strategy and practise by reading a variety of texts and answering questions. We have scheduled silent reading time after lunch where students spend 5-10 minutes quietly reading a book of their choice and using a Reading Log to record their understanding and reflect on what they have read.

**Finding the Main Idea:**
1. Look at the Pictures
2. Look for the Title
3. Read the First and last sentence / paragraph
4. Read the text and ask yourself what it is mainly about.

**Recalling Facts and Details:**
1. Read the text and identify the main idea
2. Find the facts and details that support the main idea
3. They often tell who, what, where, when, why and how of the main idea
Monogorilby Fun Run
The Fun Run will occur at Monogorilby State School on Thursday the 24th of March. Students have been training for the fun run which will also help them to get ready for the Mundubbera and District Cross Country early next term. Students have begun their fundraising and are asking for sponsor money for their run. The money raised will earn the students some great prizes and the P&C and school will benefit from the student’s fundraising efforts. Students are to return their sponsor forms to the school and money can either be directly deposited into the P&C account or returned on the day of the Fun Run to be checked and banked. Extra sponsor forms are available at the school.

Book Fair
Book Fair will be available at Monogorilby State School during Week 8 (week starting 14th March) and will be set up in the spare classroom. A percentage of sales made at the Book Fair will go towards new resources for our Library. Parents and members of the community are welcome to come in to view the books on offer. Students will complete their Wish Lists at school and will take these home to discuss with parents. Parents are reminded to pay direct debit to the P&C for the items they wish to purchase and to communicate with the school which books they want to purchase.

Book Fair Competition
Students who have been diligently reading and recording their home reading every night this term will be put into a draw to win one of six $10 vouchers to spend at the Book Fair.

Book Covering Working Bee
We are looking for parents to lend a hand over the next few weeks to come in and cover our new reading books. The sooner we get the books covered, the sooner we can start using them to support the teaching of reading and comprehension. Please contact Jennilea to arrange a time. We are happy to supply morning or afternoon tea!

My Friends and I Show
Parents and community members are invited to join us to enjoy the performance visiting us on Friday the 11th of March at the Monogorilby Hall at 9:00. The duration of the show will be about an hour.
Sport
Our students have been busy training for the up coming Fun Run. Andy has the track mowed and will maintain this for us ready for our big day on Thursday the 24th of March. We will walk the track in the week of the Fun Run so students know where to run.

Congratulations to our students who have been trying out at the Mundubbera and District Trials. Hayley, Liam and CJ tried out for sports such as Touch Football, Soccer and Netball. The students were up against some tough competition. Hayley made the North Burnett Touch Football team and will now be travelling to Hervey Bay with her team to compete at the Wide Bay Touch Football trials. Liam was picked to try out at the North Burnett Soccer trials and CJ said the competition was tough with the netball trial but she enjoyed herself.

School Leader Induction
Hayley was inducted as our 2016 School Leader. Hayley shows excellent leadership skills and will uphold and represent Monogorilby State School in all aspects of her schooling life. Congratulations Hayley!

Students of the Week
We have had many outstanding students this term, it makes it a difficult task to choose our Student of the Week. Here are our award recipients to date.
Everyday counts at Monogorilby!

Attendance Awards

Attendance awards are given to those students who have 100% attendance for the week. This includes students who are representing the school at school events. See below for our attendance recipients.

Nearly there!

The Regional target is 95%

Our attendance for the year sits at 91.4%. Students have improved in their attendance every week. Let’s aim to reach the target of 95%.
What’s On

11 March     My Friends and I Show
Week 8       Book Fair
17th March   Leslie Single Visiting
24th March   Monogorilby Fun Run
24th March   P&C AGM—All welcome
25th March   Good Friday
11th April   Term 2 Resumes
15th April   Mundubbera and District Cross Country
10th—12th May NAPLAN
19th May     Monogorilby Sports Day
16th June    Small Schools Athletics in Mundubbera
22nd July    Mundubbera and District Athletics Day
Term 2, Week 11 School Camp

Birthday Corner

March
4th Jack
20th Mac