Launch - Fundraiser for Thomas

This week we are launching a Mega Raffle in aid of a very young member of our school community, Thomas Maloney (2PD), who is currently undergoing chemotherapy at the Royal Brisbane Children’s Hospital for Lymphoma. Mrs Kerri Smith, a 2PD parent has approached local businesses to seek their support with donation of prizes. Special thanks to the many businesses who have generously donated items and to Kerri for her efforts in securing prizes. Attached to this newsletter is your opportunity to purchase tickets. Place your support in the envelope provided. Clearly label the envelope with your family’s name and “Fundraising for Thomas.” All monies raised will be forwarded to the Maloney family. Your support is greatly appreciated!

WEEK 6 CELEBRATIONS – Showcasing State Education

Week 6 is a week of celebrations at Proserpine State School and we are excited:

- **Our Harmony celebrations** continues to follow our focus on “Discovering our own story”. A theme initiated through our NAIDOC celebrations in 2012. In your child’s homework next week, we are asking students to find out their family heritage. They will indicate the country/place on the map of the world displayed in the library. Please support us and your child in celebrating our school’s diversity.

- **Literacy week** is also upon us and Mrs Dougherty is organising a trivia competition. We are scouting for some brave parents who can join the teacher/parent team to compete against the winners of the student competition. Please see advertisement in Community News.

- **Under 8’s Big Morning Out** is on again and this year’s theme encourages us to ‘Think Locally’. Mrs Sue Connors has assembled local cultural and community groups to help us celebrate. You and your child, who is under 8, are welcome to attend and celebrate with us.

*Through these celebrations, we are opening up our doors to the community and showcasing the wonderful opportunities State Education can offer!*

CURRICULUM MATTERS

When I was at school in the Dark Ages our assessments were all tests of knowledge. In today’s world however, learners need to go beyond knowing information to being able to use the information. A huge part of being this kind of learner is making connections. Have you had an “aha” moment recently where you suddenly understood something? Chances are this “aha” moment involved seeing a new connection.

In teaching reading specifically, we require our students to make Test to Self, Test to World and Test to Text connections. Through class discussion, our kids get a ‘hook’ on which to hang their ‘hat’. Making connections involves putting information into categories as well as seeing how one thing can represent or stand for something else. Ultimately, it involves:

- figuring out what’s the same or similar;
- figuring out how one thing relates to another; and
- finding unusual connections, often by being able to inhibit an automatic response, by reflecting, and by selecting something that is connected in a different way.

Making multiple connections is a skill that becomes possible during the later preschool and early school-age years and beyond as the prefrontal cortex of children’s brains matures. It calls on executive functions of the brain, including working memory, inhibitory control, and cognitive flexibility. Making unusual connections is the basis of creativity.*

NEW COMPETITION!

**Time to Think**

Construct a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast a Teacher and a rhinoceros.

Entries can be placed in the Competition Box in the office foyer. Entries close Monday 20th May

We acknowledge the Gia and Ngaro people of the land on which we work, travel and live.

We pay our respects to their Elders, their Ancestors and Future Generations.
Anzac Choir
This choir was made up of children from Years 4-7. They had concentrated rehearsals in order to sing at the ANZAC ceremony on Wednesday 24 April at the school. The choir sang “Lay Down Your Arms” and “Brown Slouch Hat”. They were also joined by the High School Choir to sing the ANZAC songs during the laying of the wreaths. Congratulations on a wonderful performance.

Junior Choir
This choir is made up of children from Years 2 and 3. All children are invited to join. This choir rehearses on Thursday at morning tea. If possible, teachers allow choir children to eat before the break to allow for maximum rehearsal time. If your child has tuckshop please write “CHOIR” on the bag if that is your method of ordering. Children can come to the first 3 weeks on a trial basis but after that if they put their name down it is taken that they are committed to the choir for the rest of the year. This is the 3rd week of rehearsal. We have a lovely time working as a team, learning great songs and preparing to perform at the Uniting Church Flower Show in September and possibly the Mackay Eisteddfod in October. The school fete and Christmas round off the year.

Senior Choir
The 6/7 Choir will rehearse on Monday or Friday morning tea and 4/5 Choir on Wednesday morning tea. Again it is expected that the students will make a commitment after a short trial period.

Instrumental Music
Please remember to attend your lesson on time on Monday or Tuesday depending on the timetable and to bring your instruments and music on those days.
The band is playing the National Anthem and Happy Birthday on parade and are playing new repertoire as classes enter and exit the hall.
It is wonderful to see so many students with instrument stands. These will keep the instruments safe when not being played.
You may also notice the banners on the music stands. They have been found after many years and certainly brighten up the stands.
Rebekka Beveridge, Vania Ehrnst, Samantha Diamond, Veronica Roberts and Siena Gardner will be attending the Mackay and District Instrumental camp at Yeppoon from 27 May-31 May culminating in a concert at Beaconsfield State School Performing Arts Hall on the Friday at 4.00pm. Students who attend this camp have a wonderful time and enrich their skills.

Mrs Scottford – Arts Teacher

Health and Physical Education
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Whitsunday District Teams for their respective sports recently and will be attending the Northern Region Trials in the near future.
Soccer: Harry Hodgen
Cross Country: Jackson Wagner Ethan Clegg Holly Moore
Trent Deboni Dylan Hoffman Allrah Watts
Kasey Hogan (Apologies to Kasey for leaving her off the Proserpine List)

Cross Country is a gruelling activity that requires a lot of hard and often lonesome training so well done to these students on your efforts.
The following students have been selected for the Proserpine District Touch Team and will be attending the Whitsunday Trials shortly.
Trent DeBoni
Jed Gough
Jack Ryan
Piper O’Grady

Yours in Sport – Mr Nosworthy

Library News
Congratulations to Prep BE. “Library Award” for the class with no overdue library books for the month of April. These children all received a ‘Gotcha’ for this amazing effort. These is a new monthly award, so please encourage your child/children to return their library books and borrow again regularly.
The ‘2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge’ is on again! Reading begins Tuesday 14 May and concludes Friday 6 September 2013. The challenge for students is to read as many books as they possibly can in the desired time frame. Many classroom teachers have already registered their classes and a Parent Newsletter and Student Reading Record will be coming home for students to complete, as a record of the number of books they have read. If your child is interested in participating and hasn’t yet received any of the above information, please see Mrs McDonald in the Library or visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support – Positively Amazing
At this Proserpine State School we try to be proactive in preventing negative behaviours from occurring. Students are encouraged to be active bystanders and to take measures to avert incidences by supporting each other. All staff members are also included with the responsibility of being active supervisors, not only to divert any potential negative behaviour but also to acknowledge those children whose behaviour is commendable. In the playground, students who are caught upholding the expectations of the school are awarded a Gotcha and when they accumulate 5 of these they receive a Golden Gotcha with which they can purchase a cold cup at the Tuckshop. In classrooms, those students who have not received any behaviour letters for the designated fortnight receive a reward to acknowledge their good conduct. This reward may be 30mins free time, a homework pass, a voucher, an expectation wristband or something of the Teacher’s choice.
The next Positive Reward day is Friday 24th May so don’t forget to ask your child if they have been acknowledged.
Those children who are able to maintain their Star Student Status for the term are eligible to participate in a Star Student Activity at the end of Term. The P-3 enjoyed their disco so much last term that they might do it again this term. Ensure that you promote the four expectations of Be Safe, Be Friendly, Be Respectful and Be a Learner at home to assist your child in being a Star Student.
Ann Gardel – Behaviour Management Teacher

Special Education Services
We are fast approaching the middle of term 2 and our staff are engaging in a number of high quality professional development. Predominating this professional development has centred on building resilience and goal setting for individual students, as well as communication. Our program has always placed an emphasis on communication skills development. We recognise that each student has different learning styles and our challenge is to stay abreast of all communication methodologies.
All professional development engaged in by staff is aimed at further developing skills and strategies to support educational programs for your children. Staff meetings attended weekly by staff also provide opportunities for sharing ideas.
To new families I hope you are feeling welcomed in our community. Our parent teacher interviews provided recent opportunity to discuss children’s programs and progress. Please feel free to continue the communication and drop in and say hello anytime to discuss your child’s progress.

Deb Raiteri - Acting Head of Special Education

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNSELLOR

‘Monty’ the Story Teller:
On Friday May 22 we had the honour of having “Boori Monty Pryor” at the school for an In-Residence Day with the primary students/teachers telling Indigenous stories, culture and shared experiences from his prestigious achievements of his books and performances with Indigenous groups. I loved the way he energetically described and re-enacted characters from his stories. This gave the students opportunity to express and share their authentic artistic talents. Both students and teachers were impressed with his ability to tell an inspirational story.

The magical moment for me was the whole of school assembly at the end of the day. Monty performed, with the children repeating after him, a rendition of a story told earlier in the day. Every student and teacher was engaged. It was exciting, funny and interesting to watch teachers and students trying to imitate animals while Monty played the didgeridoo for the last 10 minutes of the afternoon. Overall I have heard great things from teachers about the day. We hope to get Monty Pryor back soon rather than later.

Reminders:

- Any Indigenous student(s) who feel upset, having a bad day or just want to have a chat that I’m available at lunchtimes in the Spare Office in Admin Building. I will place a Notice on the door so that you know where you can find me.
- NAIDOC Week is coming up so start thinking about your culture, knowledge, experiences or stories to share with others.
- I have been collating Indigenous student’s data (reports card/behaviour) and encourage those who have been performing well in and out of class to continue and inspire you to be a role model for others to do well. Remember each one of us are leaders as long as we choose the right path in life.

Arthur Gabe

EVERY DAY COUNTS
On last week’s assembly we acknowledged the students in Year 4–7 who had achieved 100% attendance. At last count, we had 13% of our students attending 100% of the time. They and their parents are making Every Day Count. Well done! Congratulations to those individual students who have met their attendance goals this week! Let’s strive to achieve our school goal of at least 95% attendance.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
The Student Council hopes all mums of Proserpine State School had a wonderful Mother’s Day. Thank you to all those who agreed to be involved in the weekend’s events. We also hope to get Monty Pryor back soon rather than later.

At a meeting a unanimous decision was made to donate $100 to the “Pens for Bali” project. One of our teachers will be visiting schools in Bali, Indonesia, in June. She would love to deliver donations from students at Proserpine State School for Balinese students who have purchased one or many tickets in three our prizes raffle. Some prep children thought the straw handbag would be great to win so mum can carry all her ‘stuff’. Shaiyanna Craigie, Coen Wells and Hayley Funk were the lucky winners. The raffle raised $242.70.

Planning has started on a Free Dress day later in the term. More news as it gets closer.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014
Thank you to the families who have already informed us of their child’s attendance in Prep for 2014. We are still collecting this information so please fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter as soon as possible and return to the school office. If you are aware of families that may be interested in enrolling with us please direct them to our school office and place them in the collection boxes at either location. If placing in boxes in store, please be sure to fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter as soon as possible and return to the school office.

WOOLOTHS EARN AND LEARN
From Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June 2013 Proserpine State School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Parents are encouraged to collect stickers when they shop at Woolworths and place them on the sticker cards available in store or at the school office and place them in the collection boxes at either location. If placing in boxes in store, please be sure to look for the Proserpine State School box. Points earned by our school will enable us to purchase more resources for our school.

CLASS AWARDS 07/05/13

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CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD - 7WC

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD - 3JW

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**SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

**UNIFORMS**
With the cooler weather approaching black jumpers can be purchased from the Uniform shop at a price of $23. To maintain our high level of presentation and student pride multi-coloured jackets/jumpers are not permitted. School shirt, black bottoms, or pinafore (for girls), black sport/school shoes with white socks and school hat must be worn every day. Hats ($10) and uniform shirts ($25) are available for sale from the P&C Uniform Shop—opened Mondays 8.15—9.15 and Thursdays 2.30—3.30.

**PAYMENTS**
There is a designated box located next to the money collection window for children to drop in monies. Teachers will not accept money. Please ensure that the correct money is placed in an envelope with children’s names, classes and reason for payment written on the front. We have EFTPOS facilities as well as Internet Banking for your convenience. Parents can make payments between the hours from 8:30 to 2:30 ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ONLY. Monies can still be dropped through the money collection mailbox outside of these hours.

**FOUND**
1 pair of glasses, purple and pink in a blue Ozko case. You can come and collect them from the office.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Hello all, now that the weather has turned chilly we will be selling Hot Chocolates and Raisin Toast again. We have certainly noticed that you are all opting for hot food to warm your tummies on the cooler days. Unfortunately because of the clash with the sports days at the end of term we have had to put our pizza day on hold until next term. Just a reminder to all that the sauce sachets aren’t available for sale at the play bell at big lunch. We have had a few of the children try them and they loved them. They will only be available for sale at the play bell at big lunch. We have had a few of the children try them and they loved them. They will be selling for 60c each or 30c for a half. Once again THANK YOU to all our wonderful helpers. We have a handful of amazing Mums who volunteer in our Tuckshop and work so hard to help us out, but there is always room for more so please drop in and give us your name and number.

Many hands make light work. We would also really appreciate some help on the 2 sports days at the end of term as they will be big days for us. Hope to see some new faces in the Tuckshop soon.

Many Thanks the Tuckshop Ladies ☺️☺️

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**AUTISM INFORMATION EVENING**
For Parents and Professionals
Come and meet Ann-Marie (Team Leader/teacher) and Hanna (Speech/Language Pathologist) from Autism Qld’s Mackay Centre
Find out about free visits by the School Advisory Service from Brisbane
We will try and answer all your questions regarding our services, getting a diagnosis, classroom strategies, positive behaviour support etc. and provide you with information sheets on many topics.
If we don’t have an answer, we will find one.
THURSDAY 16th May, 2013
5.30 – 7pm
At Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre
Lot 2 Hazelwood Court, Cannonvale

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**Book Bonanza 2013**
11 – 18 May at the Museum
Opens 9am – 4pm daily – Closing 12md on 18 May
TRASH & TREASURE STALL
Come and grab a bargain – Books for the whole family
Proceeds go to improve your local museum
Whitsunday Catholic Parish

The Whitsunday Catholic Parish will celebrate Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday 18 August 2013. Parents who wish to present a child for these Sacraments are asked to contact the Parish Office Ph 4945 1025 before 22 May 2013.

Do you have child attending Prep at Proserpine State School in 2014?

Please fill out and return to the school office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ____________
Have you changed your details recently?

Parent/Carers who have changed their address, phone numbers, etc., please fill in this tear out section and return to the school office.

Student’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Address: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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Home Phone No. ………………… Mobile No. ………………… Work No. …………………

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Has your child’s medical details changed?

Please fill in this section and return to school office.

Student’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Class: …………………

Doctor’s Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Doctor’s Phone No. …………………

Doctor’s Address: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Postcode: …………………

Medical Condition:

Known Allergies:

Medication:

(see note below)

Medication at School

Any ‘prescription medication’ should be left at the office in the original container provided by the pharmacy (clearly indication dosage) along with a note from the student’s parent giving permission for the medication to be taken during school hours or alternatively complete a medication form at the school office.