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### Principal’s News

#### Welcome to 2017 School Year

Welcome back to the start of the 2017 school year. Thank you to all staff for your efforts in preparing for the New Year. When walking around the school last week it was evident that our students have clarity around our school expectations (Be Safe, Be Friendly, Be Respectful, Be a Learner). Classrooms are calm and productive with students appearing to be happy to be back at school. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for ensuring your child is at school and fully prepared with resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students and families to Proserpine State School. I trust that your first week was very enjoyable with new friendships created and successful learning occurring. We look forward to you all taking advantage of the dedicated teaching and learning, cultural and sporting opportunities that Proserpine State School has to offer.

#### Introducing New Teachers

Welcome to our new teachers (left to right) Mrs Belinda Arena, Mrs Amy Williscroft, Mrs Sharon Coward, Ms Lucy Robinson-Tillett and Miss Karina Pellegrinet.
Student Enrolment - Day 4 / Day 8

At the commencement of each school year, student enrolment numbers are used to determine the level of annual funding for all state schools. This funding is based on a formula that calculates a dollar amount for each student enrolled. There are two important enrolment data collection days – Day 4 (Friday 27 January) and Day 8 (Thursday 2 February). I am very pleased to advise that all students enrolled, have either returned to school, or are accounted for and have given a returning date.

As of Day 4 our student enrolment for 2017 is 568 students.

Although this figure of 568 students is identical to our 2016 enrolments, we have grown. Last year 118 Year 6 students graduated to high school. We have enrolled 72 prep (3 classes) for 2017. We have replaced the loss of our largest cohort of students graduating to high school by enrolling 46 new students across the Year 1 – 6 grades!

2017 School Priorities

Our improvement agenda is set out in our endorsed 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan. In 2017 our school improvement priorities will be documented in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The AIP will be presented and discussed at our first P&C meeting for any interested parents, caregivers or community members.

This year our priorities are:

Reading – This remains a focus so we can continue to see the amazing levels and improvements achieved. We make no excuse for the importance we place on early reading development at Proserpine State School. If the reading foundations are developed successfully in Prep – Year 3 it sets your child up for educational success.

Writing – Students will notice in the coming weeks that the amount of writing they do in class has increased and the way writing is taught will set them up for writing success throughout the year.

Explicit Instruction – Teachers are being coached and supported further with the continued implementation of lesson delivery using – I do / We do / You do together / You do on your own. This term the whole school focus is “We do” in writing lessons. Teachers will be refining their practice of modelling writing in lessons – the language used, scaffolding (step by step) and questioning used in this part of the lesson. I believe the “We do” element of the lesson is the most crucial as it provides students with multiple opportunities for writing with guidance / support from the teacher. This allows students to have success with their writing by developing confidence before they are expected to writing independently.

School Improvement – We live in a data rich world. At school we only collect relevant data that assists us in tracking student learning. This year we will be review how we use this data to ensure it guides what is being taught and how it is taught in our classrooms.

Attendance – In 2016 we successfully attained the state target of 93.9% student attendance rate. Although we are proud of this achievement we believe we can do better. We have set our own whole school target of 96%. Part of the attendance priority is a review of how we manage attendance.

Rob Templeton
Principal

Deputy Principal's News

Welcome back to all our families to the 2017 school year.

A special welcome to our many new families who have joined us this year. We have had a very positive start to the school year and I thank teachers for the dedication and commitment to setting up a positive start to the year with their students this week. It was great to see so many students showing enthusiasm about their school year.

Parent Information sessions

Next week we will be holding our Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. These sessions are for teachers to convey to you how your child’s class will be operating this year and to pass to you any information pertaining to that specific class or year level. This is not a time for individual discussions with classroom teachers – if you need to speak individually with a teacher thank you for arranging a meeting at a later date.

Teachers will be either running these sessions individually in their classes or as a year level team in the year level block. On the night, thank you for arriving at your child’s class just prior to the start time so sessions can begin on time.

A note has been forwarded to parents this week confirming their child’s class day and time for the sessions.

Updating Student details

If your child’s personal details have changed since the start of this school year, thank you for completing a change of details form which can be collected via the office or on the attached link.
This change may include changes to your, address, contact phone numbers, home, work or mobile and emergency contact persons and phone numbers. It is vital that we are able to contact parents and there were several instances last year where our contacts for parents were not valid.

**Attendance - Every Day Counts**

We believe that regular school attendance is a fundamental pre requisite for student learning and each school has an Attendance Strategy to support this belief. Here at Proserpine State School our strategy focuses on the need to provide a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment that encourages student attendance.

We do this through Explicit Teaching lessons in an engaged learning environment, setting learning goals with high expectations that reflect individual ability and our positive acknowledgment of regular school attenders and classes with high attendance rates.

Students still need to stay home if they are ill and it is expected that parents will contact the school via a phone call to the office or the QParents app. This is then recorded as an explained absence. When schools are not contacted re a student absence this is considered an unexplained absence. It is an expectation of Education Queensland that all unexplained absences are followed up by the school, daily data is collected by the school on students who have not attended.

As mandated by our Regional Office all schools have to set a whole of school attendance target for the year. In 2016 our target was to reach 93.0% of our students attending every day, our actual data reflected that we achieved the target of 93.9%.

The Regions target for 2017 is 93% again and our school target is to reach 96% whole of school attendance.

Parents play a vital role in supporting their children to attend every day and we encourage you to reinforce with your child that Every Day Counts and discussing that days missed mean having to catch up on missed lessons.

Where possible we also recommend making medical and other specialist appointments outside of school hours. If you need support with your child attending every day thank you for first discussing this with your child’s teacher who may then suggest a meeting is arranged with a member of the school Lead Team.

*Learning is Gold and Every Day Counts*

**2017 Student Leaders**

At the end of last year we announced our 2017 School Captains, congratulations are to go to the following students:

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Last Friday our 2017 School House Captains were announced on assembly. Congratulations are to go to the following students:

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Year 6 Students who submitted a leadership log last year and have not won a specific position still hold the role of Student Leader and make up part of our Student Council.

All members of the Student Council will attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mackay on February 14. This includes Student Council Representatives from each class in Years 4-6. A parent information note has gone home this week to parents of students who will be attending the conference.

This is a very valuable experience for our Student Council as it supports students with leadership skills, goal setting and on how to be successful with their school’s Action Plan.

**After School Care by Camp Australia**

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

Proserpine State School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of Before and After school care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school’s values and builds on your child’s educational experiences and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy
snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kids faces.

Proserpine State School and Camp Australia are now in final stages of approvals and we can advise a start date in the very near future.

http://www.campaustralia.com.au
Have a great fortnight everyone.

Alison Bradford
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

Last week, it was great to see our returning students and families with us again for a new school year, and welcome to our new students and families. This week, you should receive a Class Newsletter from your child’s teacher/s which provides a basic outline of the curriculum being implemented and assessed, as well as more individual information about classroom operations, expectations etc. You may also be informed of your child’s learning goals for Term 1.

We thank our students’ families for ensuring that they arrived at school after 8.30am with their respective stationery items, in their uniform complete with the school hat, with a healthy lunch and a positive mindset. This greatly advantages our kids to quickly get back into routine and be ready to learn.

This term, we are awaiting the release of the new Humanities and Social Sciences (previously separate subjects of History, Geography, Economics and Business, Civics and Citizenship) curriculum units, each class will undertake two science units. Then, in Term 2, HASS will commence implementation. This is the only time whereby Science is not taught every term.

This year, as we move a little further down the track of a Explicit Instruction - ‘gradual release of responsibility’ paradigm, our goals include to increase student talk and decrease teacher talk, ensure our students are provided with multiple opportunities to reflect on their learning and encourage and motivate them to be more active participants in the learning process. If a child can discuss what she/he is learning, inform of how well she/he is doing, detail personal strengths and areas for improvement, know where to go to for help, and enact feedback, then we are teaching our kids the 4 Cs of 21st century learner:

- creator,
- collaborator,
- communicator, and
- critical thinker

Yours in education,

Lee-Anne Dougherty
Head of Curriculum

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

For those parents who are new to our school, SWPBS is a combination of systems and practices that we engage in our school to build a positive school culture. Our team meets monthly and we use the data generated on Oneschool (both positive and negative) to determine what we are doing well and where we need to inject more resources or change an environment or practices.

The focus is on stating the expectations of the school in a positive manner and acknowledging students who are upholding those expectations by handing out star points in all areas of the school and by all staff. When students reach 50 star points their name goes onto the Wall of Fame located in the Administration Building and they receive a personalised book mark for their Bronze Award. When they achieve 100 star points their name is moved into the Silver Award section and they receive a certificate presented in class. The Gold Award Certificate (200 star points) and a Platinum Award Certificate (400 star points) are presented on Assembly and their name is progressed up the Wall of Fame.
The first week of each term is devoted to teaching the expectations and daily routines so the students are clearly aware of what they need to do. We then focus on one of these expectations each week to reinforce and remind our students how to be Star Students. Complimentary fridge magnets that detail how parents can support their students in being Star Students are available at the School Office. We look forward to another year of celebrating the wonderful students that we have at Proserpine State School.

Ann Gardel
Behaviour Support Teacher

Head of Student Services

Hello

I would like to introduce myself; I am Linda Sippel and I am the Head of Student Services at Proserpine State School. My role for 2017 has extended a little. It now includes overseeing the support provided to identified students in the following areas: behaviour, learning, health and well-being (mental and medical health) and attendance. Proserpine State School has a reputation for high quality services in this area and this in due to, in part, the healthy working relationships we have with our school community. I encourage you to get connected to the school and your child’s teacher to ensure a great start and quality outcomes.

Here are a few tips to assist you with this connection:

- Make contact with your child’s teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don’t understand something
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school newsletter
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can

Music

Music classes have resumed for 2017 and it is lovely to see all the familiar faces and welcome new ones to the school. We have a very busy year of singing, dancing, creating and playing instruments ahead of us.

Students from Years 4-6 are required to have a Music book which should last for 3 years. They also need a Yamaha recorder if using it at school. Children are asked to practise recorder at home. This may initially be untuneful but will improve with practice and encouragement. Year 4 also need a display folder.

Choirs

Yr4/5/6 choir has started and is rehearsing on Monday and Thursday morning tea. Many thanks go to Mrs Balma and Mrs Becker for giving of their time to help.

This choir has been invited to participate in the very special 25th Regional Choral Festival in Mackay. Compulsory rehearsals in Mackay are on Sunday 19 March and Monday 20 March culminating in a performance on the Monday evening at Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre. The Festival is a non-competitive event, which gives students the opportunity to sing with a massed choir and receive direction from well-known conductors from Brisbane. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and one which they thoroughly enjoy.

A note will go out to the parents of this choir very soon. It is very important that all correspondence is read and notes/ money etc returned BY the due dates otherwise children may miss out.

Junior Choir, Years 2 & 3, starts in Term 2.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of music.

Linda Sippel
Head of Student Services

Sports

Swimming Lessons

Year 6 Swimming Term 1 for 2017

Weeks 2 – 4

Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday’s 6RG, 6JW and 6HM

Make contact with other parents and carers at your school; perhaps meet up informally with parents or carers of other children in your child’s class or join a P & C committee

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Linda Sippel
Head of Student Services
Yours in music

Elspeth Scotford
Music teacher

What’s Happening & General

Student Resource Scheme

We are asking parents/carers to complete the Student Resource Participation Agreement Form (which indicates your participation or non-participation in the scheme). Families choosing not to participate in the program will be required to supply resources accordingly.

The provision of curriculum resources by parents will be a prerequisite before invitations are extended to students to participate in extra curricular activities such as District/Regional Sport, Choir, and Eisteddfods etc.

The Student Resource Scheme Agreement must be returned and payment made by the 17th February 2017.

Preferred Payment option is via BPOINT. Information has been sent home regarding how to use BPoint.


Other payment options are by Cash, Cheq, Credit Card or Centrepay. You can also pay via our QParents App.

Families experiencing financial difficulties/hardship in meeting this deadline are welcome to negotiate a payment schedule with the Business Services Manager.

QParents

Android App

The QParents Android App has now launched and is available on the Google Play Store. Android users can download the app for use on their phones and tablets. Parents can find the QParents app by visiting the link below, and searching for ‘QParents’.

https://play.google.com/store
https://qparents.qld.edu.au
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEuRCR-Q

Register online and then download the FREE IPhone app

School Banking – Dollarmites

Welcome back to school. School Banking will commence again from Tuesday 31st January. Banking folders needs to be at the School Office by 9am, and they will be returned to students via Classroom Teachers, usually no later than Thursday.

There is a wonderful new variety of rewards available this year, plus the opportunity to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

World Record Attempt

Most hugs given in 1 minute by an individual!

Current Record: 79 Hugs

We are very happy to announce that with the help of Hit 100.3 Mackay we have been offered to join them in the attempt of breaking a World Record!

Hit 100.3 Mackay will be hosting their morning show here at Proserpine State School and we invite you to come along and watch the fun!

When: 8:30am, Thursday 2nd February
Where: Multi-Purpose Complex

Register online and then download the FREE IPhone app
If parents are wanting to open a Dollarmite account for their child(ren) they can be opened at the Proserpine Branch of the Commonwealth Bank – please take your child(ren) birth certificate with you.

Also, a reminder that School Banking is run by volunteers, so should you have any questions in regards to School Banking that our lovely School Office Ladies are unable to answer, they will refer you to one of the volunteer Co-Ordinators.


Mrs Kerri Smith and Mrs Nikki Stoneham
School Banking Co-Ordinators

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEufRCR-Q

For easy online ordering just register on the link below or contact flexischools on 1300 361 769.


Alternatively, you can collect further information from the ladies at the tuckshop.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours for 2017

Monday 8:30am – 9:15am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:15pm

If you can’t make the opening hours, order forms are available from the office or you can download an order form from the link below.

Thank you for the donations of pre-loved clothing. More donations would be greatly appreciated.

We sell on a CASH ONLY basis to keep the cost of uniforms down. Thank you for your support.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

For the latest news and any important school alerts please LIKE the Proserpine State School Facebook page.

It is a key point of information regarding changes to school routine, upcoming events, good news stories etc.

http://www.facebook.com/ProserpineStateSchool

Our next AGM is 16th February 2017 at 6:30pm.

Welcome back to another exciting year for the Tuckshop “Little Boots Café.”

The Tuckshop Ladies would like to say another HUGE “Thank You” to Chris Hinschen & St Pauls Anglican Op Shop for their kind donation to the Tuckshop for our new sign. Thank you also to Tony Gray of “Revival Custom Signs & Pinstriping” for the wonderful job he has done of the sign. It looks just amazing.

By now you should have all received your new Menu which has been sent home to each family with their oldest child. You will see there are a few small changes to the menu to make it a more school approved healthy green and amber menu.

There are also a few price changes as we have kept our prices as low as possible for the past 2 years, but unfortunately the price of the majority of our stock has increased and we have had to adjust the prices accordingly.

A big welcome back also to our lovely volunteers, and there is always room for more. If you have an hour or two to spare just drop in and see us in the Tuckshop and we will work out a time that suits you. Volunteering your time is such a rewarding experience and it is such a treat for your little one to see Mum’s face behind the Tuckshop window.
**Crossing Supervisor Position**

**CASUAL POSITION VACANT**

A casual relief position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Proserpine State School.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and usually comprise 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon Commencement date (to be advised) with a Pay Rate of $28.18 per hour.

The successful applicants will be dependent on:

- The suitable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; (this is paid by the Department)
- A Positive Blue Card Notice (This is also paid by the Department and means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the School administration or contact Karen Cantoni (Road Safety officer) on 49 51 8333.

The School Crossing Supervisors Application is to be returned to the School for the school Principal’s recommendation.

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**Proserpine Whitsunday Junior Rugby League**

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**COME AND TRY DAY**

Attention Kids!! All Ages Welcome

NRL Development Staff, Coaches and Mackay Cutters players will be running a clinic from 10 – 11am.

Autograph signing will be available after clinic.

**Proserpine Junior Sporting Complex**

Saturday, 4th February, 2017

10am – 1pm

The office will be open for any family wanting help with registration of their children. Registrations can be done online at www.prosonwhrljrl.com.au

We also will be accepting Get Started Vouchers.

For further information, contact Lee Rafter on 0416 908 472 or email admin@prosonwhrl.com.au

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**Mackay Fostering**

**Foster carer. Could you be one?**

Churches of Christ Care provide a vital safety net for more than 2,000 children across the state who often come from backgrounds of abuse or neglect, but we need your help.

Here’s how:
- A heart for children in need
- A desire to touch lives
- A willingness to open up your home

We’d love to hear from you.

For more information

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