3 February 2016

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Principals News

Welcome to 2016 School Year

Welcome back to the start of the 2016 school year. Thank you to all staff for your efforts in preparing for the New Year. Walking around the school last week it is 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.

School Expectations - Uniforms

This week our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) focus is - ‘Take pride in yourself and your school, and wear your school uniform proudly’. Last week I visited classrooms to clarify the reinforcement of black shoes. While 90% of students are wearing ‘all black shoes’, which is fantastic, a small number of students have returned with shoes that have some white detailing or soles. This could be due to a number of reasons. Although this is not ideal we need to consider the effort that our community has gone to in purchasing ‘black shoes’. For this reason students with white detailing or white soles will be allowed to wear these shoes until semester 2. Further promotion of ‘all black shoes’ will continue.

Assistant Regional Director Visit

On Thursday Assistant Regional Director Melissa Jackson will be visiting from 9:30am on Thursday 4 February. Melissa has requested a walk through classrooms to observe our school improvement in practice. Melissa will also meet with the leadership team to discuss specific roles and responsibilities of each leadership team member.

Growth Mindset

This year we will be supporting our students to develop growth mindset. We believe that developing growth mindset will set our students up to be successful lifelong learners.

What is Growth Mindset?

When students have a growth mindset, they understand that intelligence can be developed. Students focus on improvement instead of worrying about how smart they are. They work hard to learn more and get smarter. This is based on years of research by Stanford University’s Dr Dweck, Lisa Blackwell PhD, and their colleagues. Students who learn this mindset show greater motivation in school, better grades, and higher test schools.

What is Fixed Mindset?

In a fixed mindset, students believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort.

Parents - support their children’s learning both inside and outside the classroom. They partner with teachers, and respond to outreach. They worry less about advocating for their children to get good grades and focus on making sure kids are being challenged and put in the effort needed to grow.

Students - are enthusiastic, hard-working, persistent learners. They take charge over their own success.
Welcome back to all our families to the 2016 school year.

A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year. It has been a very positive start to the school year and I thank teachers for the dedication and commitment to student learning that all teachers have demonstrated in the last two weeks.

Parent Information sessions

Next week as per the note that went home this week, we will be holding our Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday, February 9 for all classes from Prep to Year 5. Year 6 classes only are being held this week as they also incorporate camp information in their sessions. As stated in the note, these sessions are for teachers to run through with 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 that sessions can begin on time.

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday February 9 5.30 – 6.00pm
Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Tuesday February 9 6.15 – 6.45pm

There will be a free sausage sizzle for families from 5pm onwards, this will be situated in the CPA outside D Block.

New staff members

We welcome the school this year new and returning staff members, Jill Karon and Anna Lamper have returned to us and are sharing a Year 4 class, 4KL. Jasmine Parnell is new to the school transferring here from the Bowen area and is taking 2JP. We also have Carrie Turner Jones joining us for two days a week as one of our relief teachers.

Learning is Gold and Every Day Counts

Leaving school grounds

We are continuing to reinforce the correct use of our Stop – Drop – Go area for students who are being picked up by parents at our Renwick Road entrance at the end of our school day. The expectation is that parents drive through the Stop – Drop – Go to the next available park and not stop at the first space unless this is the only one available. This is to support the flow of traffic through the area for the ultimate safety of our students. All parents and students if walking must use our school crossing, at no times are parents to park inside the school grounds to pick up students as gates are locked for student safety.

Updating Student details

If your 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. 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 are not valid.
Welcome back to another school year!

This term is only 9 weeks long and, coupled with a three day Week 1, teachers and students have a lot to get through. We are commencing some new initiatives in our curriculum this year with the introduction of STARS (Strategies to Achieve Reading Success) from Years 1 to 6, and the Bar Model in Mathematics, to assist in problem solving. We are refining our Daily Writing Programme and have made changes to Spelling Mastery whereby most students will remain in their classroom with their class teacher.

As we have had a short first week, by the end of next week:

- Every parent and carer should have been contacted by their child’s class teacher, via letter, email or a phone call.
- Every student should have identified her/his personal learning goals for Term 1.
- Every student who has been identified using data as requiring additional support will have commenced targeted lessons with the Support Teachers (Natalie Templeton, Matt Hart, Jo Turner, Sarah Taylor, Linda Sippel and myself).

Growth Mindset

At Proserpine State School we endeavour to empower our students, to make them see that they have a responsibility as a learner to focus, to be organised and punctual, to ask questions, to clarify misunderstandings, to set goals and strive to achieve. As such, also new this year, we will be working with our students to develop a Growth Mindset; to meet challenges, to think more positively, and to proactively problem solve.

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Parent/ Carer Room

In B Block, above the ‘fishbowl’ classroom (the ONLY downstairs classroom under B Block), we have this year designated a room for use by our parents and carers for the intended purpose of:

- providing an alternate, more comfortable place for parents/ carers to wait in the afternoon for their children to finish the school day;
- encouraging parent/ carer involvement in our school community;
- distributing information to assist their children as learners;
- helping parents/ carers to meet other like-minded people who may turn into supportive friends!

Our school chaplain, Ms Michelle Killingly, will also be based in this room two days per week and is assisting in making the room more welcoming! In all likelihood, this will be ‘up and running’ in Week 5 but, should you wish to help us with this project, please pop in to the Administration block to volunteer your services. As well, should you have any items you wish to donate for use in this room, such as old parenting books or magazines, please drop them off to the Administration block also. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you up there.

Yours in Education,
Lee-Anne Dougherty

Sports

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Instruction is an essential part of this school’s Physical Education Curriculum which is aligned with Education Queensland’s Curriculum to Classroom C2C mandated learning.

Likewise, it is very important that all children participate as swimming and water activities are a way of life for those of us who live in the tropics.

Term 1 Swimming Lessons have now commenced for classes 6RG, 6JW, 6JM, 6HM and 6PH. Swimming Lessons are being held from Tuesday 2nd February 2016, every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday until Wednesday 17th February, 2016.

Please ensure your swimming permission form has been returned to the office along with the Student Resource Fee Agreement Form.

Music

Music classes have resumed for 2016 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 and folder and a Yamaha recorder if using it at school. Children are asked to practise their recorder at home. This may initially be untuneable but will improve with practice and encouragement.

Choirs: Yr4/5/6 choir have started and are rehearsing on Tuesday and Thursday’s at 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 24th Regional Choral Festival in Mackay. Compulsory rehearsals in Mackay are on Sunday 13 March and Monday 14 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 year the conductors are Jenny Moon, who worked with us at the first Big Sing, and Anthony Young who conducted last year. 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.

Elsbeth Scotford (Music Teacher)

What’s Happening & General

Student Resource Agreement and Fees

Student Resource Scheme Agreement forms and fees for 2016 have now been sent home with your child. Year level payments have been itemized for your reference into compulsory payments, voluntary payments and a P&C Contribution ($ 25 per family).

Please complete the agreement form and return with payment no later than 19 February, 2016 to enable ordering of consumables and organisation of programs as soon as possible.

You have an option of paying resources in Full or Term by Term instalments – Final payment due 21st July 2016 (Please advise your option on the form).

The office accepts Cash, Cheque, Credit Card (office, over phone or BPoint), Eftpos and Centrepay deductions.

Payments can be made at the office on Tuesday and Thursday each week between 8:30am – 2:00pm.

Is your child catching a Bus?

Is your child new to the school or have you changed your address over the holiday break, if so could you please ensure you contact the school and advise the office of the Bus Number.

School Banking

On behalf of the School Banking Co-Ordinators Mrs Kerri Smith and Mrs Nikki Stoneham - welcome back to school. We wish to remind parents that school banking resumes Tuesday 2nd February (tomorrow) and will continue regularly on a Tuesday for the remainder of the year. Dollarmite folders with completed bank slips and money enclosed will need to be handed in at the school office on Tuesday mornings before 9.30am.

FOR NEW PARENTS: our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites program, and should you wish to establish an account for your child/ren you can do so at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank (have your child/ren birth certificate with you). Each time your child banks through school they receive a token. Once they have received 10 tokens they are able to choose from a list of prizes, plus they receive a banking certificate. And then the token system resets again at one - giving the kids a chance to receive prizes a couple of times throughout the year. Banking is on a Tuesday, and the volunteer Banking Co-Ordinators Kerri and Nikki return the Dollarmite folders (via Teachers) usually no later than Thursday.

QPARENTS is here

Proserpine State School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QPARENTS allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QPARENTS will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

Tuckshop

Hi all and welcome back to our new look tuckshop for 2016. If you haven’t already seen the exterior of our tuckshop as yet, please drop around and have a look – it looks AMAZING!!!! All thanks to the generosity of the Chris Hinschen and her wonderful little band of volunteers at the St Pauls Anglican Op Shop for funding the painting. Thank you all so much and thank you also to Tony Gray for his artistic talent and the fantastic job he’s done. The staff and children are loving it!

There will be a couple of price changes on our menu in the coming weeks so please keep an eye out for that. Also unfortunately we will no longer have sushi on our menu.
Cheers to all – from the tuckshop ladies

Sophia Rumble and Marie-Louise Rubio enjoying the new look

For easy online ordering just register on www.flexishools.com.au or contact flexischools on 1300 361 769. Alternatively, you can collect further information from the ladies at the tuckshop.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open on Monday’s from 8:30am – 9:30am.

If you can’t make the opening hours order forms are available from the Office or you can download on the link.

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.

VOLUNTEER STILL NEEDED

We are still looking for a parent to volunteer one afternoon a week from 2:45pm - 3:15pm, if you can help out please call Karen Anderson on 0459763268.

Community Notices

Netball

[Image of Netball poster]

DATE: 13/2/2016
AGES 5-18
TIME: 12PM-2PM

Junior Sign On & Fun Day

Lucky Door
Prize
Sausage Sizzle

Meet & Greet with Coaches and Game Play
12:30pm

For more information netballwhitsunday@gmail.com
Please bring suitable clothing, footwear and a water bottle

BMX

Wondering what sport your child should do this year or even for yourself. Why not give BMX a try. It’s fun and full of action. Family orientated for ages 2yrs - 50+ yrs male and female.

All you need is a bike, long sleeve shirt and long pants, gloves, shoes and socks and a full face helmet. So why not give it a go, its fun for the whole family!!
Take a minute right now & ask yourself...

- Do you regularly acknowledge how much you do?
- Have you become too busy to care for everyone else before yourself?
- Are there times you want to scream ‘WHAT ABOUT ME’?
- Are you addicted to busyness, perfection and control?
- How often do you place yourself as the number one priority in your life?
- Do you feel confused & conflicted about what comes next?
- Do you want a change of pace and need to know how to go about it?

If you have a burning desire to:

- Rediscover & reconnect with the REAL YOU
- Learn how to embrace the concept that YOU MUST BE A PRIORITY in your life
- No longer feel guilty or selfish with taking some ‘Me-Time’ or saying ‘No’
- Have MORE from life than you’re currently getting
- LET GO of those limiting beliefs & habits that are holding you back from true happiness

Then this workshop IS FOR YOU!

Join us for this or the full series of ‘Secret Woman’s Business’ workshops.
Workshop One: Delving Deep - Saturday 13th February, 1pm - 5pm
Whitleywood Neighbourhood Centre
2 Hazelwood Crt, Cannington

Investment: $17 individual workshop OR $50 for Series (paid in full)
(Includes workbooks, resources & refreshments)

BOOK TODAY! SEATS ARE LIMITED
www.definingmoves.com.au OR Phone Donna 0488921702

Workshop 2: Saturday 27th February; Workshop3: Saturday 18th March; Workshop 4: 9th April, All 1:15pm