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### Principal’s News

#### Leader’s Induction

Congratulations to our 2017 school leaders who were inducted to their positions at last week’s Leaders Induction Parade. With the positions of leadership comes great responsibility that I am sure students will embrace and excel.
A special thank you to Whitsunday Region Mayor Andrew Wilcox for attending the parade and speaking to our students about leadership. Some of the important messages from the Mayor’s speech include:

“Don’t be afraid to ask questions. Don’t be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Asking for help isn’t a sign of weakness; it’s a sign of strength. It shows you have the courage to admit when you don’t know something, and to learn something new.”

“So today, I want to ask you, what’s your contribution going to be? What problems are you going to solve? What discoveries will you make? What will the Mayor of the Whitsundays in 20 years say about what some of you did?”

“At the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and the best community in the world – but none of it will matter, unless each and everyone one of you unlock your own potential. Every single one of you has something you’re good at. Every single one of you has something to offer. And you have a responsibility to yourself, to discover what it is. Life is a journey and only you hold the map.”

Thank you also to member for Whitsunday, Mr Jason Costigan for attending our leaders’ induction and inducting our sport house captains.

I look forward to working with our leaders throughout the year. I was most impressed with the behavior and engagement of our students at the parade, especially our Preps - outstanding! A special thank you to Alison Bradford for all her efforts in organizing the induction.

A Block Refurbishment - Complete

We are very pleased to announce that the refurbishment of A Block is complete! Our four Year 1 classes and two Year 2 classes will be moving this week. The upgraded classrooms will certainly enhance the aesthetics and acoustics, which will enhance student learning. We are lobbying strongly for B Block to be refurbished later this year!

Deputy Principal's News

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to parents and caregivers for your support and attendance at out parent information night. From our observations, there appeared to be more parents and caregivers in attendance than last year. Feedback from parents we spoke with on the night was that the sessions were very informative.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Tuesday 14 February 2017, all student leaders from Years 4-6 were invited to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Mackay. This conference is open to all schools’ Student Leadership teams and each year we choose to take all our leaders to support them in their leadership roles and to set the scene for a positive start to the year.

This conference demonstrates to the student leaders a variety of tips and ideas on how they can lead. It encourages them to focus their leadership influence on things that will have a positive impact on the school. In addition, students will be challenged to see themselves as part of a group of school leaders. Student activities include interaction games and team work activities.

I will like to commend all students on their enthusiastic participation and behaviour on the day. Please enjoy the photos.
Procedures for students arriving at school

In the mornings before school starts all students are to go to their respective areas to be supervised until the 8.45am bell goes. No students are to be walking around the school or playing. This is to support a smooth transition to their school day.

Students in Prep to Year 2 are to go the Multi-Purpose Complex where a Reading Café is supported by Year 5 students. Students in Years 3 and 4 are to go to their respective eating areas under B Block and Years 5 and 6 are to meet in the covered play area nearest to C Block.

Except for bus students, the expectation is that students arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am.

Parents of younger students who bring them to school are to take their child also to the MPC and are to encourage them to participate in the Reading Café.

There are to be no students playing on playgrounds before school as there is no school supervision on the playgrounds and only authorised school staff can monitor these playgrounds as per Education Queensland policy.

Thank you for supporting us in this matter and if you have any queries please contact the office to make a time with either Mr Templeton or myself.

OHSC (Outside Hours School Care) Update

We have been informed by Camp Australia that they are only now waiting for the final sign off from Regional Office which they expect in the very near future. As soon as they have this they will inform us of their start date of the program.

They have also suggested to us that once the program is up and running they highly recommend that all parents register their child/ren at no cost to participate in the program. This is recommended so that in the instance that a child cannot be collected from school on time they can then join the after school care program. Once we have the confirmed start date parents will be informed of how to register their child/ren

For further information click the link below or phone 1300 105 343

Parents and Volunteers signing in and out

Parents and volunteers working in our school is greatly appreciated by teachers and really enhances the parent, child, teacher relationship, however it is a requirement of Education Queensland that schools are aware of all persons on their campus at all times.

Anyone other than staff must report to the office to sign in and receive an office badge to wear while they are in the school grounds. They are then required to sign out and leave their badge at the office. The only exception to this is when parents are dropping their children to class in the morning and collecting them at the end of the day.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Rookies 2 Reds

Rama from R2R is once again running a program on Monday and Wednesdays during our morning tea play time in our school this term. For this term he will be targeting those students in Prep and 6 - 7 year old students. The program will start in week 6 and ends in week 10, running for 5 weeks.

Details:
Proserpine State School
11:15AM - 11:40AM
Monday and Wednesday Lunch times at School Oval
February 27, March 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27,29
For Little Legends Ages 5,6,7
Program Information: Rama Chand 0448 806 560

Parents can also find further information on registration for R2R via the link below:
https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/1959/org

Religion classes

The first of this year’s religion classes will start this Friday. The classes will be held in the hall as occurred last year with Years 1-3 from 9.15 to 10am and Years 4-6 from 10.15 to 11am.

There will be two to three Religion classes per term.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Alison Bradford
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

Each year, around August, staff, students and parents are invited to respond to a School Opinion Survey. One of the statements to which our students respond is, ‘My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work.’

What is feedback? Feedback is an essential part of learning. It helps learners to maximise their potential at different stages of training, raise their awareness of strengths and areas for improvement, and identify actions to be taken to improve performance. It is specific and timely and is most definitely not praise. A statement like, “You’re trying hard”, does not help a
child know exactly what they’re doing well at, and where they need to improve.

At our school, much of our feedback to students is framed as *Two Stars and a Wish.*

Some examples have been included (below) to illustrate. The power of this type of feedback is that it solicits areas where the student’s work excelled, and an area where there can be some level of improvement. This ‘wish’ also makes the teacher focus on what is MOST important at this stage of learning for the student to experience success.

Black and William’s research (1998) showed that feedback strategies raise the standards of student performance and, using this specific *Two Stars and a Wish* pedagogy, helps activate students and empower them as owners of their learning.

This fortnight, I encourage you to ask your child, “What are you learning in English?” and “What feedback has the teacher given you about your writing?” If your child is unable to articulate answers to these questions, get in touch with her/his teacher and find out. In this way, school and home can work together to help our kids be empowered learners.

Yours in education,

Lee-Anne Dougherty
Head of Curriculum

### Sports

**COWBOYS VISIT**

On Wednesday 8th February, members of the Cowboys and NRL Development Teams visited the school to spread important messages about being inclusive and teamwork. Special guest speaker on the day was Cowboys’ legend Matty Bowen who shared with the students his experiences of being new to a team and how important it was to him that other players made him feel very welcome to be a part of their team. With a large number of new students starting at our school in 2017 the message was highly relevant.

![Image of school assembly](image1)

**Swimming Lessons**

*Year 4 Swimming Term 1 for 2017*

**Weeks 5 – 7**

**Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday’s**

4BK, 4TC and 4/5LT

See attached timetable:

***Student Resource Agreement Forms and payment MUST be made prior to commencement of swimming lessons***

*Trevor Nosworthy*

*Sports*

### Student of the Week

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3MM    Madison Davie        3MM    Wiremu Tairaki
3SL    Keeleigh Rodgers     3SL    Angel Woods
4/5LT  Jessica Eckel        4/5LT  Dallas McGrady
4BK    Johnnias Clarke      4BK    Lilly Butcher
4TC    Damian Porter        4TC    Emmasyn Hoad
5KP    EllieCallan          5KP    Sean Klaassen
5MW    Daniel Moller        5MW    Ted Watson
5SC    Kai Collins          5SC    Chelsea Rhodes
6HM    Jacob Dibben        6HM    Riley Stuchbree
6JW    Simone Mitchell      6JW    Olivia Dance
6RG    Acadia Simmonds     6RG    Makaela Stefani
L Dougherty    Marie-Louise Rubio  L Dougherty    Keeleigh Rodgers

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What’s Happening & General

World Record Attempt

As many of you are already aware, Proserpine State School was lucky enough to take part in a World Record Attempt! With the help of Hit 100.3 we participated in the attempt to break the World Record of most hugs in 1 minute. It was a fantastic morning that was full of fun and excitement. I would like to thank all the Year 5 and 6 that put time and effort into training for this day and participated with enthusiasm on the morning. Thank you to all those parents and community members who came along to help the great atmosphere that was felt by everybody in the Multi-Purpose Complex. We are currently waiting to hear back from officials at Guinness World Records and will be sure to let everyone know once we have any information. You may have noticed we made front page of The Guardian! Go check it out!

Thibs Bouhdik

http://vimeo.com/204116857

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 to not 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, Chq, 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

Access your child's student information online and stay connected with your school.
Access to report cards, attendance records, invoice and payment details, online payments.

http://www.qparents.qld.edu.au/

Contact the school’s office if you require further information

Rookies 2 Red

Facebook Page

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

Headlice

Eek! We have had several reported cases of students with head lice and we all know how frustrating it is to treat and clear your child’s hair only for him/her to return to school and to contract them again. Let’s work together to combat this issue.

Everyone check their students’ hair by doing the following:

As with most things, preventing nits and head lice is better than having to treat them. Weekly checks during back-to-school season are wise, and these simple steps make it easy to get into a routine of checking for - and preventing - head lice:

1. Coat the hair thoroughly with a thick white conditioner. Ensure the hair is coated from scalp to tip and run a wide-tooth comb through the hair to smooth any knots. Note: take a moment to check the base of the neck and behind the ears – head lice will often run to these areas first when they’re disturbed.

2. Divide the hair down the centre of the head and secure one side of the hair with a clip.

3. Starting from the base of the neck, divide the loose hair into 4cm wide sections and comb through the hair with a specialised nit comb from root to tip. Wipe the comb with a tissue and repeat, working your way toward the front of the head. When you finish the first side of the head, secure the checked hair and repeat step 3 on the other side of the head.

If you detect lice or their eggs when wiping the comb, continue to comb through the hair until no more are detected. Then treat with a head lice solution or saturate with tea tree or coconut oil and leave in. Repeat in 2 days.

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What to look for when checking for head lice.

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2017 P & C

Our next AGM is 16th February 2017 at 6:00pm.
Meeting will be held in ABU1 (A block up stairs closest to PSHS)
Everyone Welcome
Hello All,

It’s great to see so many happy faces at the window supporting our little Tuckshop again.

Our 2017 menu now up and running and going very well. The children are loving the new custard cups and Anzac cookies.

We have bought back an old favourite in our ice cream range - the little vanilla party cups are selling fast. These were very popular when we had them a few years back but we have only just been able to source them again this year. They are just perfect for this hot weather !!!

Cheers to all from the ladies at “The Little Boots Café”

For easy online ordering just register via 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.

Please click here to download the Uniform Shop Order Form:

Pink Stumps Day – McGrath Foundation

McGrath Stumps Day 2017

Where: Proserpine, 77 Oak St

Date: Saturday, 25 February 2017

Time: 9am

Contact: McGrath Proserpine

Proserpine Junior Soccer

Soccer Girls & Boys

SIGN ON DAY
Who: u6’s to u14’s
When: Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Where: PISC 333 Crystal-Brook Road, Proserpine

The Proserpine Taipans Junior Soccer Club has just kicked off a new season and we need GIRLS & BOYS to join our team. We have teams from under 6’s to under 14’s. Come down to our friendly club and sign up for a season of fun, friends and football!

More info on website or email: sec@taipans.org
Anglican Parish of Whitsundays

Crossing Supervisor Position

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

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

The School Crossing Supervisor is 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 $20.18 per hour.

The successful applicant will be dependent on:

- The suitability of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioners” 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 Catt (Road Safety Office) on 49 787351.

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

Mackay Fostering

Foster carer. Could you be one?

Charities of Christ Care provide a vital safety net to over 2000 children across the state who otherwise face backgrounds of abuse or neglect.

Here’s what you need to know:

- a heart for children in need
- a stable home environment
- the willingness to apply for foster care
- an ability to operate your own home

We’d love to hear from you.

For more information
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