3 March 2016

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Principals News

Classroom Walkthroughs

Since the beginning of term I have been conducting classroom walkthroughs to observe, monitor student learning and identify areas of refinement of our explicit instruction improvement agenda. I am very pleased to report that I have observed alignment of practice between year level classes which shows the level of consistency and collaborative planning. I have also observed students transferring explicitly taught skills to other learning opportunities. This transference is intentional in preparing and making our students assessment ready.

What does transference of knowledge / skills look like?

While walking through the Year 6 classrooms I observed daily writing lessons, which develops student vocabulary and sentence construction. Students are taught 3-4 new vocabulary words each week. Later in the week I again conducted a walk through the Year 6 classrooms and observed students using the focus vocabulary words from daily writing lessons in their assessment tasks.
This is an example of how explicitly teaching content and skills improves student learning outcomes.

**Investing for Success (I4S)**

The focus of school improvement is to ensure that every student is succeeding. Investing for Success (I4S) provides a ‘real time’ opportunity to improve a specific area of performance at our school. I4S is needs based school funding that provides a great system-wide learning opportunity to share school-based initiatives, and discover what strategies work, in what context, as well as measure value for money.

Last week we finalised our school’s I4S agreement. The following questions assisted in identifying how best to invest this funding –

**What is the narrow and explicit improvement agenda you are using these funds to address?**

- Increase the number of students achieving the NMS in Year 3 Reading
- Increase the number of students in the NAPLAN upper two bands in Year 3 Reading
- Increase the percentage of students in Year 1-3 achieving a C standard in English

**What is the baseline data you are using for goal setting?**

- Students achieving the NMS in Year 3 Reading from 93.6% to 98%
- NAPLAN upper two bands in Year 3 Reading from 33.3% to 42%
- Year 1-3 achieving a C standard in English from 86.8% to 90%

**Is there clarity of roles to achieve the goal?**

Teaching & Learning Coaches and Learning Support teachers have specific role descriptions.

School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan clearly outlines improvement in reading and teacher practice as priorities.

**Will the investment include building staff capability to deliver the improvement agenda?**

Employment of Teaching & Learning Coaches to further support explicit instruction teaching framework.

**What measures will you have in place throughout the year to make sure you meet your goals?**

- Conduct 10 week student data conversations with each year level to ensure we are tracking and monitoring student learning success.
- PM Benchmark Reading data (Prep – Year 3)
- Student level of achievement at the completion of each English unit of work (A-E)

**Schools Clean-up Day on 4 March**

Schools Clean-up Day inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It’s a day when students and teachers work together to clean-up a site significant to them. Students and teachers will be doing their part to protect and care for our environment this Schools Clean-Up Day by picking up rubbish around the school.

**Deputy Principal News**

**Grip Student Leadership Conference**

Last Tuesday all students in our Student Leadership group, Years 4-6 travelled to Mackay to participate in the Grip Student Leadership Conference for the day with Mrs Jensen, Mrs Blair and myself. Students participated in a range of activities such as learning strategies on how to Stamp Out Bullying, they came up with suggestions on how they can make a difference by influencing students in their year levels, younger students, teachers and the wider community. They also looked at how they can develop their Action Plan for the year using the traffic light system which got them to think about what new activities or events they could do this year, what they can focus a little less and what they can stop focusing on. I would like to commend all students for their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and participation on the day. Please enjoy the photos.

**Reef Guardian, Ripples of Change Project**

Last year our school completed a submission under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Ripples of Change Project. This was for our school to win a grant of $500 to support our proposed project. We were one of 10 schools across the State to win this grant and we were presented with our winnings at our Assembly last Friday by Ms Kate Finch, our Reef Guardian GBRMPA support worker.

Our Ripples of Change project is for our school to adopt Conway Beach and for our Reef Guardian group to participate in a range of activities with the added support from local organisations. Some of the things we hope to achieve are beach clean-up days, foreshore replanting along the beach, signage that high lights the diverse flora and fauna of the area and water quality testing. There are many enthusiastic students who have shown a great interest in this project and also many local communities that have offered support. We hope to complete our first beach clean-up day this term with the support of the Echo Barge group.

**Spotlight on 3MM**

As part of 3MM’s Geography unit last week they invited Mr Tony Fonte to give a presentation to the class on our local area. Please see below for information on the visit, thank you to Ms Lucy Tillet who has been a student teacher in 3MM over the term for organising the visit and encouraging participation by the students. Please enjoy the photos.
On Thursday 3MM welcomed special guest Mr Tony Fontes to their classroom to help them learn about the Great Barrier Reef. Mr Fontes is the Chair of the GBR Marine Park Authority Local Advisory Committee and he talked about his connections to the reef and what makes it so special and worth protecting. Students had the opportunity to get hands on with some coral specimens as well as learning lots of new and interesting facts about this significant marine environment. We also found out that we have our very own newly, discovered dolphin! Students were able to ask lots of questions about the reef which will help them answer their Geography inquiry: How do people’s feelings about places influence their views about the protection of places?

Student Feedback

3MM Journal writing extracts from when Mr Tony Fontes came to visit

Reg:
When Mr Fontes came to visit I learnt that the Great Barrier Reef is made up of 3000 coral reefs.

Lani:
He brought some coral specimens. I held a plate coral and it felt spiky. I was amazed because I have never touched coral.

Sharnicqua:
I learnt that there are 7 types of sea turtles and was amazed when I heard of the new species of dolphin found in our area, the Snubfin dolphin.

Tai:
I learnt that the fastest fish is a sailfish and was amazed when I could hear the ocean in a shell.

Religion classes

In consultation with or Religion Teachers it was agreed last week that we would change the way we hold Religion classes this year. Religion classes will be held once a month instead of weekly and will run for 45 minutes instead of 30 minutes. Classes will be grouped and on the scheduled Fridays Years 1-3 classes will run from 9.00am – 9.45am and Years 4-6 will run from 10.00am-10.45am. During each class students will participate in some activities as a whole group then break into smaller year level groups to participate in hands on activities. Religion books such have been used in the past will no longer be used. We are aiming to hold these classes in the MPC. The first classes will be held on Friday March 18.

Girls Indigenous Dance Group

Starting this week on Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:00pm we are offering our CPA 2 to a local group who are wanting to get started a girls Indigenous Dance Group. This is open to all girls aged from 10 years up. If your child is interested they are to meet in the CPA 2, near the office at 3.30pm this Thursday.

Curriculum Walls

In keeping with recommendations made by a Quality Teaching & Learning Team, all students are using a Learning Wall in English to assist them in being assessment-rich learners. The ‘anchor’ charts on display in all classrooms are current and aligned with the unit of work in English, providing help to our kids in lessons to check for understanding, see how they’re tracking, and make connections between and across content and skills. Some examples have been included below and I encourage our parents and carers, when they are up at school, to pop into their child’s classroom before or after school and check out the Learning Wall with their child. Ask them the Five Questions for Students:

- What are you learning?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?
- Where can you go for help?

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STOP the PReSSes!
Students who are participating in Science Enrichment with the PSHS will be contacted next week about the commencement date and times. Thank you.

Yours in Education,
Lee-Anne Dougherty

SWPBS – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

Proserpine State School is now a Kidsmatter School, meaning that our staff have been trained to promote positive mental health in our students and to be aware of students who may have experienced precipitating factors that impact on their happiness and wellbeing. If your child has been exposed to trauma of some description or is experiencing social emotional difficulties including anger, anxiety, depression, family breakups or friendship issues, it is important that you consult with their teacher so that effective strategies can be put in place to achieve a positive outcome. When children are unhappy, it is difficult for them to fully participate in the learning process.

Further information can be found on their web site:

If you are looking for information on a specific social emotional learning aspect, there are very useful fact sheets that contain scenarios and detailed strategies for parents and teachers.

These can be found at:
http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/information-sheets/information-sheet-index

If you know the specific topic that you want eg. Anger – it is easier just to type “anger” into the search box on the ‘Kiddsmatter’ site and it will bring up the topic to click on.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

Music

Here are three educational reasons why music should be a must in every child’s life.

- Music encourages confidence and self esteem
- Music improves co-ordination and reflexes
- Music helps your child with organisational skills and self-discipline.

“Tell me, I forget; Show me, I remember; Involve me, I understand”- Carl Orff

There is always something wonderful happening in Music classes.

CHORAL FESTIVAL CHOIR

This choir is coming together well and enjoying learning the songs. The words of all the songs have been given to the students to practise with. The students should be memorising the words.

Notes and permission forms regarding arrangements for the actual festival have also been given out. Forms and money must be at the office by Tuesday 1st March. Audience tickets are now available to purchase from the Mackay Entertainment Centre at a cost of $24.50/$12.00 concession.

Being part of a massed choir in the Choral Festival is a wonderful experience and a joy for an audience to listen to.

Yours in song
Elspeth Scotford (Music Teacher)

Library

For further information see below:

What’s happening in “1SS”

The students of 1ss have been learning how to write procedures.

Last week, we wrote a procedure to create a playdough animal. We made cats, dogs, lions, giraffes and fish.

To write a procedure you need to include a title and a list of commands. Commands begin with a verb and can also have an adverb describing the verb.

We are looking forward to writing a procedure for a disgusting sandwich.
**Student of the Week**

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**What’s Happening & General**

**2016 Rotary Club of Airlie Beach**

Closes 29th April, 2016 - Drawn 13th June 2016

This year’s Rotary Raffle fundraising will go towards improving our facilities such as new Shade Sails/Playground equipment for the school.

Tickets are **$5.00** each or Books of 5 Tickets are available.

**PRIZES TO BE WON – $26,100 VALUE**

1st Prize - $10,000 Cash – ROTARY AIRLIE BEACH

2nd Prize - Value $7,000 - ‘DIVOCEAN’ - 7 Nights on Ventura 38 Foot Power Cat

3rd Prize - Value $3,000 - HELIREEF - Great Barrier Reef & Whitehaven Beach Tour for 3 people

4th Prize - Value $2,500 - BURNUPS FURNITURE COURT - Furniture of the Value of $ 2,500

5th Prize - Value $1,130 - AIR WHITSUNDAY - Great Barrier Reef Panorama Tour for 2 People
6th Prize - Value $1,000 - AZURE SEA WHITSUNDAY - Grand Mercure Apartments in either a 1, 2 or 3 bedroom apartment
7th Prize - Value $750 - AIRLIE BEACH HOTEL - 3 Night's accommodation for 2 people including breakfast
8th Prize - Value $400 - HELIBIZ - TRIAL INTRODUCTORY FLIGHT for 1 person
9th Prize - Value $300 - BARCELONA TAPAS BAR - Dinner for 4

As always a HUGE THANK YOU to our WONDERFUL Volunteers. We always have room for more so if you have an hour or two to spare and are looking for something rewarding to fill your time please feel free to drop in and have a chat.

It’s always lovely to meet new friends and Many Hands Make Light Work!

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

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

P & C Meeting
Next Meeting is Thursday 17th March, 2016 at 6:30pm. All Welcome to attend.

Fundraiser for Sam
No doubt you would have heard of the tragic bus accident that occurred a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, within our school community, one of our parents, Ms Sam Smart and her youngest child were passengers on the bus.

With support of the local community we are commencing a fundraising raffle to help relieve a little of the financial burden on Sam’s family during this time. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00.

Ticket sheets and money are to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 16th March 2016. This raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Friday 18th March 2016.

The following prizes have been donated, and will be drawn in no particular order.

Mantra Boathouse Apartments Airlie Beach
- One night’s accommodation

Pinnacles Resort Airlie Beach
- One night’s accommodation

Proserpine Pharmacy
- Beauty Package

Whitsunday Sailing Club
- $50 meal voucher

Hope Light & Love Candles (Facebook)
- Selection of Scented Candles

Parent Donation
- Torch and Men’s Wallet

Whitsunday Crocodile Safari
- Tour for 2 adults and 2 children

Cruise Whitsunday
- Great Barrier Reef Trip for 2 adults

Aqua Duck Airlie Beach
- Value $ 110 Family Pass 2 Adults + 2 children

Little Vegas Burger & Bar Airlie Beach
- $100 meal voucher

Venus Moments (Facebook)
- Blue Agate Mother & Daughter Bracelets

Parent Donation

To purchase tickets, please fill in the form attached and send with money in an envelope and place in the mail box at the office.

QParents
For further information:
https://qparents.qld.edu.au/
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEufRCR-Q

Register online and then download the FREE IPhone app

Tuckshop
Hello All. Can you believe it we are half way through the 1st term already. Everything is running smoothly in the Tuckshop and it is Lovely to see so many of our Preppies ordering from us.

Great to see that our Flexi schools option is very popular this year. If you worry about your little ones losing their Tuckshop Bags or money then Flexi Schools is for you. It takes all that stress away.

Just a quick reminder to PLEASE check our new menu on the link below, as there are a few price changes this year.

For further information:
https://qparents.qld.edu.au/
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEufRCR-Q
- Beauty Package and assortments
  The Beauty Room Airlie Beach
  - $25 voucher
- The Coffee Club Airlie Beach
  - $50 meal voucher
- Betta Home Living Cannonvale
  - $50.00 voucher
- Faust’s IGA
  - $50 voucher
- Mrs Lee-Ann Dougherty
  - $50 Plant Earth Package
- Sophie’s Jewellery
  - $50 voucher
- Arbonne Package – Amy Camm Consultant
  - Skincare, Cosmetics & Nutrition Products

These prizes have been kindly donated and are not redeemable for other items.

THANK YOU to the above-mentioned members of our gracious community who have donated to our School fundraiser.

Uniform Shop

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

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.

Community Notices

Whitsunday Regional Libraries

INFORMATION SESSION

Whitsunday Regional Libraries are hosting a free information session for parents/caregivers of 0-5 year old children to raise the awareness of the First 5 Forever initiative. First 5 Forever is a universal family literacy program aimed at creating stronger language and literacy environments in early childhood.

When: Monday March 14, 2016
What:
- Storytimes with your child begins at 8am followed by an Information Session for parents/caregivers
- Morning Tea Provided
- Take home free tool kit
- Limited free child care available for attendees’ children with Sippy Cups / Limited Hours Child Care
- Mini Library Access in partnership with Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre

RSVP: Friday March 11 @ 3pm
Bookings are essential call 4946 7850 or email gls@whinc.org.au

Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre
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Whitsunday Transit

making the connection

Notice to Parents – School Bus Travel

Whitsunday Transit has an obligation to convey students to/from school from a designated pickup/drop off point near your place of residence.

Historically Whitsunday Transit has allowed students to travel on buses, other than those to which they are registered, to attend after school activities such as sport or work requirements.

To continue transporting students to after school activities, effective 29th February 2016, the following school buses will all stop at Macarthur Drive and PCYC, S1, S2, S3, S7, S19, S20, S21, S22, S23. St Catherine’s and Proserpine State School students who travel on any other service are to catch S21. Students are to advise the driver of their requirements when boarding the bus.

P.S.H.S students travelling to Whitsunday Plaza, Airlie Beach, Whitsunday Shopping Centre or any location other than Macarthur Drive or PCYC are required to catch the route service bus from in front of the High School, departing approx 3.03pm. Travel is free upon presentation of a valid School Bus pass.
The practice of students travelling on a bus other than their registered bus “because their mate is on that bus” will cease. Students will be warned prior to being denied access to or from school.

If your child has an after school activity not covered above you are requested to contact Whitsunday Transit to discuss your requirements.

**Reminder S21 Implementation.**

Whitsunday Transit will implement a new School Bus run (S21) to the Proserpine Schools effective 29 February 2016. This will affect the following school buses and pickup locations.

School Bus 3 - Valley Drive (cnr Ridgeview), Kookaburra Drive
School Bus 7 - PCYC bus stop, Hermitage Drive bus stop, Waterson Way
School Bus 19 - Waterson Way, Coral Esplanade, Beach Road
School Bus 23 - Rifle Range Road

**Effective 29th February 2016 School Bus 21 will pick up at the following times/locations:**

- 07.45 - PCYC (bus stop opposite)/Hermitage Drive
- 07.50 - Waterson Way (Seaview Drive intersection)
- 07.55 - Coral Esplanade/Beach Road (Cnr Dibben and Beach Rd)
- 08.05 - Kookaburra Drive
- 08.10 - Rifle Range Road

The following changes are also made to the following locations:

- **Valley Drive (cnr Ridgeview) School Bus 23 at 07.48**

Students affected will be required to hand in their old bus passes to the driver and will be issued with a new pass.

**C&K Proserpine Community Kindergarten**

Enrol Now - Any new families to the area with children aged 0-4 can enrol their children now to secure a place for this year and for the future years ahead.

Kindy can be as little as $5.15 a day for eligible families with a current Pension/Health Care Card, or who identify as ATSI.

**Autism Sensory Workshop**

FOR: teachers, health professionals, support workers, carers and families

Nelle Frances is delivering her popular Autism/Asperger's Sensory workshop in MACKAY on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Nelle’s workshop focuses on sensory-triggered behaviour – the missing piece of the Autism puzzle! You’ll come away from this interactive and fun session with loads of great strategies and specific techniques for dealing with challenging behaviours.

Book now and share with your networks and colleagues! ***Nelle is also offering a limited number of private consultations with Mackay parents***

- **Date:** Thursday 10 March 2016
- **Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **Address:** Mackay Northern Beaches Bowls Club
- **Cost:** $145- (Early bird)