### Principal’s News

**Welcome Back!**

I would like to welcome everybody back for Term 2. I trust that everybody had a great holiday, re-energising, catching up with family and friends. This term is shaping up to be very busy with Parent Teacher Interviews, school photos, and NAPLAN in the first half of the eleven week term.
Term 2 Priorities

We have three key priorities that we are focusing on this term to further improve student learning at Proserpine State School –

1. **Learning Walls**
   Each classroom will have a Learning Wall for English and Mathematics. Learning walls are a visual display of what students need to learn to be successful. The Learning Walls will also include a display of student work samples. Students will use them by reviewing / checking how they are going with their assessment task and / or clarify what else they need to do. The display will also include ‘Know and Do’ charts, providing students with clarity on what exactly what they need to know and do to be successful – “cutting the fluff, teaching the stuff” (Archer).

2. **Bookwork & Handwriting Expectations**
   We are committed to setting high expectations at Proserpine State School. Bookwork and Handwriting Expectations clearly outline to students what is expected in the presentation and organisation of bookwork. To support teachers set high expectations for bookwork and handwriting Mrs Bradford and myself will be visiting classrooms to review student workbooks each week. Feedback will be provided to each class after the visit.

3. **Co-Coaching**
   Proserpine State School teachers will continue to participate in co-coaching sessions. co-coaching consists of teachers working in pairs with our Explicit Instruction Coaches to co-plan, teach and observe a lesson and participate in post lesson reflection. This is an extremely effective way for teachers to reflect and enhance their teaching.

**Student Attendance**

At the end of Term 1 our daily student attendance rate was 93.6%. This is an improvement on Term 1, 2014 which was 92.9%. Our target is 95% attendance by 2020. With flu season approaching, I strongly encourage parents to continue to send their children to school unless they are legitimately sick. Every day counts!

**C Block Refurbishment**

Many may have noticed the security fence surrounding C Block near the tuckshop. Upper C Block is being fully refurbished to create five new modern teaching spaces. The full refurbishment includes new flooring, walls, electrical cabling, classroom furniture kits, cabinetry, and 74" interactive LCD monitors. Below is a sample of what the classrooms will look like upon completion in 6-8 weeks.

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**Deputy Principal’s News**

Welcome back to all our students and their families to Term 2. We have a very busy term with many extra activities happening, starting with Parent Teacher Interviews and school photo day next week. This term we will also be hosting the Big Morning Out again, have our first arts council of the year and students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN tests. Please make sure you keep up to date with all that’s happening via this newsletter and class newsletters.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Our first Parent Teacher Interviews for 2016 will be held next Monday April 18th and will follow the same format as previous years with all teachers holding their interviews in the Multi-Purpose Complex. The interviews will start go from 3:30pm, with the last interview finishing at 6:30pm. Each individual interview time is 10 minutes in duration with a short changeover time in between.

Students are expected to attend the interview with their parents where goals are confirmed in consultation with parents, teachers and students.

Our School Online Booking System, SOBS, has been open for parents since Monday 21st March and closes this Sunday 17th April. No bookings will be accepted after this time as teachers need to prepare for the interviews and use the bookings to confirm which parents will be attending.

For new parents to our school if you require further information on this process please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teacher or contact me. Please see below for the link to SOBS, the online booking site.


**School photos**

Our individual student and class School Photo Day is on Tuesday April 19. Attached is the online ordering information sheet which is provided by the photographer. Parents are encouraged to use this option as it is the preferred method of ordering and payment. Envelopes and a covering letter for parents were sent home with individual students this week for those families who choose not to use the online ordering system.
Reminder to be safe when travelling on or near buses

With another school term underway, we’d like to remind all students and parents to please be safe when travelling on or near buses.

A significant number of our school students travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey, and their safety is a number one priority.

Ensuring students’ safe travel on or near buses is a shared responsibility which brings together the efforts of students, their parents/carers, schools, bus drivers and bus operators.

A Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses is also available to provide students and parents/carers with information about how to travel safely on buses. To view the code, please contact Whitsunday Transit.

Student Free Dress Day

At the end of last term, students had the opportunity to participate in Free Dress Day. This day was run by our Student Council who chose for the funds to go to Samantha Smart and her family to add to the funds raised by the P&C raffle.

On the day the Student Council collected an amazing $552.00 and I would like to thank all students for participating and contributing to the needs of one of our families.

Change of Details

A reminder to all parents to update their child/ren details with us if there has been any changes to phone numbers, addresses or emergency contact people.

Have a great two weeks everyone.

Curriculum Matters

As always in the first week of any term, your children will be setting Learning Goals, with one being specific to reading. It would be greatly appreciated if you would find out what her/his goals are and talk about it throughout the term. You are most certainly welcome to support and assist your children as they strive to achieve their goals.

Be on the look-out for a newsletter from your child’s class teacher or support teacher detailing what she/he will be learning this term, and how she/he will be assessed.

With the Parent Teacher Interviews next Monday afternoon, I have some helpful hints and questions which may be of use to you, especially given that we have ten minute time slots. Please note that it is anticipated that the student attends the interview as well.

Parent Teacher Interviews provide opportunities to:

- Share information about your child’s progress, interests and needs
- Foster positive and respectful relationships between home and school
- Improve communication with your child’s teacher
- Let the teacher know if you would like to become involved in classroom activities
- Schedule a follow-up interview if required

Before the interview:

- Make a list of any specific questions you want to ask your child’s teacher
- Ask your child what he/she would like to ask or tell his/her teacher
- Ask your child what he/she thinks the teacher is going to tell you
- Think about any specific information or special things you will need to let the teacher know, e.g. any health issues or changes that have had an impact on your child
- As your child is to attend, it is important to prepare them for the interview by discussing your expectations of their role in the interview
- Attend with a partner or friend if you are nervous or unsure
- Take a pen and paper to take notes if required. Some teachers may take notes and provide a copy for you at the end of the interview

During the interview:

Begin on a positive note. Mention something that your child enjoys about the school or the particular class they are in

- Try to keep your body language positive
- Encourage your child to participate and actively listen and join in
- Check on your child’s social interactions at school as well as their academic progress
- If the teacher raises concerns, remember that talking about them is the best way to make sure these are addressed and that your child has the support he/she needs to make improvements
- Listen and share ideas that may have worked for you at home. Be an active part of planning for ways to help make things better
After the interview:

- Speak honestly with your child about what the teacher had to say
- Ensure that your child knows the positives and any problem areas
- Discuss with your child any plans that you and their teacher have made to help make improvements
- Start right away on any plans for improvement and be consistent. This helps show your child that you consider them important and that everyone (parent, teacher and child) can work together to make positive changes
- If you have a partner or spouse who was unable to attend the interview, fill them in on the information as soon as possible
- If required, phone the teacher and organise a follow-up interview where you can check up on how things are going

Some suggestions for questions to ask:

Ask about your child’s work habits, and learning style.
How does your child get along with others?
Is there anything you should know about your child’s social/emotional progress?
Ask the teacher what is the most important thing you can do at home to support your child’s learning.
What reading level should your child be? Is she/he below, at or above cohort expectation?
Is your child coping with the work load, level within the class?
What is the best way for parents to contact teachers if they are concerned and teachers to parents?
What are the children working on now in class?
Who are your child’s friends?
What are my child’s learning goals? How can I support her/him to achieve these?

I look forward to seeing you next Monday afternoon!

Yours in Education,
Lee-Anne Dougherty

Parents can help too, by positively supporting appropriate behaviours and giving guidance to their students when they are having behaviour difficulties. This week the students will be identifying an area in behaviour that they can improve upon and setting a term goal for improvement. Even those students who are always “Star Students” are not perfect and their area of improvement may be “to give a compliment each day” or to “help peers who are having difficulties”.

Before the end of term we will be issuing a new parent matrix which will provide guidelines for how you can assist your child in being a Star Student. In the meantime you can refer to our Behaviour Matrix which can be accessed on our school web page.

https://proserpiness.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Behaviourmanagement/Pages/Behaviourmanagement.aspx

Don’t forget to ask your child/ren what their behaviour goal is for Term 2.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

What’s Happening & General

Student Resource Fees Due Now

With Term 2 well underway, we would like to remind you that the term by term payment plans for your Student Resource Fees are now due.

Payment needs to be made by Thursday 21st April, 2016 to avoid disappointment with any of our school activities.

Our money desk is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8:30am and 2:00pm.

Payment Methods: Credit/Debit Card, Cheque, Cash, QParents or via BPoint (Have your student statement available for your CRN and Invoice Number):

SWPBS – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

This week is the start of a brand new term and, with that, a brand new start for students in terms of behaviour. Every student starts each term as a Star Student and it would be great if every student could finish the term as a Star Student.

At school, we endeavour to support our students to uphold the expectations by having explicit lessons on a focus expectation each week and prompting students who are at risk of transgressions.
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

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

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.

To visit the page click here:
http://www.facebook.com/ProserpineStateSchool

Tuckshop

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

Next Meeting

Thursday 21st April, 2016

• Fete Meeting 5:40pm
• P & C Meeting 6:30pm start.

The P & C encourages any new parents to attend the meetings.

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 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.

Community Notices

Zinc 101.9 – Vote your favourite primary school teacher

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.