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ANZAC Parade

Thank you to the students and parents that attended the ANZAC Parade March on Monday 25 April. It was wonderful to see so many students and families supporting such a significant day. The school held an ANZAC parade on Friday 22 April. We were fortunate in having a number of RSL members attending the parade. Our school choir performed a number of songs accompanied by Proserpine State High School Band. Students displayed respect and exceptional behaviour during the hour long parade. I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Bradford for organising the parade, Mrs Scotford for the outstanding choir performances, Mr Turner for conducting the band and Proserpine SHS for allowing their band to perform at the parade.

It was a truly moving parade!

10 Week Data Conversations

Over the last couple of weeks we commenced our 10 week data meetings with each year level. The purpose of the data meetings is to put faces on the data – who are the students performing at, above and below benchmark in Reading and English.

Our tasks included identifying the students, who have the potential to move a grade level and the identification of any students with attendance issues that may affect their academic performance. The next phase of the data meetings is to identify any trends in the summative assessment tasks.

Whitsunday Moderation

On Tuesday 03 May PSS teachers will travel to Cannonvale SS to participate in moderation of English assessment tasks. This should prove to be a very informative afternoon of professional practice that will ensure that our standards are aligned – that an A @ Proserpine SS is an A @ Cannonvale SS.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews were conducted on Monday 18 April. The interviews appeared to run very smoothly. Feedback from parents was that the interviews were very informative. If you would like to discuss anything further with your child’s teacher please feel free to contact the teacher or office to arrange a suitable time.

School Staff Photos

School photos were successfully taken last week. Feedback from photographers - praised our school for the smooth way the photo schedule ran with classes on time and teachers supporting the process, also the behaviour of the students was noted.

Unfortunately staff didn’t receive my memo that I sent out about the ‘state of origin theme’ for the staff photo!

Deputy Principal’s News

ANZAC Ceremony and March

Last Friday our school held our annual ANZAC Ceremony and I would like to thank all special guests and parents who supported and attended this event. I would especially like to thank our Student Leaders for their successful running of the ceremony. Thanks also our teachers who encouraged the students’ to become aware of the significance of ANZAC day; their audience behaviour and participation was excellent.

I would also like to thank Mrs Scotford and the school Choir for their beautiful singing and Mr Turner and the Proserpine State High School Band for a very professional and emotional performance.

Year 3 students are to be commended for their beautiful singing and confident performance.

On Monday we had around 100 students from our school join in the ANZAC March in Proserpine and participate in the community ANZAC Ceremony. It was great to see so many students and their families committed to this event and I would like to thank all parents who encouraged the students to also participate in this day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests will be held in week 5 of this term on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May for students in Years 3 and 5.

NAPLAN tests a student’s skill level in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy which are essential for each student’s progress through school life. The tests are made up of content that each student should have been exposed to over their years of schooling. NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar and our students are all prepared for this testing process.

The skills tested are taught within the day to day teaching and learning curriculum program and the questioning techniques
used in the tests are multiple choice or require a short written response. For the writing test students are expected to write a continuous text based on a visual stimulus.

All tests will start at 9.15am and all students in Year 3 and 5 will need to arrive at school on time on the test days. Friday May 13 is a designated make up day and students who arrive late on the scheduled test days will need to complete the test/s on Friday. The following website has useful information for parents and carers and I encourage you to access this site.

Click her for further information:

The timetable for the tests is as follows:

**Tuesday 10 May**
- *Language Conventions* - Year 3 & Year 5 - 40 minutes
- *Writing* - Year 3 & Year 5 - 40 minutes

**Wednesday 11 May**
- *Reading* - Year 3 - 45 minutes, Year 5– 50 minutes

**Thursday May 12**
- *Numeracy* - Year 3 - 45 minutes, Year 5 – 50 minutes

If you have any questions or queries around NAPLAN please don’t hesitate to discuss these with your child’s class teacher or make an appointment to meet with me.

**Girudala Indigenous Health Checks**

Last Friday unfortunately Girudala had to postpone their scheduled Indigenous student health checks. They have rescheduled for Friday May 6. Thank you to all those families who returned permission notes and if you haven’t yet returned yours, you now have some extra time to get them in.

Have a great two weeks.

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**Curriculum Matters**

**Reading**

This year, all classes have designated reading time during which we explicitly teach skills required to learn to read, such as phonemic awareness, letter sound relationships and decoding. For our accomplished readers, we explicitly teach the skills of comprehension, such as main idea, facts and details, sequence, cause and effect.

At every stage of the school year, students at our school have a reading benchmark according to PM Reading Levels. By the end of Semester 1, these levels are regarded as ‘C’ readers:

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From Semester 2, every student from Year 4 should be reading independently above PM Level 30.

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**How can you help your own child to read?**

Kids learn about the importance of reading when they see their family members read for a purpose – reading a recipe to cook a meal, reading the newspaper, reading a Dojo message from your child’s class teacher. When children see you reading in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, checking a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs - this teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world.

Another way to help your child learn to read, and enjoy reading, is to make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction. It doesn’t matter what it is! If your child loves rugby league, buy or borrow the Rugby League Week. If your child loves horses, encourage them by providing books about horses. Let them read comics, magazines, Guiness World Records, chapter books…anything at all!

Give books as treats and presents. In this way, the children learn to value books.

Do crosswords and other word puzzles together. The *Take 5 and That’s Life* magazines even have word competitions just for kids.

Read and write notes and letters to family members. Last week on playground duty, I noticed that one mum of a Year 1 student had written on his lunch items – ‘Eat me first!’ and ‘Now you can eat me.’ What a great idea!

Read directions and signs when driving and shopping. Letting our kids play on electronic devices whilst travelling certainly may give us, as parents, some peace of mind, but our kids are not learning to notice things, to make observations, to converse, and this is all carrying over into their learning as writers and orators.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children – along with positive self-image, independence and consideration for others – is the love of reading.

Encourage your child to read. Reading is important.

*Yours in Education,*
*Lee-Anne Dougherty*

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**Music**

Many studies show that there is a very strong connection between literacy and music. Through music, children learn to:

Understand language (we must comprehend language in order to become “true” readers)

- Experiment with rhythm, words, tempo, and melody (which are important skills in reading aloud)
- Think creatively and holistically
- Make the connection between print and spoken words
Welcome back everyone to another jam packed term of musical activities and assessment. Remember to achieve better results you need to practise.

ANZAC CHOIR

This choir, made up of children from Years 4-6 were wonderful ambassadors for the school when they sang at the ANZAC ceremonies on Friday 22 April at both the high and primary schools. The High School Band accompanied the choir for some of this. I’m very proud of them all and thank them for giving up their lunch times to rehearse.

JUNIOR CHOIR

This choir is made up of children from Years 2 and 3. All children are invited to join. This choir will rehearse on Thursday at morning tea. If possible, teachers allow choir children to eat before the break to allow for maximum rehearsal time. If your child has tuckshop please write “CHOIR” on the bag if that is your method of ordering.

Children can come to the first 2 or 3 weeks on a trial basis but after that if they put their name down it is taken that they are committed to the choir for the rest of the year. We have a lovely time working as a team, learning great songs and preparing to perform at the Uniting Church Flower Show in September and possibly the Mackay Eisteddfod in October. They may also sing at the school fete and Christmas.

Keep singing and playing

Elspeth Scotford
(Classroom Music teacher)

Students of the Week

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There was no Week 2 Student of the Week Due to Anzac Ceremony

Opti-Minds

Opti-minds team nomination and training is now open. Students from years 4-6 are eligible to enter.

This is an extension program open to students willing to work independently and in their own time. Rehearsals will be held during lunch breaks and announced via the school one portal notices.

This year we are encouraging students to enter in the Science and Engineering as well as the Language and Literature divisions.

Performances will be held in late August in Mackay. More information is to follow shortly.

In 2015, Proserpine State School Team 2 made up of year 6 students won Honours for Division 1 - Language and Literacy. This meant they were only points away from going to the State finals. The students had to excel in 2 challenges, a long term and a spontaneous.

Language and Literature was a complex challenge whereby students had to solve a long term challenge and work as a team with minimal external adult support. Students had to research literature and make literary references within their own play to respond to a fictional problem. Students were marked on team work, their delivery, creativity and evidence of research in their written reports.
The Spontaneous Challenge was an unseen challenge whereby students had to showcase their team work skills and ingenuity in lateral thinking to solve a problem.

Our school entered 4 teams from years 3-6.

67 teams performed at Mackay Northern Beaches State School on Sunday so it was a great success for our regional school.

As Opti-Minds teams must demonstrate their sustainability values and all costumes and props had to be made out of recycled materials.

Natalie Templeton
Explicit Teaching

2016 ICAS Testing Dates

- Digital Technologies - Tuesday 17th May
- Science - Tuesday 31st May
- Writing - Tuesday 14th June
- English - Tuesday 2nd August
- Mathematics - Tuesday 16th August

All tests will be conducted in the library classroom after lunch. We will begin at 1.45pm sharp.

If the C-Block renovations have not been completed by the 17th May, the Digital Technologies test will be held in the STIC.

If your child is doing any of the tests, please make a note of the dates.

Zinc 101.9 Competition

6RG and Proserpine State School need your help! Mr Ryan Gilmour is in the running for the Zinc FM Mackay’s ‘Apple for the Teacher’ competition and is currently coming first. Most people know who Mr Gilmour is; your child may have had Mr Gilmour as a supply teacher last year, or challenged him to a game of handball or joined him in a game on the oval at lunchtime. The students of 6RG need your help to keep him in the running.

The competition provided the community the opportunity to nominate their favourite teacher. Mr Gilmour along with many other Proserpine State School teachers were nominated and 6RG have been voting desperately to make their favourite teacher their official favourite teacher in Mackay and the Whitsundays.

Voting will close at 4pm on Thursday 5th May 2016. The teacher with the highest amount of votes to their name will be deemed the winner of the promotion. The prize winner will be notified on air on Friday 6th May during the breakfast show with Rob from Zinc FM. To vote simply go to the Zinc FM Mackay website (mackay.radiozinc.com.au) and vote in the competition. You can vote as many times as you can, so get clicking! Remember to make sure you verify your vote before submitting. This is done simply by clicking the link and clicking the pictures that match the question. You’ll find Mr Ryan Gilmour and plenty of other teachers in the drop down box according to their first name.

What’s Happening in 3CH this week

What’s happening in 3CH?

In 3CH we have just completed our English assessment. It was a writing task that asks students to write a narrative on overcoming something they fear. We had a lot of fun writing and learning about; similes, visual language and how images evoke feeling in our readers. Below are excerpts from some of the students stories

Matthew Smith
Fear: Snakes
“Now I was anxious because of the summer season and snakes live in the trees.”

...it looked gooey and slimy and the season was terrible.

Tasika McDonald
Fear: Cats
“I walked as close as a cat!”

I don’t like cats because they have sharp claws and spotty teeth reading to bit me into pieces.

What’s Happening & General

Mothers Day Stall

Friday 6th May, 2016

Prep – Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to purchase from our Mothers Day Stall. Gifts will be priced from $2 to $6.

If anyone has an item or voucher to donate for our Mothers Day raffle, please notify the school office.
At the end of the voting period the teacher with the most votes via mackay.radiozinc.com.au will win an Apple IPAD AIR 2 WI-FI CELLULAR 16GB SPACE GRY. Every student in the winning teachers’ class will win an APPLE 2GB IPOD SHUFFLE BLU (maximum of 30 prizes for the class). The school the winning teacher is from will win an APPLE IMAC 21.5IN 1.4DC and a pallet of A4 paper.

Click Here to Vote:

Student Resource Fees Due Now

Have you paid your Term 2 Student Resource Fees???? – Please be advised that they are now overdue and payment is required.

Our money desk is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 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):

Click Here for BPoint:

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 via the link below or contact flexischools on 1300 361 769. Alternatively, you can collect further information from the ladies at the tuckshop.

Next Meeting

Thursday 19th May, 2016

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.