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**AUGUST 16**

| Friday   | 04/08/16 | Good Start Prep Visit                         |                              |
| Thursday | 11/08/16 | Year 6 Parent Information Evening PSHS        | 6:00 – 7:30pm                |
| Friday   | 12/08/16 | School Fete                                   |                              |

**Principal’s News**

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Celebration (NAIDOC)

On the first day back for Term 3 our school hosted the district schools NAIDOC. All Prep – Year 6 PSS students, students from St Catherine’s School, Indigenous students from Cannonvale SS and Indigenous leaders from Proserpine State.

Athletics Field Events for years 3 – 6 will go ahead on Thursday 20/07/16. Please refer to the original program for times. Events will start at 11am on the oval.
High School participated in a range of cultural and creative activities.

I would like to acknowledge the responsible and friendly manner of our senior students as I was advised a number of times throughout the day of how well they supported and cared for the younger students from PSS and St Catherine’s. Thank you to Mrs Bradford and the Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group (PIRG) for organising and co-ordinating NAIDOC. It was a wonderful day of coming together and recognising, respecting and celebrating Indigenous culture.

**Growth Mindset**

Last week all staff attended a Growth Mindset workshop presented by James Anderson. At the commencement of the workshop James advised that his goal was to “stretch” our brains, and challenge our conception and understanding of growth mindset.

Exert from James Anderson’s handout – *The Thoughtful Teacher* –

**Dr Carol Dweck defines two types of Mindsets: Fixed and Growth. In the fixed mindset you believe qualities like intelligence and talent are fixed quantities that you’re born with, and there’s nothing you can do to change them. The fixed mindset brings with it a host of negative flow-on effects to learning.**

**On the other hand a growth mindset, which we often see associated with successful people, encompasses the belief that you can learn to be more intelligent, improve your abilities, and develop talents.**

**So how do students develop a growth or fixed mindset? The short answer is they learn it. Students pick up messages from the language we use, what we choose to teach, the behaviours we reward, and even the classroom / home environments we establish that teaches them to believe in a fixed or growth mindset.**

The Thoughtful Teacher is aware of the way their actions reinforce a fixed or growth mindset and teach for the development of a growth mindset.

At the end of the workshop I felt I had been challenged and found myself reflecting on the impact of my words and actions on our students’ mindset. Am I encouraging the development of a growth mindset or hindering our students by instilling a fixed mindset?

Developing growth mindset of staff, students and community is a priority. We look forward to exploring this work further in partnership with our parents.

**Rugby League Development**

On Sunday morning I was fortunate enough to be in Townsville to watch our rugby league development team play Kirwan SS in the QLD Cup. Unfortunately we were beaten in a very close game by a converted try 10-4. It was a fantastic effort by the team who never gave up and continued to tackle and run the ball forward until the siren. Thank you to Mr Nosworthy for all the time and effort he has put into developing the team. Also thank you to all the volunteers and parents who have also support this fantastic initiative.

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**Proserpine SS Playgroup**

Last Wednesday we hosted our first PSS Playgroup in the library. Miss Murphy & Mrs Connors co-ordinated 40 children who attended and enjoyed the session. We look forward to further supporting parents and early childhood development in the Proserpine community.

**Prep Transition Visits**

This week we hosted C&K Kindy when they participate in Prep transition visits on Tuesday and Thursday. When I visited the Prep classrooms I observed the Kindy kids showing fantastic learning behaviours – whole body listening, following instructions and turn taking.

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**Deputy Principal's News**

Welcome back to Term 3 to all our families and a special welcome to all our new families that have joined us this term. It’s hard to believe the second semester of 2016 is already here.

**NAIDOC day celebrations**

Last Monday on our first day back at school, we celebrated NAIDOC day here at school combined with St Catherine’s who joined us for the day. Students participated in a range of rotational arts and crafts activities across two sessions of the school day. Classes from our school were buddies with students from St Catherine’s and it was great to see how well all students worked together. In the middle session both schools marched around the oval after an Official Welcome from Aunty Sue our Adopt an Elder.

Boori Monty Pryor, an Indigenous Author, also ran sessions through the day that were a mixture of storytelling, dance and art. He also spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week at our school running writing workshops with students and classes.

I would like to thank the members of the Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group who supported the day by running activities and also the high school students from Proserpine State High School. Our appreciation is also extended to St Catherine’s Senior Campus for helping with and running activities. Thank you also to Mr Steve Ringlestein, our Adopt a Cop who also spent the day with us.

All students are to be congratulated for their participation and behaviour on the day. Please enjoy the photos.

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**2015 School Opinion Survey**

Last week information was sent home to parents on how parents can access the 2016 School Opinion Parent Survey site. This survey is completed online and the logons are unique to each family. The survey gives parents the opportunity to have their say on a variety of aspects of their child’s education at our school.
The survey is open until July 31 and all parents are encouraged to logon and have their say. In previous years only a selected number of parents had the opportunity to participate however this survey is now available to all parents. The information from the survey is used by the school to guide future direction and planning and is shared with all staff at the school.

All staff members and a randomly selected group of students also participate in the School Opinion Survey.

If you did not receive this information last week, please see your child’s teacher.

End of Semester 1 Report Card Commendation Certificates

Every year at the end of semester 1 students are recognised for significant improvement in their academic results in one or more curriculum area from their last written report at the end of the previous year. They receive Commendation Certificates to celebrate this achievement.

This Friday at 1.45, our usual Assembly time in the Multi-Purpose Complex we will be holding this year’s Certificates of Commendation Assembly. Parents of students who will be receiving a Certificate were notified last week and invited along to the Assembly. We hope to see many parents there to share in their child/ren’s achievement.

Making Everyday Count

A reminder to all parents and care givers that students must by law attend school every day unless they have a valid reason for not attending. Parents are required to inform the school if their child will be absent which is then considered an authorised absence and is recorded as such. When a student is absent and the school is not notified this becomes an unauthorised absence and schools are required to follow up on these. We do this in our school by sending absence letters home requiring parents to confirm absence reasons with the school or by phone calls where needed.

Thank you for giving your child the best chance of achieving success by attending school every day and making every day count.

Have a great week everyone.

Alison Bradford
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

Welcome back! It’s incredible to think that half the school year has passed already.

Awards Assembly

Report cards were emailed on the last day of Term 2, not without some glitches, mind you! To acknowledge those students whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement in Australian Curriculum Key Learning Areas (KLAs) from Semester 2, 2015 to Semester 1, 2016, Certificates of Achievement will be awarded at assembly on Friday 22nd July. Parents, keep your eyes out for a letter notifying you of your child’s inclusion in this ceremony.

Of the 96 students who will be presented with an award for demonstrating significant progress and application in learning for Semester 1, the largest representation was in Year 6 with 32.48% of Year 6 students achieving a better rating in 2 or more selected KLAs. This data is represented on the pie graph below. 46.32% of the students were female and 53.68% male. 10.53% of the students are currently on an Individual Curriculum Plan and 18.3% of our school’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will receive an award.

Graph: Distribution of Awards for Significant Improvement by Year Level

Parent Teacher Communication

This week, you should receive a newsletter or email from your child’s teacher informing you of Term 3 curriculum and assessment tasks. Your child will also be setting her/his individual learning goals this week. Please ensure that communication with your child’s teacher is open and positive and, should you ever have any queries, please direct them in an appropriate and timely fashion. Remember, you do not have to wait until scheduled interviews to arrange a meeting to discuss your child’s progress. Sometimes a telephone call will suffice.

Lee-Anne Dougherty
Head of Curriculum

Sports

Les Stagg Shield Final

16 students from the Proserpine State School Rugby League Development Squad travelled to Townsville on Sunday 17 July for the final of the Les Stagg Shield.

Their opponents, last year’s State finalists Kirwan SS, overcame the Proserpine SS team in a high quality game 10 -4. All players involved can be very proud of their performances given on the day. Many well educated rugby league spectators including an U12 Queensland Selector were very impressed with the ball work and defence shown by the both sides and expressed it was a game worthy of the Northern Region Final.
Ryan Bennett was awarded the Proserpine SS ‘Man of the Match’ for an impressive performance at fullback both in attack and defence.

A huge thank you to those parents that made it possible to get the players to Townsville and give vocal support to the team. Thank you also to Mr Cameron Bennett and special guest, Townsville Blackhawks player Sammy Foster, for taking on the role of team League Safes.

The full team was Ryan Bennett, Jake Upston, Daley Moore, Hunter Penhallurick, Jett Hiscox, Ethan Hoffmann, Ryan Giles, Reubin Cook, Wil Bennett, JJ O’Loughlin, Blake Hiscox, Regin Pratt, Kuta Pollard, Jayden Peck, Lachlan Edmondson and Jye Muller.

Well done boys

**Mr Nosworthy**

**Whitsunday Softball**

5 girls from Proserpine State School attended the North Queensland Region Softball Trials on Sunday 17th and Monday 18th July in Townsville. Madison List, Vanessa Waipipe, Holly Ringelstein, Joey Taylor and Sasha Templeton were wonderful ambassadors for our school, displaying superb manners and sportsmanship both on and off the field. The girls faced some very tough competition from the other 5 teams in attendance. All the girls showed amazing improvement over the two days – really impressive considering Softball is not a club sport in the Whitsundays. Madison and Holly were then selected in the Possibles and Probables – a great feat for the girls considering the calibre of players in attendance this year. Madison was then selected as a shadow for the NQ Team. Congratulations to all the girls and a huge thanks to their wonderful, supportive parents who looked after our whole team so well.

**Mrs Blair – Whitsunday Softball Team Manager**
200 Star Points – Well Done!!!
Jayla Glindemann, Jacob McDonald, Wiremu Tairaki, Tarni Walkden, Reubin Cook and Sarah Day

What’s Happening & General

Whitsunday Voices
Last Wednesday a group of 46 students in years 4-6 travelled to Mackay for the Whitsunday Voices author festival at Whitsunday Anglican School. They visited sessions by three Australian authors and an illustrator.

The students took notes and will be writing about their experiences. Three students have already written their accounts which are –

Oliver Phommavanh (author)
He was very funny. When he was little he wanted to be a dinosaur! He has a collection of 529 stuffed toys. Kids in kindergarten call him Mr Pompom. When he was in grade 5 he thought he had the meanest teacher he knew. He is a nerd and loves Pokemon.

(by Aimee Stumer 4KL)

David Metzenthen (author) and Michael Camilleri (illustrator)
David started off as a builder before he became an author. He and Michael talked about their book “One Minutes Silence” and about writing strategies.

(by Ethan Smith 5DG)

John Marsden
John has written the series “Tomorrow when the War began.” He showed us how he learnt to write in school and he told us how to write from a D-standard to a B. He gets his ideas from his 12 notebooks that have amazing things that have happened.

(Holly Smith 5/6PH)

Proserpine State School Playgroup
On Wednesday 13th July Proserpine State School hosted its first playgroup for the year. It was a very successful morning with approximately 40 children and their guardians attending. The children participated in a range of indoor and outdoor activities which were enjoyed by all. Playgroup will be happening each Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:30 for the remainder of the year (excluding school holidays).

For further information like our Facebook Page: Proserpine State School Playgroup
Late to School or Leaving Early

Just a reminder to parents if your child is late or going to be late please ensure that you phone the office or make sure a parent is present when the child comes in for a late arrival slip. A note is NOT sufficient. This will avoid the school phoning you to make sure you are aware of your child’s whereabouts as it is a requirement of Education Queensland that all students that are late or not attending school are followed up on by the school.

QParents

Android App

The QParents Android App has now launched and is available on the Google Play Store. Android users can download the app for use on their phones and tablets. Parents can find the QParents app by visiting the Google Play store, and searching for ‘QParents’.

https://play.google.com/store
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 the link below.
http://www.facebook.com/ProserpineStateSchool

Thank you

Thank you to Peta from LUXE WHITSUNDAY CLEANING for donating her services to clean the seating in the administration - Greatly Appreciated!!!!!

Also a huge thank you to Mr Geoff Hunter from Hunter Coaches for driving our Rugby League Develop Program Students to Townsville to visit the Cowboys HQ late last Term.

Tuckshop

Hi everyone, and welcome back to a Chilly Term 3. It’s been perfect weather for our Dagwood Dog Days. Thank you so much to everyone who got on board. It has been an Excellent Fundraiser for the Tuckshop and all the feedback has been very positive. We would like to give a huge Thank You also to those lovely ladies who came and helped out over the 2 days. Many hands certainly made the workload lighter.

Our little tuckshop is very fortunate to have a small handful of Amazing Volunteers who help us keep afloat week in and week out, and we would be lost without them. There is always room for more helpers though. Please give us a call or just drop in and say hello if you are sitting at home and would like to come in and give a hand. There is nothing quite as exciting for your littlies as seeing Mum’s or Dad’s smiling face at the window helping out at the Tuckshop.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

For easy online ordering just register at the following link.
or contact flexischools on1300 361 769.
Alternatively, you can collect further information from the ladies at the tuckshop.

P & C

Next Meeting

Thursday 21st July, 2016 – Resource Centre

The P & C encourages any Parents/ Carers of PSS students to attend the meetings.
School Fete – Country Fair

Fete Meetings

Fete meetings will take place every Thursday 5.30pm in resource centre up until fair day. It would be great to see some new faces to give us ideas and help us plan a fantastic day.

Uniform Shop

We have black jumpers in stock for winter for $25

- We urgently need pre-loved school polo shirts, if you have any unwanted uniforms we would greatly appreciate it if you could drop them off at the office.
- Voluntary contributions to P&C are still able to be made – these contributions go towards the P&C to help support the students and the school.

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.
Whitsunday Reef Festival

2016 WILMAR SUGAR WEARABLE ART AWARDS
Whitsunday Reef Festival
SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 2016

CATEGORIES
- Age Categories (from grade 3 upwards, including adults)
- A special event category for all ages – ‘Sweet as Sugar’

Be creative! Have fun! WIN great cash prizes!
Entries close MONDAY 25 JULY 2016

For more information go to the Festival website
www.whitsundayreeffestival.com.au
Or contact Chloe Greewaha on 0436 581 232
and by email to bom@northernproserpine.catholic.edu.au

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16 June – 13 July 2016
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18 July – 11 August 2016

Women 40 years and over are eligible to join the BreastScreen Queensland Program (No Doctor’s Referral Needed)
Phone 13 20 50 for your FREE BreastScreen appointment

Queensland Government
Wilmar

Cane trains on the move again

Cane trains are on the move again around the Proserpine district ahead of the start of this year’s crushing season.

Crushing is set to begin at Wilmar Sugar’s Proserpine Mill.

Now is a great time for parents to talk to their children about staying safe around cane trains.

Cane trains operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the crushing season.

Although cane trains don’t travel at high speeds they weigh about 1000 tonnes, which means they take a long time to stop after brakes are applied.

Even if a loco driver sees someone or something on the train tracks ahead, he or she may not be able to stop in time to avoid hitting it.

A locomotive can weigh up to 40 tonnes - about the same as a humpback whale.

Cane bins usually weigh between four and six tonnes - about the same as an elephant.

That means a fully laden cane train is about the same as a humpback whale towing 150 roller-skating elephants – not something you want to have hit you!

That’s why it is so important to stay away from cane railway tracks and always give way to cane trains.

Wilmar Sugar’s cane train safety mascot, Sam, helps teach young people how to stay safe during the crushing season.

Sam’s key messages to young people are that they should:

- Keep off cane trains and their bins;
- Keep clear of cane railway tracks;
- Stay off cane railway bridges;
- Stay safe at cane railway crossings.

Proserpine’s crushing season is expected to run from June to November.