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Great state. Great opportunity.
**Principal’s News**

Welcome back to Term 4, which is shaping up to be very busy! I trust everyone has had a great holiday; relaxing, catching up with family and friends.

**Prep Enrolment Meetings**

This week we will be conducting Prep enrolment interviews. At the enrolment meeting parents have an opportunity to advise the teachers of any information about their child so we can best cater for their learning needs.

Students will be in attendance completing an oral language screener and drawing a picture that will be kept and displayed in their classroom in 2017. If you have a 2017 Prep age child, please ensure you have booked and enrolment meeting time. Thank you to the Prep teachers and Mrs Botta for assisting with the 2016 Prep enrolment process.

**Final Far North Region Study Tours**

This week eight teachers participated in the fourth and final study tour to Far North Queensland (FNQ) Region to visit schools that have implemented Explicit Instruction. All classroom teachers participated in the tours and visited the following schools – White Rock, Whitfield, Goondi, Innisfail East and Trinity Beach State Schools. The study tours are a vital component of our school improvement agenda and will provide teachers with some great insight into the explicit teaching model as well as affirmation with their own progress in effective lesson delivery.

**2017 Planning**

This term all teachers will be participating in reviewing and planning for 2017. The planning is a direct response to the feedback from teachers after participating in the FNQ study tours. The below listed priorities will ensure student learning will continue to improve at Proserpine State School through alignment, support and consistency of practice.

1. **English Curriculum** – reviewing our curriculum plan and developing 10 week units.
2. **P-3 English Scope & Sequence** – create a document that clarifies when, what and order in which skills and concepts are taught.
3. **Classroom Charts / Displays** - identify and create classroom curriculum display posters that align across our whole school.
4. **Math Teaching Scripts** – identify and document consistent approach to language used to teach math concepts across the whole school.
5. **Student Support Services** – review student support model to ensure identified and referred students are effectively supported and managed.

I look forward to sharing the outcomes of this planning in future newsletters.

**Rob Templeton**

**Principal**

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**Deputy Principal's News**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent teacher interviews last week. Parents and teachers working together is optimum for the ongoing success students have at our school.

End of semester 2 written reports will be emailed out on the last week of this term.

**Life Education Van**

You may have already seen the Life Education Van which is in our school for the next couple of weeks. Every class attends 1 session in the van, with the exception of year 6, who attend an additional session on anti-smoking.

Students are requested to make a gold coin donation. Parents can access the Life Education parent hub by clicking on the link below where you can find information about the program content, links to great resources and ideas about ways to open up the conversation with your kids about what they may have seen or done on their visit to the program.

http://lifeeducationaustralia.cmail20.com/t/r-i-ydirhtdy-hrjiaidij-b/
Proserpine State School Band

Our Proserpine State School Band has some exciting performances coming up. On Friday October 14 our school band is combining with Cannonvale State School to form the Little Kids Big Band to participate in a workshop at Cannonvale SS. This is in preparation for a performance on Monday October 17 at the 2016 Proserpine State High School Gala Musical Showcase, with their performance time at 6.30pm. We are very proud of our band and we wish them the very best of luck for their performance.

Rookies2Reds

Starting next week on Mondays and Wednesdays Rama from Rookies2Reds will be running workshops in our school for the following few weeks. This term he will be focusing on students in the 8-11 years age range. Please see the attached flyer with further details on this program.

Day for Daniel

Our school will once again be participating in the Day for Daniel year. Students will be allowed to wear Red on Friday October 28 (sunsafe, appropriate clothing) and bring along a gold coin donation to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Our Student Council will manage this event and further information will come out closer to the date.

Student Free Day

A reminder that all state school teachers will participate in professional development at our only Student Free Day of this year, next Monday, October 17. No students are to attend school on this day.

Have a great two weeks everyone.

Alison Bradford
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was indeed a pleasure last week to see many parents and carers attend the interviews in the multi-purpose complex. These interviews are never intended to be anything other than
informative and supportive, and I encourage parents who did attend to let others know how invaluable these occasions are to all concerned. Ideally, every parent /carer who was asked to attend an interview would attend. We are ALL educators of our children and, when we communicate and are ‘on the same page’, the outcomes are always more successful and of benefit to our kids.

**Term 4**

Can you answer ‘Yes’ to these statements?

- I know how well my child is doing at school.
- My child has brought home a newsletter from her/his class teacher which informs of what she/he is learning and how she/he will be assessed.
- I am aware of my child’s Term 4 Learning Goals and intend to remind and support her/him to achieve these.

If the answer was ‘no’ to any, please talk with your child or contact her/his class teacher.

**Students need to practice to achieve.**

One of the key components in teaching and learning is the requirement of our students to **practice**, of which the benefits are learning and durable retention. Some key points are as follows:

Without practice, as learners we don’t build enough neuropathways to retain and retrieve information.

Reading practice is paramount and the best way to improve and become fluent is repeated reading (3 – 5 times)...not just practice, but perfect practice. The ability to read like you speak is directly related to comprehension, independence and work completion in a timely manner.

Through practice, our children will:

- gain competency on a skill
- improve and gain proficiency
- gain automaticity
- protect against forgetting
- improve transfer of skills

You can expect that our teachers will continue to hone their skills as educators and incorporate deliberate, spaced practice with an emphasis on consciously improving skills and achieving goals in their pedagogy

“It is virtually impossible to become proficient at a mental task without extended practice.” (Williamson, 2009)

Yours in education,  
Lee-Anne Dougherty  
Head of Curriculum

This permanent shade structure was subsidised by a grant from the Queensland Cancer Council. To be eligible to receive this grant, the school had to have a formal Sunsafe policy and show evidence that the policy was being complied with – sunsafe uniform, hats, shade areas, sunscreen in classes, shirts worn for swimming etc.

One of our very clear rules with regard to Sun Safety is that students have to wear a hat if they wish to play during lunch breaks. Some new students question why they have to wear their hat even if they are playing in the shade or in the library. The reason for this is that children often change their mind and move from shaded areas to non-shaded areas. In addition, if they know they have to have their hat on to play it becomes automatic for them to put their hat on when they go out for breaks – just like it is automatic to slip your seatbelt on when you get into the car.

As we move into the hottest time of the year, the need to be conscious of exposure to the sun is even more crucial so please ensure that your child is equipped with a PSS school hat and a water bottle every day. Be Safe.

**Ann Gardel**  
**Behaviour Support Teacher**

**Gala Performance**

Here are the final details re the Band students, Senior Choir and Yr6 Folk group performing at the Gala performance on Monday 17 October at the PSHS hall.

The Gala performance features instrumental students from Proserpine State School, Cannonvale State School, Proserpine State High School and our Senior choir and Yr6 Folk group.

- 5.45pm – Choir meets in the Music Room to change into choir shirts
- 6.00pm- Set up and sound check in High School hall, BAND STUDENTS MEET IN HALL.
- 6.30pm – performance starts
- 7.30pm - Choir returns to Music Room to take off choir shirts. Parents can meet children there, otherwise they will return to the hall to be collected. Band students remain in the hall.

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**SWPBS – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support**

Some of you may have noticed the new, very bright shade cover that has been constructed over the sandpit and outdoor chess boards near the tuckshop.
The finishing time is approximate for the primary students. However it would be wonderful for them to stay to listen to the High School band.

Choir and band children who are also in the choir will wear the choir shirt, best black skirt, skort or shorts, white socks and black shoes. Tidy hair with only hairbands, hair ties and ribbons in the school colours to be worn.

Minimal jewellery and NO coloured nail polish.

Band children will wear their best school uniform. They must remember their music, pegs and instruments.

This is very exciting for the band to perform with children from the other schools in front of family, friends and members of the community.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the choir to perform the songs they will sing at the Eisteddfod later in the week and for the local community to hear them. If you cannot make it to Mackay on the Thursday this would be your chance to hear what your children can do. We are very proud of their efforts. They are a terrific group to work with.

**Eisteddfod**

Final notes and a note re food were given out on Monday. The food note must be returned to the Office by **Friday 14 October** otherwise it will be assumed you will be supplying food for your child.

The Folk Group, singing “Westering Home”, will perform at the Mackay Entertainment Centre on Thursday 20 October at 6.30pm followed by the Senior Choir singing the set piece “Manx Lullaby” and our own choice “Three Blind Mice”.

These groups will travel by bus on Thursday 20 October leaving the school at 3.20pm returning about 10.30pm.

The Junior choir will be singing on Friday 21 October about 9.15am. Their bus will leave at 7.15am returning before school finishes. The members of the choirs need to wear knee length shorts, skorts or skirts, white ankle socks and BLACK shoes.

The Junior choir will wear their best school shirt and the Senior choir will be given a choir shirt. The Folk group is wearing jeans, white T-Shirt, joggers and a tartan sash. The sash is supplied by the school.

Audience tickets are on sale at MECC. It would be wonderful to have as much support as possible for both days. The children have worked so hard giving up lunchtimes to rehearse. We are very proud of them. They will be wonderful ambassadors for the school in Mackay.

**Music: Count Us In**

The countdown has started and students at Proserpine State School are joining more than 500,000 children across Australia warming up their vocal chords to take part in **Music: Count Us In**, Australia’s largest music education program, which has been growing steadily in reach and impact since 2007.

Music: Count Us In will be held this year on **Thursday 03 November** when over half a million school students across Australia, from Kindergarten to Year 12, will sing the same song raising their voices to celebrate the importance of music education.

This year’s ‘song that stops the nation’ is “Let It Play”.

Managed by the Music Australia, **Music: Count Us In** is supported by funding from the Australian Government. It meets a priority recommendation of the National Review of School Music Education (2005) to raise the status of music in our schools.

**Elspeth Scotford**

**Music teacher**

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**What's Happening & General**

**Year 6 Reef Trip**

As a way of rewarding our Year 6 students for all their hard work and good behaviour throughout the year, they are invited to participate in a snorkelling trip to the outer Barrier Reef on Wednesday 7 December 2016, the last week of Term 4.

At the moment the cost for each student is approximately $85, however, after fundraising, the cost will be reduced. **Students who choose not to fundraise will not be eligible for the discounted rate and will have to pay the full cost of the trip.**

To be eligible for the discounted rate your child is required to fundraise a **minimum of $20.00.**

As we share the facilities with the public for the trip, Cruise Whitsundays request that participating students must be able to be relied upon to monitor and control their own behaviour. **Therefore, all students will need to demonstrate appropriate behaviour for the remainder of the term. Students who have a decline in their behaviour will not be allowed to attend.** This will require all students to maintain their Star Student Status to attend.

Students in Grade 6 **must participate in swimming** lessons to develop their snorkelling skills prior to the trip and learn water safety skills that Cruise Whitsundays enforce. Students are **also required to participate in the Proserpine State School Swimming Carnival** to be eligible to attend the reef trip.

**Students who fail to attend school swimming lessons and the swimming carnival will not be permitted to attend the Reef Trip. Students who have outstanding levies will not be eligible to attend until they have been finalized.**

**Snorkel-a-thon:**

The Grade 6 students will be trying to complete as many 25m laps as possible in 20 minutes. Non-swimmers may walk the length of the pool. Children will be supervised by an adult who will tally the number of laps each child can swim in the designated time. Sponsorships or donations may be collected any time before the Snorkel-A-Thon which will take place in the swimming lesson of Term 4 Week 3, Wednesday the 19th October.

Students then have until Thursday the 27th of October to collect and bring in all sponsorship and donation monies. This enables the school to work out a final cost for the Reef trip. All money raised from these events will be deducted from the overall cost of the reef excursion.

Students are encouraged to bring their own snorkelling gear and flippers if possible (not compulsory) for the snorkelling component of their swimming block and snorkel-a-thon.

**Optiminds**

Congratulations to the Science and Engineering and Language and Literature teams for 2016.

**Year 6:** Maddison List, Breeana Mackay, Jim Smith, Mac Rogers, Sasha Templeton, Carley Mathews, Heath Yule, Jethroe Bird

**Year 5:** Telicia Tame, Ethan Smith,

**Year 4:** Sam Rogers, Ellie Callan, Calia Court, Chelsea Rhodes, Holly Franke

**Outcomes:**

- Language and Literature - Spirit of Optiminds and honors awards
- Science and Engineering - Spirit of Optiminds
- 116 teams participated and all received participation certificates with a handful receiving additional awards, so well done to our teams on their achievements.

**What is Optiminds?**

The Opti-MINDS Challenge is an opportunity for all those with a passion for learning & problem solving to showcase their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Opti-MINDS provides for the demand for sophisticated, educational & motivational opportunities. The rapidly increasing and widespread involvement of thousands of participants throughout Queensland and internationally, demonstrates that Opti-MINDS is not only a valuable and worthwhile investment in the education of our citizens, but is also an integral part of our collective future.

**THE CHALLENGE...**

Teams were required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for up to six weeks without assistance from anyone outside the team. We elected to work in teams to rehearse problem solving and lateral thinking for an additional 10 weeks. Participants were encouraged to explore possibilities & experiment with ideas as they endeavoured to produce their best possible solution. They developed creative & original ways to communicate their solution, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex Challenge criteria & the deadlines of The Challenge Day. A written assignment was also completed.

Students presented the product of their ideas - their Challenge solution - to a panel of judges and an audience on Challenge Day. They had 10 minutes in which to present and did so in a 3 x 3 metre (approx.) performance area.
The teams also participated in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Opti-MINDS Day. This Challenge required rapid interchange of ideas, the ability to think effectively, creatively, and well-developed group cooperation skills.

Judges for both the Long Term and the Spontaneous Challenges were professionals chosen from all areas of education, the arts and industry. They were thoroughly trained to enable them to assess the creative performance and technical aspects of the presentation.

**Swimming Lessons to Commence Term 4**

Please keep an eye out on swimming notes that are coming home with our students. Please sign the permission form and return to your class teacher.

Student Resource Fees must be paid for your child to attend lessons.

**Week 3 - 1JB, 1SS, 1MV, 5DG and 5MW Commence Swimming Lessons**

**Proserpine State School Playgroup**

For further information like our Facebook Page: Proserpine State School Playgroup

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**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 link below, 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.

http://www.facebook.com/ProserpineStateSchool
Tuckshop

Hi Everyone and welcome back to term 4. Just a small reminder that we are NO LONGER offering hot chocolate as the weather has now warmed up.

As mentioned at the end of last term we are holding our last fundraiser for the year, “The Mini iPAD Raffle”. Please keep an eye out for the raffle sheets that will be sent home with the students very soon. We had an excellent response to this raffle last year and would really appreciate it if you could once again support us in this awesome fundraiser! All funds raised go straight back to the Tuckshop to help keep this great service running.

We looked forward to a fun and busy term 4 for tuckshop!

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

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.

P & C

Next Meeting

Thursday 20th October, 2016 – Recource Centre
The P & C encourages any Parents/ Carers of PSS students to attend the meetings.

Uniform Shop

- 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.

Please click here to download the Uniform Shop Order Form:

Community Notices

Proserpine Junior Cricket

Proserpine Junior Cricket Sign On

When: Every Friday
4-6pm
Where: Proserpine Cricket Complex
Kelsey Creek Rd, Proserpine

Registration Costs:
- Have a Go no pack $30
- Have a Go with pack $105
- Junior Player $80

Uniforms
- Club Shirts $25
- Hats and Caps $15

AGES 5-16yrs

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Proserpine Junior Cricket

Airlie Beach Junior Lifeguard

Junior Lifeguard Registration

For ages 6 and up
- October 15th/16th
- 10am-4pm
- Airlie Lagoon
- Bring your Togs!!

$35 each
$60 for 2 children
$80 for a family of 3 or more

For 13 weeks of fun on the beach

For more information call us on 0447149305

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Junior Secondary at Proserpine State High School

An introduction to Proserpine State High School

Thursday 13 October 2016

School Tours (depart from ProThis Admin) – 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Information Session (Lecture Theatre) – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Program for the evening will include:

- School Organisation and Procedures
- Curriculum Organisation
- Year 7 Class Organisation
- Student Resource Scheme
- e-Learning Program
- December Transition Day and First Day 2017

This is a parent only event.

Whitsunday Weightlifting

Whitsunday Weightlifting are hosting the North Queensland all school championships on November the 12th 2016 at Proserpine State School. Combined with this event (where we will have Australia’s Best Olympic weightlifter in attendance) we have decided to extend the event to include a focus on strength and wellbeing in the Whitsundays community. We have decided to host in conjunction with this event, the “Whitsunday Weights and Wellbeing Community Expo”.

Our goal is to provide Whitsunday community with the opportunity to engage with, and be exposed to strength, fitness and general wellbeing opportunities within our local community. We believe this will strengthen our community in providing an opportunity to focus on health and wellbeing and will target all ages and fitness levels. With the prevalence of conditions such as obesity (including childhood obesity), diabetes, osteoporosis and heart disease, this expo will help people understand the importance of physical activity, good nutrition and alternative therapies to enhance their health, quality of life and longevity.

We are inviting like-minded organisations to participate in this event by either donating goods or setting up small displays of services you provide our community (at no cost). We plan on having a major social media promotion and will have television and newspaper media involved this event. In this process you will be contributing to the well-being of the Whitsunday community and helping support our non-for-profit sporting community.

Please E-mail us at whitsundaysweightlifting@gmail.com or call Leanne Knox on 0411199427 if you are interested in participating or donating goods or services in some fashion.