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Principal’s News

Community Cabinet

At the community cabinet on Sunday I met briefly with Minister for Education Kate Jones MP. I reiterated how grateful we are for C & A Block refurbishments through the School Infrastructure Enhancement Funding. I also sought more information about future funding in 2018. Unfortunately the federal government has disclosed very little to the state ministers about funding or the model to be used to allocate funding. I advised her that $240 188 from Investing for Success (I4S) was making a difference and is a significant investment into education at Proserpine SS.

Congratulations to Proserpine State High School for organising and hosting many aspects of the Community Cabinet. The concert band were also able to showcase their skills when they performed.

Director General Visit

On Monday 24 October the Queensland DETE Director General Dr Jim Watterston visited our school with North Queensland Regional Director Sharon Shimming and Assistant Regional Director Melissa Jackson. Dr Watterston met with the leadership for an hour to discuss our school context and improvement agenda.

To start the meeting we discussed the element of our school improvement agenda that was having the most impact on student learning - staff willingness to implement explicit teaching. Without the commitment of staff to adopt the explicit teaching elements we wouldn’t be attaining the improvement in NAPLAN, reading and A-E grades in English, Mathematics, Science.

We discussed that the additional funding through Investing for Success (I4S) was making a real difference as it allowed the school to employ teaching and learning coaches to support the implementation of explicit teaching.

Dr Watterston’s feedback to the team was that was clear from the discussion, review of the learning wall and data improvements that the school is aligned with a clear “game plan” for continued improvements. He kept a copy of our Explicit Teaching Handbook so he could review it further and use it as an example of how a school develops a “game plan” which sets the improvement agenda around alignment and support stating “we just need you to filter this out to other schools”.

Choir Success

Congratulations to our school choirs!

On Thursday the Senior Choir and folk group received two SILVERS. I had many people comment to me that they sounded amazing at the Gala Concert. Our Junior Choir brought home GOLD on Friday. This is a fantastic effort congratulations. I look forward to seeing how the juniors progress further as they become part of the Arts Development Program.

Little Kids Big Band – Premiers Function

Congratulations to our instrumental students who performed in the Little Kids Big Band at the Premier’s Community Function at Cruise Whitsunday Terminal on Sunday night. The combined band of Proserpine SS, Proserpine SHS and Cannonvale SS musicians blasted out a mighty sound that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Arts are thriving at Proserpine SS!

Rob Templeton
Principal

Deputy Principal’s News

World of Math

The World of Math Roadshow is scheduled to visit our school on Wednesday November 9 to run workshops with students in Year 4 and Year 5. The World of Math Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how math is applied to some real life situations.

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various math principles which are part of the mathematics curriculum.
It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that math can be fun! We encourage all students to take up this opportunity.

**World Teachers Day - Valuing Teachers – Improving their Status**

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The theme for this day is Valuing Teachers – Improving their Status. This Friday we celebrate the great work our teachers do. The quality teaching in effect in our classrooms everyday has a powerful effect on students’ performance.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

We would like to thank the P&C for their donation of a lovely basket for the teachers, which was full of all yummy things that the teachers like to keep them going. Teachers shared this basket together on our Student Free Day last week.

I wish all our teachers a happy World Teachers Day.

**Day for Daniel**

**WEAR RED, EDUCATE & DONATE** is the theme of the Day for Daniel, which we will be participating in this Friday October 28.

Students are encouraged to wear a red shirt on this day and give a gold coin donation that will go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. During this day we will raise the profile of the day and discuss with students the importance of keeping safe.

**Year 3 Proserpine Museum visit**

Last week all Year 3 students participated in an excursion to the Proserpine Museum. The fantastic staff at the museum had a range of rotational activities set up for students to participate in from using wash boards, washing machines and lawn mowers of the past, to playing games that their grandparents would have played. They got to sit in what a classroom of the past looked like and had a good look through the museum finding special items and information.

I would like to thank the staff from the Museum who helped to make the day a very valuable experience for the students.

Please enjoy the photos.

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**Alison Bradford**  
Deputy Principal

**Curriculum Matters**

**Curriculum Changes**

From Semester 1 next year, History, Geography and Civics and Citizenship will be combined into one Humanities and Social Science (HASS) subject in line with the recommendations of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. The focus questions for these units are included on the table below.

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| **YEAR 1** | • How has family life and the place we live in changed over time?  
• What events, activities and places do I care about? Why? |
| **YEAR 2** | • What does my place tell me about the past and present?  
• How are people connected to their place and other places, past or present?  
• How has technology affected daily life over time and the connections between people in different places? |
| **YEAR 3** | • How do symbols, events, individuals and places in my community make it unique?  
• How do people contribute to their communities, past and present?  
• What events do different people and groups celebrate and commemorate and what does this tell us about our communities? |
| **YEAR 4** | • How have laws affected the lives of people, past and present? |
You will notice that Prep has not been included in the delivery of HASS at our school. In 2017, our Prep students will access the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science only, thus enabling greater time to be spent on literacy, numeracy and active learning.

5 Questions for Students

At the end of the school day, many kids are asked, “How was your day?”, “Did you eat all your lunch?” and “Do you have homework?” The obvious responses are “Good”, “Yes” and “No”. To encourage your child to actually converse with you, more open ended questions need to be asked. The 5 Questions for Students are a great way to ‘open the communication door’ and encourage your child to think like a learner.

Lee-Anne Dougherty  
Head of Curriculum

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| YEAR 5     | • How have individuals and groups in the past and present contributed to the development of Australia?  
             • What is the relationship between environments and my roles as a consumer and citizen?  
             • How have people enacted their values and perceptions about their community, other people and places, past and present? |
| YEAR 6     | • How have key figures, events and values shaped Australian society, its system of government and citizenship?  
             • How have experiences of democracy and citizenship differed between groups over time and place, including those from Asia?  
             • How has Australia developed as a society with global connections, and what is my role as a global citizen? |

SWPBS – Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

It is astonishing that we are already in our final term of 2016 and entering the final assessment phase for the year. With that in mind we ask that you encourage your student to work hard to achieve the greatest for their latest (assessment). Although all assessment tasks are completed at school, you can provide support by:

• Asking your children what assessment tasks they have and how they are progressing with them. Emphasise the need to maximise the time given in class for completion so that the stress of rushing to get tasks finished at the last minute is eliminated.
• Discuss the tasks with them and make suggestions and give ideas
• If they are unsure of the expectations of the task, encourage them to approach their teacher to ask for clarification
• Reinforce the notion that teachers know that children have varying abilities but that effort and persistence is always recognised
• Ensure that your children are well rested, well fed and in a calm state of mind to come to school each day so that their resilience and ability to concentrate is maximised

Finally, speak to your children positively about school and about the rewards that come with working to the best of their ability. Assessment time usually equates with increased negative behaviours and the above tips should help to reduce anxiety or stress related to assessment deadlines.

Ann Gardel  
Behaviour Support Teacher

Sports

Athletics

Last week saw Ryan Bennett and Jay O’Loughlin attend the State Athletics Championships in Brisbane as part of the Northern Region Athletics Team.

Ryan achieved a fantastic result as part of the 4 x 100m relay team which came second overall with each member receiving a silver medal.
Both boys did themselves, their families and school proud with their participation and efforts at these championships. This was a second state championship this year for both students after having participated at U11 State Rugby League Championships. A fantastic effort - well done boys.

Swimming

The school swimming program is well underway with some tremendous participation numbers across the cohorts that have been attending. At present the Year 5 and Year 1 classes are attending. The year 1 students overall this season have been very impressive. Although there were some nerves on day one, the enthusiasm they have brought to each lesson has made not only enjoyable lessons but more importantly great progress with their swimming competency. Keep up the great work Year 1.

Mr Nosworthy
PE Teacher

Music

Gala

The Little Kids Big Band played at the High School Gala on Monday 17 October. This band is made up of children from both Proserpine and Cannonvale schools. The Senior Choir and Yr 6 Folk Group also sang. These performances allowed parents and community members to hear what talented students we have.

Choral Eisteddfod

What a busy and exciting time we’ve had recently. On Thursday 20 and Friday 21 October our Senior and Junior Choirs and Year 6 Folk group sang at the Mackay Choral Eisteddfod. All these students were great ambassadors for the school and achieved terrific results. The Senior choir received Silver singing “Manx Lullaby” and “Three Blind Mice”. The Yr 6 Folk group also achieved Silver singing a traditional Scottish folk song called “Westering Home” accompanied beautifully by Jim Smith on metallophone and Indra Susila on xylophone. This group made me feel very nostalgic.

The Year 2/3 choir had a very exciting day which started with them singing “The Little Birch Tree” and “Sorry Song” for which they received a Gold certificate and the overall trophy. So exciting! They then enjoyed a game of ten pin bowling followed by lunch at McDonalds.

A big thank you goes to all who helped make this possible, especially Mrs Baima for accompanying the choirs and Mrs Becker, Madison and Sasha who are the Choir Captains, Jim and Indra for assisting with the Junior choir and Mrs Perkins with the Senior choir. Thank you also to the teachers and parents who helped on the day and our lovely office ladies who have to deal with returned money, notes etc.

A special thanks goes to the choir captains who have been exceptional this year and have taken their job very seriously.

As I write this we are looking forward to singing “Let It Play” with over half a million students across Australia on Thursday 3 November to promote the importance of music education in Australia. We’ve all enjoyed learning the song and are looking forward to singing it as a large group.

Elspeth Scotford
Music teacher

Students of the Week

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What’s Happening & General

Student Council - Coin Trail Fundraiser

The Proserpine staff at school decided that because children learn more effectively on a full stomach, it isn’t fair for those who miss breakfast. A programme was initiated to provide a healthy start to the day for those who have missed it that day.

Woolworths Proserpine is supporting the healthy food for hungry tummies concept with an extremely generous gift of fresh fruit each week to supplement the whole grain cereal and dairy put together by the team. Well done Woolworths!

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.

Proserpine State School Playgroup

For further information like our Facebook Page: Proserpine State School Playgroup
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 https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.qld.deta.qparents

For further information, please visit the QParents Website 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

Tuckshop

Hi Everyone. By now you should have all received your raffle sheets for our Mini iPad Tuckshop fundraising raffle. This is our biggest Fundraiser for the year.

We try to keep our prices as low as we can in the Tuckshop to make this service affordable for everyone and our Fundraising activities give us that extra Boost to cover our costs and keep the prices down. It’s great to see the children getting behind us by selling raffle tickets to their family and friends.

Thanks to all those parents that ring and let us know that their child has ordered Tuckshop, but has gone home sick. It is very easy for us to save their order for another day if we are told and it hasn’t been prepared but unfortunately if we don’t know and the food is not collected we have to throw it out.

Once again we would like to remind everyone that we are no longer able to do Apple Slinkys on a Friday as we are so busy trying to man all the windows just handing all the lunches out.

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

Next Meeting

Thursday 17th November 2016
Resource Centre
The P & C encourages any Parents/ Carers of PSS students 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**

**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 Boy to pack $30
- Have a Boy with pack $105
- Junior Player $60

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

**Contact Us:**
- Phone: 0411199427
- Email: proserpinecricket@gmail.com
- Website: www.proserpine.junior.cricket.com.au

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**Whitsunday Weightlifting**

Whitsunday Weightlifting are holding the North Queensland all school championships on November 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 in this event. In this process you will be contributing to the well-being of the Whitsunday community and helping support our not-for-profit sporting community.

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

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**Mackay Fostering**

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- A willingness to open your heart

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