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### Principal’s News

**Awards Parade**

We will be holding our Awards Parade on Thursday 8 December at 9:15am in the Multi-purpose Complex. At this parade we celebrate academic, cultural and sporting excellence achieved by our students throughout 2016. This year we have some new awards to ensure we further recognise achievement across the school.

The new awards include –

- David Nicholas Sports Person of the Year Award
• Rugby League Development Program – Travis Waddell Commitment Award
• Arts Development Program Commitment Award

Year Six Events

The next two weeks are shaping up to be a very busy and exciting for our Year 6 students and teachers. On Monday 5 December we will be holding the Year 6 Graduation. On Tuesday 6 December students will attend a full day at Proserpine State High School as part of the Year 7 transition program. The culminating event for the year will see students travelling to the outer reef with Cruise Whitsunday on Wednesday 9 December for a day of snorkelling.

To assist with reducing the cost of the reef trip and develop snorkelling skills our Year 6 students have participated in a Snorkel-a-thon during their swimming lessons. Students sought sponsorship based on the number of laps they were able to swim using a snorkel and flippers in 20 minutes.

For students to be eligible for the reef trip they must ensure they display appropriate behaviour for the remainder of the year and have paid their resource scheme in full.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

In 2017 Camp Australia will be opening an outside school hours care facility on the school site. The OSHC will be operating before school care (6:30am – 8:45am), after school care (3:00pm – 6:00pm) and vacation care (6:30am – 6:00pm).

The OSHC will operate out of the smaller hall on Renwick Road. This is being provided as a response to our school community identifying a need for this service. Camp Australia is a nationwide OSHC provider who work closely with the school in providing academic support with completion of homework, quality of care and promotes healthy choices through nutritious food and physical activity. More information on costs and how to register for the service will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Last Day Procedure Change

School will finish on Friday 9 December at 3:00pm. Buses will run as per normal timetables.

End of Semester Reporting

All individual student End of Semester 2 2016 written reports are now in the final stages of completion and will be emailed out to parents on Thursday December 8 in the last week of this term.

The Teaching and Learning for these reports are based on the Australian Curriculum which will contribute to a world-class education in Australia by setting out the knowledge, understanding and skills needed for life and work in the 21st century and by setting common high standards of achievement across the country. Parents can further support their child’s education by familiarising themselves with the Australian Curriculum by visiting:
http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

The World of Maths Road Show

Recently students in Year 5 had the opportunity to participate in a visiting Maths Road Show.

Students enthusiastically participated in a range of rotational hands on activities where they had to use their problem solving skills in teams to complete the activities successfully. It also demonstrated to students how Mathematics is applied to real life situations.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to those students who chose to participate in Remembrance Day by purchasing poppies or wrist bands. Our school band is also to be congratulated for their playing and marching to the song, A Long Way to Tipereere at our assembly on the day. We were also able to pass on $285.00 to the Proserpine RSL.

There will be one more newsletter that will come out this year which will be to highlight those students’ achievements throughout the year.

Have a great two weeks.

Alison Bradford
Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

In the State Schools Strategy (2014-2018) Every Student Succeeding, the strategic plan lists six specific areas for improvement. Three of these of particular interest to our parents and carers are:

• Successful Learners: Students engaging in learning and achievement;
• Teaching Quality: Teachers employing high quality, evidence-based teaching practices focused on success for every student; and
• School Performance: Schools achieving success through an intentional approach to improving the progress of every student.

You can see that some words are used repeatedly – student, improvement, achievement – as these form the core of our business as educators. This is the reason behind all of our professional learning this year; with visits from John Fleming, visits to schools in the FNQ Region, staff meetings on Explicit Instruction, coaching from trained facilitators etc.

We have a focus on continual improvement for all staff and students. Learning together – making a difference.

These are the reasons we continue to adapt our curriculum, so that our students are more highly engaged, use higher order thinking skills, and are provided with multiple opportunities for depth and breadth of learning.

These areas also guide our practices in the delivery of curriculum. At this point in time, many of our students are being assessed and reported on in the Semester 2 reporting period. Our Lead Team (Mr Templeton, Mrs Bradford, Ms Sippel, Mrs Botta, Mrs Templeton, Mr Hart and myself) have met with every year level to discuss students’ achievements, how they’re tracking, who has improved and who hasn’t (and why). As a team, alongside the support teachers and classroom teachers, we decide on actions to put in place to ensure that students improve.

Please keep in mind though that, sometimes student improvement is not evident in a Report Card when a child has moved within a rating, eg. from a low C to a high C; excepting in a teacher’s comment. This is when it is imperative to:

• have communication with your child’s teacher,
• look through your child’s books as they are sent home, and
• talk with your child regularly about what she/he is learning.

Lee-Anne Dougherty
Head of Curriculum

Students will travel by bus to and from the pool with groups leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately 2pm. The races themselves will start at 9:30am.

On the day, please ensure your child has the appropriate gear for the carnival including togs and towel. All items should be clearly labelled. Students may swim their races without a rashie however they will be required to cover up once back in the stands.

All students attending the pool on the day will swim in events of either 25m or 50m depending on the competency demonstrated at their lessons. Students who are unable to swim on the day due to illness or injury should have a note from their parent or guardian explaining why they are unable if the injury is not clearly evident. Non swimmers will not be attending the carnival.

Each student must bring adequate lunch and water as well as sunscreen. The canteen will be in operation but students will be limited in their visits to it. They may purchase drinks or ice creams but lollies will not be sold. There will be some hot food such as sausage rolls available.

To allow our swimming carnival to operate successfully, we require the assistance of parents to take on a timekeeping role on the day. If you are attending the carnival on either day to support your child, you are more than welcome to be a timekeeper. These are not the Olympics so parents should not be concerned about their time keeping competency too much.

On the day, those parents who are able to be timekeepers will just need to register their name at the pool kiosk. Parents who are timekeeping on the day will not be required to pay the admission fee that is normally charged by the pool to spectate.

An event order for the carnival will be sent out closer to the carnival.

Yours in Sport
Trevor Nosworthy

Music

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

These choirs start this week for previous and new members to attend. They will help to lead the Carols by Candlelight to be held at the school on 01 December and also sing at the Ecumenical Service. Because there is a short time frame to rehearse, we ask that those attending are committed to the choirs for the period of time needed.

Elspeth Scotford
Music teacher

Library News

ICAS

ICAS results for Digital Technology, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics will be presented at Assembly on Friday 25th November.

2016 School Swimming Carnival

A reminder again that our School Inter House Swimming Carnival will be held this year on Friday 2nd December 2016.

The carnival is a great day for students to participate in some friendly competition and achieve points for their sports house.

The swimming carnival is open and free of charge to all those students in Years 4 to 6 who participated in the Learn to Swim Program in Term 4.
PetPEP

Year 3 students will be participating in PetPEP (People and Pets Education) on Thursday 24th November from 1.45pm - 3.00pm in the hall nearest Renwick Road. There will be presenters from the Vet and Fauna Rescue who will talk to the students about responsible pet ownership and caring for Australia’s wildlife.

Students of the Week

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What’s Happening & General

2017 Office Trading Hours

Office will be OPEN:
Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th January 2017 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Office will be CLOSED:
Monday 16th January 17 and Friday 20th January, 2017

School Commences 23rd January, 2017

Return of Medication

ALL medication is to be collected from the office before the end of the school year.

Students who may need to take medication next year are asked to complete an Administration of Medication Form, which can be collected from the office.

Lost Property

Students, if you are missing anything at all, please check the lost property box located outside the administration office. Items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

6JM – Visual Arts

In Visual Art this semester, the Year 6 cohort studied the works of Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse in order to create three expressive compositions based upon the artists’ unique styles.

For the first piece, each student designed an original portrait which incorporated Picasso’s signature strong black line, vivid colour and distorted facial features.

The second artwork was inspired by Matisse’s famous painting ‘Dance’. Using a paper collage technique, the students created a stylized ‘dancer’ which featured vibrant colours and elaborate decorations.

For the final piece, the students were required to design an A2 picture of a room which contained proportionate furniture and a variety of detailed patterns using warm and cool colours. Inspiration was taken from Henri Matisse’s many intricately patterned paintings.

Throughout the art unit, the students were eager to learn about the artists’ lives, their many and varied artworks and their respective styles. They worked enthusiastically on their new techniques and relished the opportunity to display their artistic talents.

The results of their hard work are amazing!

Annette Armen
Art Teacher
All Schools Olympic Weightlifting Competition

Last week saw Proserpine State School represented in the sport of Olympic Weightlifting at the QLD All Schools Weightlifting Competition. This year the Whitsunday Weightlifting Club hosted the North Qld component of the competition, which saved our locals from having to travel to Brisbane like last year.

PSS teams were: boys team: – Zander Hope. Girls team: – Emily Hinschen. There were 87 students from 49 Qld schools being represented altogether, including the schools that competed in Brisbane.

All the results were put together to finalise placements. The lifters were also ranked individually within their body weight categories, those results are:

- Zander Hope came 3rd in 10 and under.
- Emily Hinschen came 2nd in U17 locally. Statewide she came 3rd in U15 and 3rd in U17

Breakfast Club

Brekky Club has won a lot of fans at the school this term. Some children come in because they are hungry and have missed breakfast. Others come simply to share a yarn or two as they munch their way through a piece of fruit.

The Club has become a great place for kids to wind down and prepare for their busy school day.

Woolworths Proserpine has been amazing in its generosity, providing heaps of free fruit for the kids on a weekly basis.

Miss Jackie and Chappy K take turns to supervise, but it’s a club in which the kids feel a sense of ownership. Some of the student helpers really enjoy having a role to play, making the running of the breakfast a snack!

Chappy comments that the club has become an excellent venue for informal discussions on a range of topics that promote social skills and healthy living.

This is another great initiative at Proserpine State School.

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, and searching for ‘QParents’.

https://play.google.com/store

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

WEDNESDAY 7th December WILL BE THE LAST TRADING DAY FOR TUCKSHOP

Hi everyone. Thank you so much to all those who have supported our mini IPad raffle so far, the response has been excellent but there is still time to buy more tickets or to come to the Tuckshop and collect more sheets to sell.

As you are all aware there are only a couple of weeks to go now until the end of Term 4 and the end of the school year for 2016. As we try and run down our stock for the Big Break we ask that you all please be patient if some things on our menu become unavailable in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately macaroni cheese is one of these items which are no longer available.

There will be a new menu coming out early in Term 1 2017 so watch this space.

Unfortunately we have had to remove a couple of things from the existing menu due to changes to the Healthy Choices Ready Reckoner for School Tuckshops. There will also be some price increases as our suppliers have increased the prices of much of our stock over the 2016 year.

Once again we would like to remind you all that we are no longer doing Apple Slinkies on a Friday as it is such a busy day. Also if you don’t have the correct money for your order and require change just remind your child to check their bags when they collect them from the Tuckshop as their change will either be sticky taped to the front of the bag, or if there is quite a bit of change it will be placed in a snap lock bag and stapled to the inside of the bag. This system usually works quite well though unfortunately we have been told the children sometimes forget and the change isn’t making it back home. A little reminder will hopefully amend this problem.

As always in closing thank you to our wonderful volunteers. We couldn’t do it without your help.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop ladies

TUCKSHOP FUNDRAISER - WIN AN IPAD MINI

Help support our last fundraiser for the year. We have attached a copy of the raffle sheet just in case you need more.

Please return sold ticket sheets (including partly sold ticket sheets) with ticket money to the TUCKSHOP no later than Monday 28th November 2016.

To be drawn on THURSDAY 8th December 2016 during Parade at the Multi-Purpose Hall.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

Uniform Shop

2016 OPENING HOURS

Monday 8:30am – 9:30am
Thursday 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Last day opened for 2016 is Monday 5th December 2016

No orders will be processed after this date.

2017 Opening Hours

9:00am to 12:00pm each day

Tuesday 17th January, 2017
Wednesday 18th January 2017
Thursday 19th January 2017

Uniform shop is CLOSED on Monday 23rd January 2017
New Opening hours for 2017
Monday 8:30am – 9:15am
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

PSHS Uniform Shop Hours

Staff and volunteers of Proserpine State High School Uniform Store have had a lovely time over the last weeks meeting and welcoming a steady flow of 2017 Year 7 students and families. We appreciate the early preparations and encourage more families to take advantage of this slightly quieter time. Back to school 2017 is sure to test our new premises as we no longer have the endless space available of the multi-purpose hall. It is planned to run a number system during the January extended hours with a ticket being issued on arrival and folks asked to wait until called.

Extended hours of operation will be:-

Last week of school December 2016:
Mon 5th / Tues 6th / Wed 7th 8.30am -1pm

Last week of holidays January 2017
Mon 16th / Tues 17th / Wed 18th 9am - 1pm
Thurs 19th 2pm - 6 pm
Fri 20th 1pm - 5pm

First week back at school January 2017
Mon 23rd / Tues 24th / Wed 25th 8.30am - 1pm

Banana Pocket Hall Christmas Party
Whitsunday Transit

Notice to Parents – School Bus Travel/Fares 2017

Fares

Fares for school bus travel will not be increasing in 2017.

For those students who are on a payment plan there will now be a $20 per term administration fee. This fee will be deducted with the first payment. Parents requiring a payment plan will be required to attend Whitsunday Transit to sign a form authorising a payment plan and the terms associated with this.

Allocated Bus

Students are required to travel on the bus allocated to them by Whitsunday Transit. This enables Whitsunday Transit to monitor student numbers travelling and to alter bus routes as required.

Buses that service the Proserpine schools that drop off between Whitsunday Plaza and Airlie Cove will generally drop off at the Whitsunday Sports Park and other stops if required.

If your child has particular requirements you are requested to contact Whitsunday Transit to discuss.

Bus Forms

All students requiring school bus travel are required to be registered every year. Bus Travel Assistance (BTA) forms must be filled out for students who are changing schools (This applies to changing campus at St Catherine’s and year 6 to 7 at Whitsunday Christian College). All other students returning to school are required to fill out the Whitsunday Transit Bus Application (small white form).

Any details, such as address or phone numbers, changed with the school throughout the year are also required to be changed with Whitsunday Transit. This means a BTA form is to be filled out.

BTA forms and the Whitsunday Transit Bus Application Forms have been distributed to all students. It is requested that these forms are completed and returned prior to the commencement of Term 1 2017.

Any Questions please contact Whitsunday Transit on 07 4946 1800 or email buspassen@whitsundaytransit.com.au

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