Welcome to our new staff:

Robyn Powell – 2PD
Sasha Marshall – 2/3SM
Debra King – 5GK

Staffing
We would like to inform the school community about the staff changes occurring in our school setting. Firstly, Carmel Harrison is accessing medical treatment and will be absent for the remainder of the year. To fill her two roles, that is Literacy Coach and Year 5 classroom teacher, we have made the following changes. Petrina Dinnie has accepted the role of Literacy Coach for 3 days a week. Robyn Powell will co-teach 2 PD on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Petrina on class Thursdays and Fridays. Debra King will share the teaching role with Ann Gardel in Year 5GK (Please note the name change). Sasha Marshall will be teaching in 2/3SM formally 2/3SS. Please make them welcome if you see them in our school community.

LEARNING & WELL BEING

Date Claimer – Renowned adolescent psychologist, Dr Michael Carr Greg, is coming to Proserpine, Monday 29 April!!!

The alliance of State Schools in the Whitsundays is sponsoring Dr Michael Carr Greg to share his wealth of expertise with staff and parents on building resilience in children and young adolescents. During his time with us he will be working with PSHS leadership team, Junior Secondary/learning and wellbeing framework (1.30pm-3.00pm); presenting a twilight session with staff from PSS, CSS and PSHS (3.45pm – 5.45pm) on how schools can promote resilience and flourishing in students and finally a parent session (7.00pm – 8.30pm), how to raise happy and resilient children and teenagers. This is an opportunity not to be missed. The presentation venue will be communicated closer to the date.

“Attendance Goal Achieved”
Congratulations students (with parents support) on achieving our attendance goal for the first 5 weeks. At the end of last year our average daily attendance was 92%. In the first 5 weeks, considering some poor weather, we’re tracking at 95% daily attendance. It is very pleasing to report our male students have a higher attendance rate than females. However, it is still of concern that we have a gap between our Indigenous and Non-Indigenous attendance rates. We have employed an attendance officer, who is available Mondays and Tuesdays, to work with students and support parents (however possible) to improve daily attendance for chronic non-attendees or chronic lateness.

Junior Secondary – Year 7s commencing High School in 2015
Mr Don McDermid, Principal Proserpine State High, has accepted an invitation to share his vision for Junior Secondary Education at PSHS at our next P&C meeting on Thursday 21 March. On Wednesday 17 April from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, we invite parents of our current Year 5 students to meet with Mrs Cox and Miss Sippel in the Resource Centre to raise questions they have regarding their students final year at PSS in Year 6, 2014.

Curriculum Matters
One of the many challenges facing educators today are the implications of 21st century learning on our current school system. When I can’t operate the Wii in the Resource Centre, I call on any ten year old student to assist. Having problems at home with your set top box? Ask a five year old. Our kids are just not scared of technology like some more mature members of society. How can we keep up? In a few weeks, two staff members, Mrs Tricia Botta and Mrs Wendy Copeland, will be attending Professional Development in 21st Century Fluencies – focus on ICTs in Problem Solving. They will then share their new knowledge and skills with the rest of the staff. In this way, we are keeping abreast of evidence-based research to ensure positive outcomes for all of our students. In this area in particular, we most certainly are “Learning Together – Making a Difference.” The Science Enrichment Programme commences this Friday for selected students in Years 5, 6 and 7. This initiative also

JUST FOR FUN

We acknowledge the Gia and Ngaro people of the land on which we work, travel and live.

We pay our respects to their Elders, their Ancestors and Future Generations.
forms part of transition to Junior Secondary. We welcome the PSHS Science Head of Department, Mr Steve Pinel, who will be the students’ teacher for Term 1. As well, Mrs Tricia Botta and Miss Angela Collins are coordinating a Science Club for students every Tuesday at morning tea for girls, and every Friday at morning tea for boys, commencing in Term 1 with Year 4 students. Developing an interest in science as a means of expanding curiosity and willingness to explore, ask questions about and speculate on the changing world in which they live, are primary goals of these initiatives.

In the next newsletter we will announce the winners of the writing competition “School is a Great Place”.

*Your teacher can open the door, but you must enter by yourself.* Chinese Proverb

Music

Here are three educational reasons why music should be a must in every child’s life.

1. Music encourages confidence and self esteem
2. Music improves co-ordination and reflexes
3. Music helps your child with organisational skills and self discipline.

CHORAL FESTIVAL CHOIR

This choir now have the words of all the songs to practise with. The students should bring these words with them to choir rehearsals. Notes regarding arrangements for the actual festival have also been given out. Forms and money must be at the office before 14 March. A big thank you goes out to Mr Reg Muller who has offered to drive the High school bus for us on both days which reduces the cost of transport tremendously. Thank you also to parents who are transporting children on one of the days.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Please remember to attend your lesson on time on Monday or Tuesday depending on the timetable and to bring your instruments and music on those days.

The band has played the national anthem on parade and is adding to their repertoire which will be played as classes enter and exit the hall.

N.B. Practice makes perfect!

Mrs Scotford – Arts Teacher

HPE – Health & Physical Education

Wet weather has again impacted on opportunities for students to participate in their regular afternoon sport over the past fortnight. The Year 6 and 7 students have still been making full use of our 2 hall facilities to work on the skills for their respective sports. Hopefully they will be able to play some games shortly.

The representative season has started with a number of students from Proserpine State School making sporting teams for swimming, netball and rugby league.

Congratulations to Piper O’Grady who has been selected to participate at the state swimming titles, in Brisbane, as a member of the Northern Region Swimming Team. We wish Piper all the best in her events.

District Trials were held for Netball and Rugby League recently. Congratulations to the following students on being selected as members of the Proserpine District Team for their respective sports.

Netball: Piper O’Grady Taylor Russell Lola Moon

League: Jayden Lane Jack Handley Jack Ryan Noel Waipape

Ryan Wynne Trent Deboni Byron Muller Max Nosworthy

Howard McDonald Reagan Knight

These students will travel to Bowen on Monday 18 March to participate in the Whitsunday Trials. Best of luck in attempting to make the Whitsunday Teams.

Yours in sport - Mr Nosworthy

Special Education Services

A big welcome to Kylie Lawrence, our newest Special Education Teacher. Kylie joins us from Charters Towers and is very happy to have gained a position in the beautiful Whitsundays. Kylie will be teaching our year 3 students.

Also joining our area is Penny Terrill, Advisory Visiting Teacher Physical Impairment/Hearing Impairment. Penny has joined us from Nerang State School. Penny’s role is to provide specialist advice relating to curriculum (e.g. content, strategies, and assessment), physical environment, resources, and specialised equipment.

Marg Perkins is continuing her role in Advisory Visiting Teacher Early Childhood, supporting early year’s children and their families through diagnosis, resources and specialised support.

Our Early Intervention program at Proserpine State has commenced for the year and our three and four year olds are busy learning important communication, social, fine motor and gross motor skills in a fun and caring environment. Our theme this term is on the farm involving lots of hands on creative experiences.

Please remember we very much appreciate any input, feedback or ideas parents may wish to share with us.

Deb Raiteri - Acting Head of Special Education

Tuckshop

Hello everyone, and goodness isn’t 1st Term going fast, Week 6 already. The Tuckshop has been quite busy for the 1st Term and everything is running smoothly with the help of all our wonderful volunteer Mums. We certainly couldn’t do it without you. Great to see some lovely new helpers in the Tuckshop this year as well as all our amazing ladies back from last year. We can’t thank you enough for all the help you give us.

We are selling a lot of healthy salads and also our slushy machine has been working overtime in the hot weather. Make sure you go out to Mr Reg Muller who has offered to drive the High school bus for us on both days which reduces the cost of transport tremendously. Thank you also to parents who are transporting children on one of the days.

Try our new “Vanilla Paddle Pops” which should be in Friday this week. They are Limited Edition though so get in quick so you don’t miss out.

Regards the Tuckshop Ladies 😊😊

Class Awards 05/03/13

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Mikala Pearce, Mason Batman, Adam Raymant
Trixie Mickelborough-Sultmann, Lachlan Gray
Jacob Cassidy, Gemma Connolly, Molly Coghlan, Noah Scott, Madison List
Tahlia Morris, Jack Wood

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Class Attendance Award – 26/02/13 – 4CW

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX/ CYCLONE SHELTER

The Minister for Housing and Public Works – Tim Mander will be visiting on Tuesday 26 March to officially open the Proserpine Cyclone Shelter. The ceremony will start at 9:15am and will be held in the Multi-purpose Complex/Cyclone Shelter. All are welcome to attend.

School Photos

Order envelopes for school photos due to occur on 26 & 27 March will be sent home this week. Please complete your selection and send with each individual child on school photo day. Payment for these is made direct to the photographers via the order envelope or on-line.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents will receive Booking Sheets for Parent-Teacher Interviews which will be conducted on Monday 22 April (Beginning of Week 2 Term 2). Please return your booking sheet by Friday 22 March. This will ensure the best possible interview time for you. Teachers look forward to meeting you to discuss your child’s progress at school.

Rotary Club of Airlie Beach Inc Community Raffle 2013

This year our Student Council will be the beneficiary of proceeds from the sale of tickets in the community raffle. All student leaders have been furnished with 2 books of tickets to sell. Community support with buying the tickets is appreciated. Not only could you win fabulous prizes but support the Student Council in achieving their goals for the year.

Uniforms

School shirt, black bottoms, or pinafore (for girls), black sport/school shoes with white socks and school hat must be worn every day. Hats ($10) and uniform shirts ($25) are available for sale from the P&C Uniform Shop—opened Mondays 8.15—9.15 and Thursdays 2.30—3.30.

Payments

Student Resource Scheme

Full payment for the Student Resource Scheme should have now been paid or otherwise “Request for Deferred Payment” organized with the Principal. Please contact the school office if neither of these options have been taken. All payments are to be handed in at the office. There is a designated box located next to the money collection window for children to drop in monies. Teachers will not accept money. Please ensure that the correct money is placed in an envelope with children’s names, classes and reason for payment written on the front. We have EFTPOS facilities as well as Internet Banking for your convenience. Parents can make payments between the hours from 8:30 to 2:30 ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ONLY. Monies can still be dropped through the money collection mailbox outside of these hours.

RREAP

State schools and Catholic schools in the Whitsunday region are this year able to access RREAP funding. RREAP funding is administered by the Department of Education and Training and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission in an effort to address the educational needs of geographically isolated students.

As well as receiving individual school funding, each school has received cluster funds to go towards funding joint school initiative projects and projects from community organizations working in partnership with RREAP schools. Local community organizations and schools are invited to apply for funding for projects which address the additional costs associated with enhancing the educational opportunities of Whitsunday students disadvantaged by geographic isolation. The amount of Whitsunday cluster funding available is approximately $25,670.02.

Funding applications can be made using a simple application form and must be based on the funding guidelines. Applications must be signed by two school principals and two parent organization representatives from the cluster before being submitted to the school cluster committee.

All funding applications are to be submitted electronically to the chair of the Whitsunday Cluster Committee – the.principal@proserpnss.eq.edu.au by 5:00pm, 11th March 2013.

Information on school cluster committee funding guidelines and an application form for project submissions can be found at http://rreap.qld.edu.au/ In considering applications the school cluster committee will give priority to projects – our priority for 2012/2013 is LITERACY and THE ARTS:

- which benefit the most students in the region,
- which cover more than one priority area
- which have a literacy and/or arts focus

Any issues, concerns and/or questions regarding the submission and approval process should be addressed to the Whitsunday cluster committee in writing.

Queensland Country Women’s Association

The Queensland Country Women’s Association in conjunction with the ANZ Bank are running a competition for all schools in Queensland on their country of study which is Turkey. Entries are due in May:

PREP, Year 1 & 2 entry: colouring in. YEAR 3, 4 & 5 – Poster entry YEAR 6 & 7 – Project in sheet or booklet form.

Please come to the office for further information. Let’s support our local Q.C.W.A and get involved.

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2013 National NAIDOC Week Theme announced - We Value the Vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to enter the 2013 National NAIDOC Poster Competition and nominate fellow community members to receive National NAIDOC Awards.

Indigenous artists can now start working on entries for the national NAIDOC Poster Competition which reflects this year’s NAIDOC theme. The winning entry attracts a $5000 cash prize and will feature in the 2013 National NAIDOC poster and be displayed across Australia in workplaces, schools and community organisations. The Poster Competition closes on Friday 29 March. For entry forms and more information, visit www.naidoc.org.au or talk to your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre on 1800 079 098.

School Magazine 2012

There is a handful of 2012 School Magazines available for purchase – on a “first in” basis – no phone orders please.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AFL Junior Football Club

1st training session for all age groups at 5:00pm on Thursday 21st February 2013 at the Whitsunday Sports Park.
Sign on date: Saturday 9th March 10am – 1pm at the Whitsunday Sports Park.
Registration Fee is $130. Fee includes a Training Singlet for all players & Club Polo for all new players.
If you have any questions please contact: Jamie Fuhrmann on 0407 648 095

WHITSUNDAY COAST SCOUT GROUP

Joey scouts wanted to come along and have an hour of fun each week - learn life skills, make new friends and the opportunity to progress through the scout sections. They will also partake in sleepovers, hikes and adventures.
The ages for Joey Scouts is 6-8 years - the annual cost is $170 to join and $35 per term for subs (this works out at approx $7 per week). At this stage the times will be 5pm on a Tuesday afternoon for 1 hour.
If you are interested in joining the Joey Scout Section or have any enquiries please call Kathy Ball (Group Leader) on 0409233397.

If you have 8-10year olds and would like them to join the cub section and would like to Volunteer your time and skills as a leader please contact me as above. I cannot take any youth until I have a leader, so go on join in the fun and sign up today.
Have you changed your details recently?

Parent/Carers who have changed their address, phone numbers, etc., please fill in this tear out section and return to the school office.

Student's Name: ..........................................................................................................................

Address: ........................................................................................................................................

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Home Phone No. .................. Mobile No. ...................... Work No. ..................

Emergency Contact Person: ........................................ Emergency Contact No..........................

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Has your child’s medical details changed?

Please fill in this section and return to school office.

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Class: ..................

Doctor’s Name: .................................................. Doctor’s Phone No. ....................................

Doctor’s Address: .................................................. Postcode: ........

Medical Condition:

Known Allergies:

Medication:

(see note below)

Medication at School

Any ‘prescription medication’ should be left at the office in the original container provided by the pharmacy (clearly indication dosage) along with a note from the student’s parent giving permission for the medication to be taken during school hours or alternatively complete a medication form at the school office.