**Celebrations:**

Last week, on assembly, our Years 2 and 4 students were very proud of achieving our school’s attendance target for the week of 95%. They were rewarded with a night free from homework. We appreciate parent and carers assistance with making Every Day Count. Below is a diagram (Every Day Counts) showing the outline of the school year with Unit and assessment timelines. Please acquaint yourself with these timelines.

Yesterday, we had an overwhelming response from parents to the community lecture given by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. We would appreciate feedback. For the first time in many years’, staff from all State Schools in the area joined together to hear how we can promote resilience and flourishing in students. This was a targeted strategy to support the importance of maintaining and sustaining student’s wellbeing in our community.

On Friday, we celebrate our indigenous culture through participation in performances by Boori Monty Pryor.

**Prep enrolments 2014**

Do you have a child eligible for Prep in 2014 in your family? We would like to know if you intend enrolling him/her at Proserpine State School. Please fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office at your earliest convenience. If you are aware of families that may be interested in enrolling with us please direct them to our school webpage where video clips will be continuously uploaded to showcase our school’s work.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to 180 families who took the opportunity to talk to their teachers during our recent Parent/Teacher interviews.

**New Staff**

We would like to introduce/welcome our latest staff members, Sarah Voigt; teaching 1/2SV for Term 2 and Community Education Counsellor, working on Fridays; Arthur Gabey. As a school community we value this role and are funding the position through the school’s Closing the Gap allocation.

**CURRICULUM MATTERS**

For several weeks, I have had the privilege of working with some delightful writers from 6PH. They have written narratives as assessment tasks, some sentences from which are below:

-Suddenly I was buried alive under a thick labyrinth of tree branches, leaves and rocks.” Alexander Nicol

“The crocodiles were silent and deadly as they pounced on their unsuspecting prey.” Jack Brennan

“She looked like a beach ball, with short orange hair, a face full of freckles and she was super-bossy, which is why nobody liked her.” Annica Shanks

When they reflected on what they had learned, this is what they had to say:

I learned to include suspense in my story writing to keep the reader wanting to keep reading to find out what happened. Annica Shanks

Putting describing words in sentences helps paint pictures in the readers’ heads. Anakin Daley-Stevenson

Including details makes the text more interesting, and so does including a climax. Alexander Nicol

Stories have to have a problem and a solution. Jack Brennan

Good writers put ideas in complete sentences. Darcy Taylor

Descriptive language makes a story sound better. Nick Sanders

I learned to use Who, What, When, Where and How to come up with ideas. Jordan Miller

To replace nouns with pronouns so that words aren’t repeated over and over. Maka James-Hankin

Reflecting on WHAT was learned, and HOW they learned is one way that our students show responsibility for their own learning, which is an indicator of success. Other ways that our kids can strive to achieve, including being in class everyday (Better luck next fortnight, Mr Payne! He wants that Attendance Tiger SO badly.), include asking questions and communicating any confusion to the teachers. We aren’t psychics and can’t know what our kids are thinking. As parents, please encourage your children to do these things; to reflect, to ask questions, to communicate and accept responsibility for their learning.

Also, a HUGE pat on the back to those of you who are providing healthy
lunches for your kids...the impact of this can be seen in your children’s capacity to think, and to maintain concentration and energy throughout the school day. In our foyer, we have displayed a banner ‘Healthy Children – Better Learners’. Photographs of students and their healthy foods will be taken and displayed for all to see, to encourage kids to bring better lunches.

Lee-Anne Dougherty, Head of Curriculum

Music

2013 Choral Festival

The year 6/7 choir travelled to Mackay on Sunday 24th March for rehearsals, and again on Tuesday 26th March to perform on stage. Around 500 children across the region raised their voices under the directions of Dr. Debra Shearer-Dirie and Mr Anthony Young in the Mackay entertainment and convention centre. The year 6/7 choir practised in their lunch hours last term and performed the following songs – Go Tell It on the Mountain, Adiemus, Can You Hear, We Gather Here Together, Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho, Kitty Alone and Lightning. - Allie Thomson and Rebeka Beveridge

Mrs Scotford – Arts Teacher

HPE – Health & Physical Education

Term 2 is going to be a very busy one in regards to sport with a number of selection trials occurring for representative teams along with our own school athletics carnival at the end of the term. The following students were selected in Proserpine District Teams for their respective sports recently and will be attending the Whitsunday Trials in the near future.

Soccer: Harrison McDermid  Harry Hodgen  Samantha Diamond
Cross Country: Jake Wagner  Ethan Clegg  Holly Moore  Jack Handley  Allirah Watts  Cooper Lane

Upcoming Proserpine District Trials will be happening for Touch Football on Tuesday 23 April and Softball on Wednesday 8 May. The dates for our school athletics carnival have been set with the Year 3 -7 Field Events Day to be held on Wednesday 12 June and all running events for Prep – 7 to be on Friday 14 June. These events are in Week 9 of our Term 2 calendar. Information regarding timetabling of events as well as whole of school organisation will be given to families closer to the time.

Many sporting organisation are well and truly up and running in our community at present. Sport is a fantastic way for your child to develop a wide range of gross motor skills as well as expanding their understanding of strategies for game play. Children who play sport not only improve their physical fitness but also extend their capacity to interact socially with others. I understood fully the commitment that is required both financially and in terms of time but I would encourage all families to have a look into what our community has to offer in regards to sport and physical activity outside of school.

Yours in Sport – Mr Nosworthy

Behaviour Management

Are you a good model???

Looking sleek and flash is of no use if performance is poor. At our school we expect both students and staff to reflect on their performances regularly. These “check-ups” for children focus on whether academic and behavioural outcomes are on track. For staff members it focuses on ensuring that we are providing the best opportunities for our students to learn. Acknowledging any problems is only the first step as we must then identify and action strategies to remedy the problem. As a parent have you ever self-reflected to ensure that you provide your children with the best opportunities for success at school? If not, here are just some points that you may like to reflect on.

My children

- only have days off school when they are sick or injured
- I check their homework and assessment requirements and ensure that time is made available for them to complete these
- I ensure that they have the correct uniform for school and adequate school supplies and equipment
- I speak positively about school and I acknowledge their achievements
- I don’t discuss adult matters or use unacceptable words when they are in earshot
- I encourage them to read each night.

If students see that you value school and education, they too will value their time at school and have an enhanced chance for success both academically and socially.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Management Teacher

Community Education Counsellor

Hello Proserpine State,

My Name is Arthur Gabey and I have been employed by Proserpine State School as your first Community Education Counsellor or CEC. I have lived in the area all my life and am descendent of the Ngaro group from Whitsunday Island and ‘Zagareb’ tribe from Murry (Mer) Island in the Torres Strait Islands. I will be working collaboratively with school cohort to embed indigenous perspectives in the curriculum and to link and work with families to reduce barriers to attendance. I believe that it is important having our students (Non/Indigenous) in the classroom participating, engaging and working towards getting the best education possible. I am looking forward to advocating for and improving coordination of family’s need and services of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people in our community and school. So be PROUD and be DEADLY
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Student Council

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, guessed the number of lollies or coloured in as part of our Easter fundraising for “Child Fund Australia”. With the great response, the Student Council raised $328.75.

Currently, the Student Council is holding a Mother’s Day raffle. There will be three amazing prizes. Tickets will be 50 cents and will be sold before school outside the office. This raffle is in lieu of purchasing gifts and then having to buy them back in the Mother’s Day Stall.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

From Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June 2013 Proserpine State School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Parents are encouraged to collect stickers when they shop at Woolworths and place them on the sticker cards available in store or at the school office and place them in the collection boxes at either location. If placing in boxes in store, please be sure to look for the Proserpine State School box. Points earned by your school will enable us to purchase more resources for our school.

Class Awards – 23/04/13

PBE  Lani Crook, Sharniqua Morsch-Ivey
PCD  Elyse Dent, Harriet Black, Riley Harn
PCP  Damian Porter, Benjamin Valmadre
P1JB  Reagan Tame, Lilly Butcher
1AL  Mikayla Mason, Darcy Milne, Kohan Mau
1HM  Jake Duggan, Chelsea Rhodes
1/2SV  Sebastian Trenerry, Kira McDonald
2JK  Alex Lester, Brynn Walker
2PD  Libby Hinschen, Harry Brandt, Holly Smith
2/3SM  Daley Moore, Jessica Moore, Ethan Hoffman, Jayne Farr
3W  Phoebe Rogers, Eli McGrath-Ashton
3KC  Nathaniel Ivy, Bethany Eckel
3NM  Reon Grant-Iramu, Hayden Crisp, Tahlia Barnicoat

Class Attendance Award – 23/04/13 – 1/2LP

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

POSITIONS VACANT

PROSERPINE STATE SCHOOL has the following vacancy for a Permanent Cleaning Position - 25.75 hrs per week.

Interested persons are asked to collect an application package containing a Position Description and the Selection Criteria from the Proserpine State School Administration building.

Your application must address the selection criteria listed in the package. Applications close on Thursday 9th May, at 3.00 pm.

Education Queensland is an Equal Opportunity Employer and the successful applicant will be appointed on merit.

Safety

The school access road is not a thoroughfare to be used by the public as route between Sterry St and Renwick Rd or to drop students off. Access to the disabled parking bay is the only exemption. Please help us keep our children safe.

COMMUNICATION

School Newsletter – fortnightly on Wednesdays
School Website: www.proserpiness.eq.edu.au
Email: the.principal@proserpiness.eq.edu.au

Interviews – please arrange with teachers through office staff.

Reporting:
- Parent-Teacher Conferences early Term 2 and late Term 3.
- Report Cards issued end of Term 2 & 4.

Appointments:
- Parents wishing to talk to a member of the Administration Team, please contact the school office for an appointment.
**Uniforms**

With the cooler weather approaching black jumpers can be purchased from the Uniform shop at a price of $23. To maintain our high level of presentation and student pride multi-coloured jackets/jumpers are not permitted. 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**

School Statements will be sent home this week – please check your Student Resource Scheme is up to date. We have an Arts Council this term and students will not be able to attend if the SRS is not paid in full or your payment plan is not up to date.

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.

**Lost Property**

We have had some recent reports of hats and lunchboxes going missing. Parents, we ask if you could please check your child is bringing home their own hat and lunch box. We understand that these items can mistakenly be picked up by others (especially in the lower grades) but it is causing concern for those who have lost items. Please note our lost property collection area is next to the internal stairwell in C Block.

**Tuckshop News**

Hello everyone, the Tuckshop has had a busy start to Term 2 and it has been great to see so many of our wonderful volunteers helping us out every week. We are planning to have a Pizza Day towards the end of this term and will keep you all posted on that as it gets closer. As the weather gets cooler we will be putting the Hot Chocolate and Raisin Toast back on the menu so look out for that as well. Just a reminder to all that the jelly cups have gone up to 60c. Also some people are getting the prices of the sauce sachets wrong. They are 30c each not 20c.

The Tuckshop Ladies ☻☻☻

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Proserpine Historical Museum Society Inc.**

**Book Bonanza 2013**

11 – 18 May at the Museum

Opens 9am – 4pm daily – Closing 12md on 18 May  
TRASH & TREASURE STALL
Come and grab a bargain – Books for the whole family

*Proceeds go to improve your local museum*

**Whitsunday Catholic Parish**

The Whitsunday Catholic Parish will celebrate Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday 18 August 2013. Parents who wish to present a child for these Sacraments are asked to contact the Parish Office Ph 4945 1025 before 22 May 2013.

**Rid your child of Head Lice**

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- About 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is,
- Head lice move from one person’s head to another via hair
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- Head lice have built some resistance to head lice treatments

NSW Education and Communities Website

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Contact PSS: 33 Renwick Road Proserpine Q 4800  
Ph: 07 4940 6333  Fax: 07 4945 1497  
Email: the.principal@proserpiness.eq.edu.au  
Website: proserpiness.eq.edu.au
The Froggy LiceComber is being launched as a community approach to tackling the Head Lice problem.

The Froggy LiceComber: detects head lice, zaps head lice, safe for children and adults, chemical free, a one off purchase and conveniently handy. The promotion price will be $26.40 each (RRP $49.95)

We are seeking PARENT INTEREST ONLY AT THIS STAGE in the Froggy LiceComber, please fill in the form below and return to the school office by Friday May 3, 2013.

Yes, I would be interested in purchasing a Froggy LiceComber ™ (s) at a cost of $26.40 each.

Parent Name: 

Child’s Name: 

Class: 

Do you have child attending Prep at Proserpine State School in 2014?

Please fill out and return to the school office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Student’s Name: ________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________
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. ....................... 

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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.