PROSERPINE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 31 JULY 2013

BE SAFE, BE FRIENDLY, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER

PRINCIPAL NEWS - Sandra Perrett – Acting Principal
Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school at the District Inter-School Athletics Carnival. The students did a great job and were all very well behaved. It was lovely to watch the 100m sprints and hear the Proserpine students eagerly cheering their school mates. I am sure all those students who are selected to the next level of competition will do a great job.
Congratulations also go to the students who received an award on parade at our special Report Card Assembly. It was wonderful to see such a large turn-out of families to encourage and support student improvement.

Parent Workshop - Reading at School and Home
Next Monday, I will be running a parent workshop directed at supporting children as they learn to read. The workshop is scheduled for Monday 5 August from 11:30 to 1:00pm. During this time, we will look at how children learn to read and what you can do to help them. We will then look at how this is transferred into learning to read at school. All parents are welcome to attend. It is particularly designed for parents of children just learning to read or those who are still having difficulty with ‘decoding’ more so than reading for comprehension.

If you are interested in coming along, please email me on sperr33@eq.edu.au or contact the school office to register your attendance.

National Self-Detection of Scoliosis Month
Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for a significant number of teenage girls and three girls per thousand require active surgery (spinal brace or surgery). If you have a girl in year 7, you are encouraged to log onto the Scoliosis Australia home page at www.scoliosis-australia.org and download the Self-Detection Brochure. A few simple activities provide a sound preventative health measure.

School and Family Communication
Thank you to those families that continue to keep in close communication with the school. When things are happening at home that may cause distress to the child, this can impact on their learning or behaviour at school. A phone call to the office or a visit to your child’s teacher can help us to understand your child’s behaviour, which in turn allows us to support them through this time.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Indigenous perspectives
Thank you to Emma Fuller who supplied the first collection of Indigenous artefacts for our display cabinet in the Resource Centre. Make sure you get along and view these wonderful examples of aboriginal culture.

Indigenous art sessions
These sessions have been well attended and support the current Year Three English unit. They are examining Dreaming stories. You can view some photos on our website or visit our school office to see some of this wonderful student art work displayed on the notice board.

Student leadership
Student leadership logs went out to students in year 5 and 6 this week in preparation for our 2014 leadership positions. Please talk to your child and support them throughout this process. Direct your questions, if any, to a member of the Administration team.

Junior/Secondary and Year 7 High School transition information sessions
Mr Don McDermid, Principal of Proserpine High School, will be attending a series of talks on Monday 5 August at our school. At 2:30 pm he will be talking to the Year 5/6 students. Following that meeting at 3:20 pm, Don will answer questions and discuss processes with the staff who are interested in this agenda. At 5:30 pm there will be a parent meeting in the Resource Centre. Ring the school office to register your interest in attending this important session.

attendance - every day counts
Here are some attendance trends that might be of interest to you. This term, so far, the bulk of student absences are occurring on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays teachers take the opportunity to organise the week for their class. It is important to attend on this day to start the week feeling organised. Friday often involves summarising what was learnt during the week – reviewing goals, weekly tests etc. This information informs teachers about your child’s progress. If you choose not to send your child to school on Mondays or Fridays, perhaps the two most important days of the week, you are gravely disadvantaging your child. Please ring and speak with a member of the Administration team if you need support in this area.

CURRICULUM MATTERS
On Wednesday 7th August, all students will be participating in our annual TLC Day. Whilst we frequently administer tender loving care to our kids, this acronym in this instance stands for THINK, LISTEN, COMMUNICATE. On this day each year we highlight the need for these skills to be explicitly taught and learned to enable our students to be better learners. Parents are more than welcome to come along and kids contribute to the activities as the classes rotate throughout the day. It commences at 9.30 am and concludes at 12.30 pm (for Prep – Yr 3) and 1.00 pm (Years 4-7).

Another innovative learning experience this term is Middle Phase Projects, to commence in Weeks 6 for five weeks. Held each Thursday afternoon from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm, this ‘short course’ offers our students the opportunity to participate in activities in problem solving, work with a variety of students other than those in their class and meet teachers with whom they may not have met or worked with before. Why do we do this?

Attendance Target – 95%
Term 3 Week 3 – 92.6 %
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

New website for parents of special needs kids launches from Triple P Positive Parenting and University of Queensland

Thursday 25th July marked the launch of a new website for Queensland parents and caregivers of children with special needs. Parents of children with disabilities can access real life parenting support by going to www.triplep-steppingstones.net. Parents can register for free group and individual parenting sessions with practitioners trained to deliver Triple P’s Stepping Stones program. The program aims to reduce emotional and behavioural problems in children with disabilities and lower parent stress and depression. It will gradually be rolled out across Queensland by late October. Also recently rolled out is the ASD Online Transition Resource providing online resources for parents, teachers and carers to assist children with autism transition from early learning to Queensland schools.

For further information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/asd-online-resource-kit/

Deb Raiteri - Acting Head of Special Education Services

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

SWPBS – Parent and visitor suggestions welcomed!

The school has embarked on a journey of implementing the KIDSMATTER framework at our school. KIDSMATTER is designed to promote strong mental health in children and it will sit alongside our School-wide Positive Behaviour Support as another pillar in our school systems. On Monday and Tuesday of the past week, the teaching staff attended Professional Learning on the first component of KIDSMATTER - “A Positive School Community”. It was discovered through the activities which were conducted, that the school rates well.

As you see the school from a different perspective from those who work here every day, we would appreciate any suggestions that you may have to improve our inclusiveness with regard to children, parents and visitors to the school. Please send any suggestions to agard39@eq.edu.au

If you wish to find out more about KidsMatter Primary, you can find it at www.kidsmatter.com.au

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Management Teacher.

NQ SOFTBALL

North Queensland Trials were held in Home Hill on July 14 and 15 for Softball and 3 of our PSS girls went as part of the Whitsunday Team – Natalie Phelan, Hayley Hergatt and Courtney Cowan. All 3 did a great job, with Natalie being one of the 4 from the Whitsunday Team to be chosen to go on to the State Trials in Noosa at the end of August to represent North Queensland. Well done to you all and congratulations Natalie.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISIT

This week we were very fortunate to have the Exchange Students who are at Proserpine State High School come over and visit the year 7 Japanese classes. Our students, though nervous to begin with, did a wonderful job of talking with the students, and spent time learning about their life in Japan whilst also telling them about their own lives and schooling here in Proserpine. We even had time to share some songs and do origami together. Such a wonderful experience for our students and an eye-opener for many of them of how fun it can be to be spend time with people from a different country.

CLASS AWARDS

30/07/2013

PBE Lacey-Ann Rogers, Lani Crook
PCD Steven Pepper, Jazmin Tame
PCP Lily Coghlan, Jacob Williams, Abbie Smith, Fyn Gunn
1JB Brianna Day, Sam Rogers
1AL Coen Wells, Kohan Mau, Darcy Milne
1SS Laylah Watts, Kobe Manion
1/2SV Summer McCabbin, Braithwaite Bornholm
2JK Madeline Bean, Shaqoquia Moon
2PD Macee Cursio, Rhyanne Zonnuita, Maddelline Love-Tuenis
2/3SM Jordan Heath, Lynley Pratt
3KC Amber Scanlon, Lachlan Gray
3JW Bridget Patullo, Max Molloy, Jye Muller, Jim Smith, Kason Scott, Feyerw White, Jethro Bird
3MM Alexiuss Russell, Jacob Cassidy, Madison List
3NM Saskia McDonald, Will Taylor

16/07/2013

4AC Brandon Lee, Faith Dibben
4CW Baylie Burgess, Zac Orenshaw
4HM Kobe Gatton, Penny Turner
5/GK Joshua Sherwood, Jessica Pini, Eve Munro
5/6JO Thomas Glisson, Dustin Scott
6/7JIM Brodie O’Mara, Clancy Lade, Courtney Cowan
7LF James Nicholls, Jonathan Broom
7RJ Nic Schmidt
7WC Tyler Jones, Renae Hardy, Jack Parnell

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD – 4CW
CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD – 1AL/1/2SV

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Do you get your newsletter? If you answered “No” to this question please seriously consider the following request. We are collecting parent emails in readiness to produce an electronic newsletter. By supplying your email address to the school we will be able to email your newsletter directly to your address. If you are interested complete the tear off section at the end of the newsletter and return to the office ASAP. Alternatively you could email the Principal your address. We anticipate having the electronic newsletter available by the end of the term.
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 4.
Appointments:
Parents wishing to talk to a member of the Administration Team, please contact the school office for an appointment.

parents who have a business
As mentioned above, we are in the process of moving towards an electronic newsletter. We would like to offer interested parents, who would like to promote their business, an opportunity to advertise in our school newsletter. To contact Austnews either phone 1800 245 077 or email sales@austnews.com.au. For more information visit www.austnews.com.au.

school opinion survey
A huge thankyou to the parents/caregivers who have returned their opinion surveys. You will receive a call this week if you haven’t returned your survey. Take this opportunity to tell us how you feel about our school.

School photos – student leader groups
Our student leader group photos and year 7 muck up photos are currently on display in the school office foyer for those who wish to order. Ask the ladies for an order envelope. Orders will close on Thursday 01 August.

Tuckshop
WOW! Week 4 already, isn’t the 3rd term flying by! Before I tell you our exciting news about our pizza day, I just want to make a quick request. I know how busy you all are, but we would love it if you could just spare a couple of hours to help out occasionally in our tuckshop. We have a roster here if there is anyone who would like to come and help, even if it is just for an hour when you drop your children off in the mornings. Many hands make light work. Our number is 4945 1949, or drop into the “Hub” and have a chat to one of the tuckshop ladies.

newsflash – tuckshop is having a pizza day
Important things to remember:
- order form due date
- if your child’s pizza day is that day, the pizza is the ONLY FOOD on offer for BIG LUNCH for their year level. The other year levels are as normal for both lunches.

get your forms in early so you don’t miss out!
See below for dates and details - tuckshop ladies. 😎ensively

Eagle Boy’s Pizza Day
WHAT:
Eagle Boys Meat Lovers pizza

When/who:
Tuesday 27th of August for Preps to Year 3
Thursday 29th of August for Year 4’s to Year 7’s

How:
Order using the form attached and return with your money to the Tuckshop by no later than Wednesday 21st of August for all year levels.

No orders will be accepted without payment!

Please note:
Pizza is the only thing available to order for Big Lunch, for these year levels on their assigned days. Little Lunch will be as normal for the whole school on both days.

Teachers in all classes and year levels will have order forms closer to the date.

School banking trial term 3 – commonwealth bank
When: Tuesdays from 8:30 – 9:00am for deposits.
Where: Multi-Purpose Complex
Who: Open to all interested students (Student banking packs available at banking times)
Why: P & C Initiative – Facilitator - Mrs Kylie Edmondson – queries taken at banking times only.

Community news
Autism/Aspergers training workshop Mackay Qld

CRCC Mackay is happy to provide respite for parents attending! Phone them on 1800 052 222

When: - Saturday 3rd August 2013
Where: - Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Road, Mackay QLD 4740
Time: - 9:00am – 2:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)
Cost: - $110- (morning tea and lunch provided)
To register - http://www.stickytickets.com.au/11506 or email support@aspiechild.com.au

Nelle Frances will be delivering a training workshop in Mackay on Saturday 3rd August 2013. This workshop gives Teachers, Professionals, Care workers and families a vivid insight into the subtle intricacies of the Autism Spectrum condition and provides participants with a myriad of strategies to help them cope.

The workshop includes Nelle’s high-impact Sensory Detective Workshop ® - an interactive exercise that places participants in the shoes of those with the condition, giving them an insiders look at the world of Autism/Asperger’s.

Art that walks
It’s Reef festival time - that exciting time of the year when Whitsunday children have lots of fun creating works of art for the 2013 Rotary Wearable Art Awards event and for the Street Parade. This year is an extra special one as these two great events will be held on Saturday 17 August on either side of the official Airlie Beach main street reopening ceremony, guaranteeing a big audience.

Students of all ages from Year Three upwards to Year Twelve are urged to start creating their wearable art entries and to put their entry forms in before Monday 12 August.

Art That Walks is a great description of Wearable Art and wearable art garments can be made of just anything recycled or new. Paper, plastic, tin foil, rope, string – the possibilities are endless. So start creating that unique entry now for a chance to win great cash prizes.

Entry is free.

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
There are age categories for all ages, adults and artists are encouraged to enter and families and groups of friends can have fun creating wearable art masterpieces together too. This year there will also be a special open category celebrating the 2013 theme “Heart of the Reef”.

Entry forms and event details are available from Pam Pole on 4946 1271 or 0448 870 482 and by email pampole@hotmail.com. Information will also be available on the Reef Festival website www.whitsundayreeffestival.com.

On Saturday 17 August the judging and photos will take place at the Whitsunday PCYC in the morning, the Wearable Art event and prize giving will take place from 1pm in the main street and then the entrants can also share their amazing “art that walks” in the street parade that starts at 4pm.

**ANGlicAN PARISH FETE**
Saturday 03 August
Proserpine Entertainment Centre
11am – 2pm
Variety of Stalls and Entertainment
Everyone welcome

**Whitsunday Youth Committee**
Looking for new members
Are you 10-18 years old?
Become a Y Factor Member today
Join now and have your say! Plan and attend youth events

For more information contact:
Anna Smith – Whitsunday Regional Council 0407 965 827
Grainne Newell – Whitsunday PCYC 4948 1144

**Help Raise Money for the RACQ CQ Rescue Helicopter**
Join Paris Marshall in her fundraising efforts on
Sunday 11 August – 11am to 4pm
The Point Tavern, Midge Point
Huge list of raffle prizes, live music and entertainment.
Win a wheel barrow full of seafood on the hour every hour
Coffee, cake, sausage sizzle and pizza
Jumping castle - $5 jump all day
Great family day out
One day you just might need their help

**Ross Hughes’ Retirement Bash**
Please join us for finger food and drinks as we celebrate Ross’s retirement
Date: Saturday 17th August 2013
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Venue: Proserpine Entertainment Centre
Cost: $25.00 per head - includes nibbles, tea & coffee and a contribution towards a retirement gift.
RSVP with payment by Friday 9th August to WENDY CAMM in PSS Office 49406333

**Proserpine Dance Party**
Ages 12 – 17 (Please bring school ID)
Friday 2 August – 6:30pm
Uniting Church Hall – Herbert St, Proserpine
No pass outs
Free entry with $1 sausage sizzle
Canteen purchases also available
Prizes for best dressed superhero
Whitsunday Youth Committee Whits Regional Council
PCYC Fauts IGA Proserpine Pharmacy

**Black & White Ball**
Whitsunday PCYC in celebration of the Whitsunday Public Kindergarten 50th Birthday
WHERE: Proserpine Entertainment Centre
WHEN: Saturday the 14th of September
DOORS open at 6pm
GREATerval era - 60s or contemporary
DRESS 1900 per ticket
Raffle: 2500 items total.
Live Entertainment ‘Bad Habits’
Heaps of auctions & raffles on the night.
All proceeds will go towards one new building project to be erected for our kindergarten in 2013.

Bookings Proserpine Entertainment Centre
Phone: 4945 2512
Ph: 07 4946 5335 Fax: 07 4940 1497
Website: proserpiness.eq.edu.au
Whitsunday Athletics Club - Pentathlon

Saturday, August 10th, 2013
Proserpine State High School
Stanbury Street entrance to oval
10am start
COST: $20 for registered athletes
(+$additional $12 for non-registered athletes)
Food and drinks available
All participants will receive a medal
Trophies for highest points scored by a male & female in each age group
Nominations available at all schools
Nominations close on Thursday 1st August
Phone: Judi Worrall 0400 138446 for more information

Supply of parent email address for electronic newsletter

Please fill out and return to the school office ASAP.

Email address: ____________________________ Student name: __________________ Parent name: __________________