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Student Leader Induction Ceremony

I would like to thank all parents and family members who came along last week to participate in our Student Leader Induction Ceremony. The students have been wearing their badges with pride and have already demonstrated their leadership qualities across the school. I would also like to thank Ms Linda Sippel for her efforts in putting together the program making sure the ceremony ran smoothly.

I would also like to congratulate our eight Student Captains and Vice captains who attended the Leadership Conference in Brisbane this week for their commitment to the program and for being great ambassadors for our school.

Attendance—Every day Counts

We believe that regular school attendance is a fundamental pre requisite for student learning and each school has an Attendance Strategy to support this believe. Here at Proserpine State School our strategy reflects that to do this we need to provide a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment that encourages student attendance. We do this through focused teaching lessons and engaged learning, setting learning goals with high expectations that reflect individual ability and through our positive acknowledgment of regular school attenders and classes with high attendance rates. Students still need to stay home if they are ill and it is expected that
parents will contact the school via a phone call to the office. This is then recorded as an explained absence. It is an expectation of Education Queensland that all unexplained absences are followed up on by the school and daily data is collected by the school on students who have not attended.

As mandated by our Regional Office all schools have to set a whole of school attendance target for the year. In 2013 our target was to reach 93.0% of our students attending every day, our actual data reflected that we achieved 90.8%. Our target for 2014 will also be set at 93%.

Parents play a vital role in supporting their children to attend every day and we encourage you to reinforce with your child that every day counts and discussing that days missed mean having to catch up on missed lessons. Where possible also making medical and other specialist appointments outside of school hours. If you need support with your child attending every day thank you for first discussing this with your child’s teacher who may then suggest a meeting is arranged with a member of the school Lead Team.

**Learning is Gold and Every Day Counts**

**Bullying No Way**

As mentioned on Assembly by Mrs Dougherty our school will be taking part in The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence which is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The National Day Against Bullying is on Friday March 21. Classes have already begun working on strategies around this day as reflected in the Bullying No Way website. We have a zero tolerance against bullying and all teachers are encouraging students to be resilient and follow our school strategy of Stop, Walk, Talk. This encourages students to firstly stand up for themselves by telling students to, stop it, I don’t like it, walking away and telling a teacher.

If you would like to view the Bullying No Way website which has a parent page please use the link below.


**Author visit by Phil Kettle**

Last week the renowned author Phil Kettle visited our school and every class had a scheduled session with him. This was very successful and I would like share feedback that Mr Kettle gave me. He was very impressed with the questions he was asked by the students and their behaviour. He made a special mention about all Year 2 classes for their exceptional behaviour and interest. Please enjoy the article and photos by Diane Gilbert in the newsletter who was our teacher librarian during his visit.

**Year 6JM**
The aim of homework in a Primary school is to consolidate classroom learning and to support students in being prepared for the homework regime they will have on reaching High school age. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate all students in Year 6JM for achieving 100% of the class completing their homework last week. I would also like to thank all parents from the class in supporting their children in completing their homework as we understand how busy families lives can be with many children of this age group participating in after school activities. Well done Year 6JM

Have a great two weeks

Alison - Acting Principal

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Deputy Principal's News

School Photos

School photos are occurring in our school on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March 2014**.

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available this week.
Please ensure that each child in your family return his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

**Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day.**

Advanced life photos have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

**ICAS**

A reminder to families who want their child/ren to participate in the ICAS testing - entries due to the office by Friday 28 March. [Click here to download form to submit to office](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=214748450341&scho...).

**Student Leadership**

Mrs Janelle Jensen and I had the pleasure in escorting the Student Lead team to Brisbane for the annual National Young Leaders day conference. I would like to congratulate the students for their 100% involvement and team work for this event. We had such positive comments from the public i.e. the Jetstar stewards and Café owners in Brisbane about their impeccable conduct. We are very proud of them.

Student Council starts this week. Encourage your students to have their opinion heard through this meeting process.

**Community Involvement**

Please encourage your children to get involved in the many competitions running in the community and across our school this month. It is not only a great opportunity to win something it also encourages them to get involved more closely with the community.

**School banking reminder**

School banking must be at the office before 09:30am every Tuesday. Please ensure that the deposit butt is filled out.

**Celebrating Staff Achievements**

We wish Sue Connors the best of luck this week as she participates in an invitational Emergency Leadership Development Program (ELDP). It is a fantastic opportunity for Sue. It will assist her with the executive responsibilities she has as a group leader in the SES.

*Linda Sippel - A/Deputy Principal*
Curriculum Matters

Our students have been granted the opportunity to write for a real-life purpose, to showcase their artistic talents and participate in a Trivia Night JUST for primary school children in the Proserpine-Whitsunday area. The Proserpine RSL Sub-Branch, in recognising that educators are extremely busy, and being aware that not every year level will be taught explicitly about ANZAC Day every year in the new Australian Curriculum, has organised three competitions based on the theme, “We will remember them.”

In order to perpetuate the practice of the younger members of our local community being aware and respectful of the ANZAC traditions, this local sub-branch has made a commitment of more than $1000.00 prize money which ours, and other primary schools, could win. The teachers are encouraging and promoting our students’ participation and we would greatly appreciate your support in doing so. Your kids can write a story, a poem, an historical recount, a biography etc, or create a piece of art such as a sketch, painting, montage, collage, model etc on the theme

“We will remember them.”

All writing and visual arts entries will be on display at the Ex-Services Club until after ANZAC Day, for the whole community to view. As well, there is a Trivia Night organised for Friday 18th April at The Club, starting at 6.30pm. Some teachers will be in attendance to help supervise but we would appreciate parental support also. Entries close 17th April and students wanting to participate in the Trivia Night need parental permission. A letter will be forthcoming.

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum

Parents wanting photographs from the Induction Ceremony, send a new, named USB to Mrs Dougherty. These will be returned to you asap.

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

Sports News

Congratulations to Piper O’Grady and Katie McDonald who have become the first Northern Region representatives for our school for 2014 after being selected in the Northern Region Swimming Team to compete at the Queensland Titles in Brisbane at the end of the term. Joining them as a Northern Official at the titles will be our own Year 7 teacher Ms Katie Clewitt.

Following the recent tennis trials, the following students have been selected in the Proserpine District Tennis Team to participate at the Whitsunday trials this week -

Cooper Lane, Brenton Talbot, Finlay Cochrane, Connor McDermid, Aaron Kearns and Jordyn Mau.

All the best boys and girls.

A reminder to those students who expressed an interest in participating in the Proserpine District Cross Country Trial on the 19th March that they should have commenced their training in preparation for the event. All specific cross country training runs should be recorded in the log that was received with the information note.

Yours in Sport

*Trevor Nosworthy*

Music
A reminder that permission notes for the Choral Festival are due with Wednesday 12th March being the last day of collection, no late forms will be accepted. Make sure your Student Resource Scheme payments are up to date for this extra curricular activity.

**Every Day Counts**

**Attendance/Absence information**

Please assist us to maintain accurate absence data by:

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<td>Call the office and give the date/s your child will be away sick. If you are unsure then you will need to call on a daily basis. Every day needs to be accounted for.</td>
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click here to view a video [highlighting the importance of attending school everyday](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=214748450341&scho...)

**Class Awards**

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P&C News

Proserpine State School P & C needs you!

The P & C AGM was recently held and we were unable to fill a vital position on the Tuckshop sub-committee - Tuckshop treasurer. The Tuckshop provides a very valuable service to the students and teachers and needs support from the sub-committee. If you have spare couple of hours of time a week and want to support our Tuckshop please contact Stephanie Nuske (49454298) or Lisa Milne (0409267123). We really need to hear from interested persons by Friday 14th March.

Please click on the link below to read the P&C Letter to Parents.

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Library News

Well Known Author Visits School

Children’s author, Phil Kettle, recently visited Proserpine State School to share some personal adventures, some very helpful writing tips and to introduce his new reading series.

Over the past twenty years, Phil Kettle has written a range of ‘easy fiction’ chapter books suited to primary age children. His books have proved very popular with our students and they are frequently borrowed from the school’s library. His first series, ‘TOOCOOL’, is about a young boy and his adventures. These books were initially written to encourage boys to read. Other, collaboratively written books have since followed, including a series called ‘MACCY’, designed to encourage girls to read.

Phil Kettle’s new series, ‘Our Australia’ was written for Australian Geographic. They follow a boy and his mum who travel around Australia. These books have beautiful photographs and great illustrations which highlight...
interesting and important features found in Australia. These new books created a great deal of interest with children and the teachers alike. Proserpine State School is purchasing this series to support the geography curriculum.

Mr Kettle’s writing tips were also inspirational to the children and they had many questions for him, related both to writing stories and his personal life. There were some interesting questions indeed! All in all, his visit was extremely enjoyable and many children are able to apply his information and tips to their own writing. Mr Kettle also indicated how much he had enjoyed his visit to our school!

For more information about Phil Kettle and his books follow this link to his website [http://philkettle.com/Phil](http://philkettle.com/Phil).

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**Tuckshop News**

Hello everyone.

Another reminder to all that Vanilla Milk is no longer available as it has been deleted by the Milk company however we are still able to provide the Chocolate and Strawberry flavours.

We would like to remind parents that children are able to come to the Tuckshop at Big Lunch after the play bell and buy a treat. We have a range of chips and ice-creams and of course our famous slushies and many other yummy treats on offer. The new “Shaky Shakes” are a huge hit with the children and also the Sour Zings are still proving very popular.

We would like to send a Huge THANK YOU to our wonderful parent helpers who give up their precious time to assist us every week.
The Daily Mercury is giving your school the chance to win a set of 10 iPad’s for the classroom.


There, you’ll also be able to download the promotional poster to display around your school as well as an A4 flyer to include in your school’s newsletters to assist you with getting the entire support of the school community.


**So what do you need to do to win the iPads?**

A token will be published in the Daily Mercury everyday from Saturday February 22 until Monday March 31, 2014.

The school with the most tokens at the end of the 5-week promotion, wins the set of ten iPads.

And what’s great is that **all schools stand an equal chance of winning**, as we’ll pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.

**Important** - be sure to return to [www.dailymercury.com.au/schoolregistration](http://www.dailymercury.com.au/schoolregistration) before 5pm Monday March 31 to enter the final number of tokens your school has collected.

The winning school will be required to reproduce their original tokens for verification.

**The iPads will be drawn at 5pm Wed April 2**
A NEW DENTAL SCHEME

For Eligible Children between the ages of 2 and 17.

This New scheme which is called:-

THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEME (BDBS)

Entitles you to $1000.00 worth of treatment, over 2 years.

HELVIG DENTAL SURGERY will be participating.

WHY NOT GIVE US A CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR ELIGIBILITY LETTER FROM MEDICARE

49451360 OR CALL OUR SURGERY AT 14 CHAPMAN STREET. PROSERPINE
School Bus Assistance
For Lower Income Families

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

Who May Be Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card;
- Students of families receiving Veteran Affairs Pension;
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink
Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street,
Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8473.

Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and
Main Roads to eligible persons or guardians who drive their children to school or to
the route of a school bus.

- There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined
  by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school
  bus service provided in your area.

- Application forms with further details are

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