Proserpine State School Choir

On Monday evening March 24 our school Choir participated in the Mackay Choral Festival. I would like to congratulate all students’ for their dedication and commitment they put into their performance. All students’ can feel very proud of their efforts and I know they enjoyed the experience as their enthusiasm was evident. Thank you to all family members who also came along to enjoy and support the choir. A very special thank you to Mrs Scotford for her continued promotion of this valued event.

Wet Weather

We have two variations of student play during wet weather days and prolonged rain. On days where the rain is intermittent and our concrete pathways are dry students have restricted play. This means they can play outside under our buildings, covered play areas, hall and multi-purpose facility.

On days where rain is heavy and students cannot move around the school safely without getting wet we have extreme wet weather days. On these days students eat under buildings where dry, or in their classroom and spend the play time of their break in their classroom. Students are not to move around the school unless authorised to by their class teacher. The tuckshop will also be closed on these days for the purchasing of over the counter snack food, regular ordering of lunches is still available. Unfortunately we had to have extreme wet weather days last week but hopefully there won’t be too many of these days.
School Adopt-A-Cop

On assembly this week we were very happy to introduce our new school Adopt-A-Cop, Mr Steven Ringlestein. In carrying out this role Mr Ringlestein will support our school at sports days and community events while also getting to know our school community. Early next term there will be an afternoon where students can bring their push bikes to school for security engraving and we will also look at bike safety and road rules. Further information will come out next term once dates are confirmed.

Updating Personal Details

There may be some times when we will need to contact parents and carers and it is essential that we have up to date personal and contact details. We have attached to this newsletter a link to the form required to be completed if there is a change to any of the following student information, address, parents and emergency contact phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for supporting our school with this matter.

Please click here to access the 'Student change of details' form

Under 8 Day

This year Under 8’s week is 16 - 23 May and we will be celebrating our Big Morning Out on Thursday May 22. The theme for this year is - EVERYONE CAN PLAY, ‘Learning through hands on experience using our 5 senses’. We will have further information in our newsletter next term and there will also be flyers advertising this event in the community. We are looking forward to this day and are encouraging families to come along and enjoy this day with their children.

Parent Teacher Interviews

In week 2 of next term we will be holding our semester 1 parent teacher interviews. This year we are asking that parents’ and students’ attend these meetings with the classroom teacher as individual student goal setting will also be discussed at this interview. Thank you for following the booking process for your attendance as explained by DP Linda Sippel in this newsletter.

A safe and happy holiday to all.

Alison - Acting Principal

Date Claimers

| Friday 4th April | Final day of Term 1 2014 |

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**Deputy Principal's News**

Parent/Teacher interview booking process
If you wish to see any of your child’s teachers, you need to secure an appointment time using this system. You can book using your smart phone, any tablet device in addition to your computer. If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help or alternatively you can access the computers at our school library. Please see one of the library staff for further information.

- The booking system will only be accessible from Monday 14 April at 9:00 am through to Monday 28 April 12 noon. No interview requests will be accepted outside of these times.

- In your web browser type in the school website www.proserpiness.eq.edu.au and when this appears click the link on the right hand side for 'Parent Teacher Interviews online booking'.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 49% of students who have been at school for 95% - 100% of the time this term. Exceptional attendance has a strong link with academic achievement. Well done!

Linda Sippel - A/Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

End of Term 1

I can’t believe this is the last week of this term! The time has just flown over the last ten weeks. Just ask your kids how busy they are every day. Frequently at the end of lessons, when the bell rings, I hear kids say, “What!? We only just started.” They are very focussed on their learning, and this is tiring.

Having two weeks holiday for the students is a chance to re-energise, to play outside longer during the day, to sleep in, (Although it’s amazing how often they wake up early on weekends but need prying out of bed on weekdays) to stay up, to have sleep overs, to read for fun, to try cooking dinner, to do some jobs to help Mum or Dad, to try new things (like broccoli)….
Parents and carers, please check in with your child as to whether he/she needs anything to commence Term 2.
As a mum, there’s nothing I loathe more than, at the end of Day 1, my kids come home and tell me, “I need new glue”, when I’ve had two weeks in which to get everything organised!

**Term 2**

In the second week of Term 2, we will have our Parent Teacher Interviews. We would greatly appreciate it if your students came with you to the interview – after all, it is about them! Activities will be organised for siblings on this afternoon to ensure that there are no distractions and all stakeholders can converse together.

*Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum*

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**Behaviour Management**

**Let’s talk about children who hurt other children.**

Parents sometimes feel ineffective as parents and are often dismayed because their child is aggressive towards other children. The first step that a parent must take in this situation is to do some reflection. Firstly, does the behaviour only occur in a particular place ie only at home or only at school. If it is only at school then it is important that you contact the school and work with them to determine what is causing the aggression and what action should be taken. If it only occurring at home, ask yourself “How am I responding to this behaviour?” If you respond aggressively it is teaching your child that aggression is how you solve problems. On the other hand a child may become aggressive due to parents being passive and not dealing with issues directly. Therein lies the key. **Set clear, firm limits with your child and be consistent.** If you respond to a behaviour on one occasion but ignore it the next, the child is going to get mixed messages about what behaviours are acceptable. It is a good idea to set out the expectations in writing so it is explicitly understood by your child. Eg “I expect you to play with your brother without hurting him. If you do hurt him these are the consequences …”

There are many strategies in teaching children to respond in non-aggressive ways when they are faced with a problem and some of these are available in this Kidsmatter article. Follow the link


*Ann Gardel – Behaviour Management Teacher*

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**Sports News**

**AUSKICK**

Sign on Day - was yesterday Thursday 03 April at Whitsunday Sports Park. An AFL representative visited the school and handed out brochures on Wednesday after addressing the students on assembly on Tuesday
afternoon. The first games commence Friday 02 May. For more information contact AFL Queensland on 07 4951 0622.

Click here for further information.

NORTHERN REGION SCHOOLS GOLF TRIAL NOMINATION

Nominations are called from students wishing to be considered for participation in the 2014 Northern Region Golf Trial. Six players born between 2002 - 2004 will be chosen to represent the region along with 12 high school age players. Click here for the nomination form.

Trevor Nosworthy

Music

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

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

Term one has flown by and by now everyone has settled into the music programme. There are still a few students from Year 4 up who don't have a Music book and/or recorder. Students need to have these resources to be a learner. Please contact me if you are unable to purchase these for your child.

Students with recorders will bring them home to wash during the holidays and to possibly continue to practise!

CHORAL FESTIVAL CHOIR

This choir had a wonderful experience rehearsing with other choirs at Mercy College on Sunday 23 March and singing in a 500 voice choir at the Mackay Entertainment Centre on Monday 24 March. They also enjoyed ten pin bowling and eating as a group at McDonalds. Congratulations on being terrific ambassadors for the school. Click here more information and photos.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Yours in song

Elspeth Scotford

Every Day Counts
As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at


**Class Awards**

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Forms

Student Change of details form - click here

Tuckshop News

Hello all and thanks for your support in Term 1. Yes it’s the end of term already. Hasn’t that gone quickly? We just wanted to clear up a few things before the start of Term 2. Firstly, tuckshop sales on wet days. Some of the children aren’t sure of the rules for buying treats on wet days. If it’s Extreme Wet Weather the children aren’t allowed to buy at the play bell. They are to eat their lunch and go straight back to their classroom. But if it is Restricted Wet Weather Play the children are allowed to come and buy a treat. Also there has been a bit of confusion about money in the tuckshop bags. It is certainly O.K. to put the money for both lunches in one bag, but please write on the other bag that you have done this so we know that is the case. If change is required, we will sticky tape it to the bag, so please ask your child to check before they throw it in the bin. There will be an updated menu coming out next term so keep an eye out for that in the first couple of weeks of Term 2. Thanks once again to all our “Amazing Volunteers”, we couldn’t do it without all your wonderful help. Have a safe, fun, relaxing holiday everyone and we will see you all in next term.

The Tuckshop Ladies 😊😊

Community Notices

National Youth Week: 4 - 13 April
Cartooning Camps in Mackay during school holidays - April 14th to 17th

Brochures outlining the content and fees were sent home this week. A small supply will also be available at the office.

Positive Mental Health
FREE Community Event

Connect 2014

Wednesday
9th April 2014
10am-4pm
Uniting Church hall
Proserpine

Cost: FREE

Connect 2014 - an initiative of Y Factor (Council’s Youth Committee). For enquiries please contact Council’s Youth Services Officer on 0407 965 827

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Wildlife Junior Keepers - Port Douglas
Mini Brochure Design Competition - Win a tablet - Entries close 11th April

Please click here for more information on competition guidelines
Whitsunday Relay for Life - Proserpine Showgrounds 10 & 11 May

Please click here for more information and to download the registration form.
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