Principal's News

NAPLAN

This week the students’ in Years 3, 5 and 7 sat their Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) annual assessment tests. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008 and they test the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. These skills are developed over time through the school curriculum and the tests reflect what students’ should know by that year of schooling.

I would like to thank all students’ for their excellent attitude in attempting the tests, they are to be commended for their efforts, their attention to the tests was evident on my observations. I would also like to thank all teachers who have continued through their teaching and learning programs to support students in preparing for the tests and this testing process. I would also like to thank parents for their support in having students attend and at school in time for the tests to start. This support is valued by teachers and students’.

The results will be sent to schools in September which will consist of individual student reports, whole of school, year level and individual class data. Further information on interpreting the reports will be advised to parents once reports are available.

Annual Principal Forum

Next week from Tuesday May 20 until Thursday May 22, I will be out of the school attending the North Queensland Regional Principal Forum. This is a requirement of Leadership Teams across all NQR schools. Ms Linda Sippel will also be attending on Wednesday May 21. Current aspiring leaders and experienced senior teachers will be covering for Linda and I.

Education Week

Next week from Monday May 20 until Friday May 23 our school will be celebrating Education Week. We have a range of activities across the week, please see our Facebook page to be updated on what is happening and when. Everyone is invited to come along to celebrate our Big Morning Out on Thursday May 22, it is shaping up...
to be an excellent experience for all. I would like to thank the many community organisations and services who have continued to support this annual event. Our P&C members have been invited to share in our Biggest Morning Tea in appreciation for all the hard work they put in to help us make Proserpine State School a GREAT SCHOOL.

Thank you to all staff who put many hours into the organisation of all events and to Di Gilbert, our Good News Officer for promoting events to the wider community.

**Bicycle engraving**

Next Thursday May 22 at 2.45pm Constable Ringlestein our school Adopt-a-Cop will be offering identification engraving on student bicycles. If you would like to take up his offer to have your bicycle engraved you will need to have your bike at school next Thursday. Depending on how many bikes to be engraved will depend on how long this will take and some students may arrive home a bit late. This is a great opportunity to help keep all student bikes easily identified if ever stolen and we are very appreciate of Mr Ringlestein's support.

**Proserpine State School uniform**

It is great to see all students wearing their PSS uniform to school every day, it was noticeable to me on arriving at the school that students wear their uniforms with pride. I have reminded all students on assembly about our jeweller policy on students wearing only wrist bands that have been approved by the school, not costume bands. We are starting to notice an increase in the amount of colourful runners and our school uniform policy states that school shoes should be closed in black shoes and the expectation is that students comply with this. Thank you for your support in ensuring all students are wearing black shoes only to school.

Over the last week many students have presented to the office with flu like symptoms and have needed to go home. Attending every day is high on our agenda as we believe that attendance is the key to every child achieving however if your child is ill thank you for keeping them home and informing the office that they will be absent due to illness.

Have a great week

*Alison - Acting Principal*

**Date Claimers**

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Deputy Principal's News

ICAS testing

Good luck to the following students who will be sitting the computer skills ICAS test on Tuesday 20 May at 09:30am: Shayleh Brett; Finlay Cochrane; Alice Telford; Seamus Telford; Oliver Pinel; Angus Cochrane; Amali Brett; Jim Smith and Hayden Crisp.

Prep Enrolments 2015

Calling all families who have children who are born between 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010! We are now taking names for our 2015 Prep classes. Please contact our school office - drop in or phone us to discuss our program and facilities.

State Education Week - Monday 19 May - Friday 23 May

Next Wednesday to Friday there will be a static display at Centro celebrating State Education. The display will feature the three State schools in our district - Proserpine High School, Cannonvale State School and us. There will be photos, work samples and information about each school. There will also be a representative from each school on certain days. Come along and celebrate State Education Week with us!
Curriculum Matters

At this stage of the school year, as well as maintaining our usual duties, teachers are reviewing Report Card comments, having moderation meetings with cohorts both within our school and with teachers from Cannonvale State School, analysing data, engaging in professional discussions with Coaches and members from the Administration team and commencing to compile their students’ Semester 1 Report Cards.

As parents and carers, you need to be aware that the ratings on Report Cards are based on the students’ achievement on Summative Assessment Tasks. Our curriculum in almost every key learning area (subject) is delivered in 5 week units, your children’s report cards will then be based on only those units taught in the first 15 weeks of the school year. (The Semester 2 report card will contain the remainder of the units’ information.)

Please note that units’ duration differs for our Prep and Year 7 students.

Report Cards are representative of one of our core expectations – Be a Learner. One very important aspect of learning is working memory. As a school, we are undertaking professional learning in explicit teaching and how we can assist our students to move information from the short term to long term memory.

“There is a growing awareness of the importance of working memory on many areas of life including learning, attention and social skills. In fact new research suggests that working memory is a better predictor of academic attainment than IQ.

Working memory is a function of the brain, which keeps information in the mind for a short time, typically for a few seconds, in order to use that information for thinking.

In daily life we use working memory for a number of tasks such as remembering instructions, solving problems (e.g., mental arithmetic), controlling impulses (stopping to think before acting) and focusing attention (not getting distracted by what is happening around you).

Typically working memory improves with age until peaking at about 25 years of age.”

Dr Nicole CarvillBA (Hons), PhD, Regional Coordinator and Cogmed Qualified Practice Manager, Lewis & Lewis Psychological Consultancy Services, Melbourne, Australia

Some hints for parents and carers to help their children attain a better working memory is from the work of Educational Psychologist John B. Park B.A.(hons) (VUW), PGDipEdPsych (AU), DipTchg (NZ), MNZPsS, MAEP, RegTchr (Qld), RegPsych (Qld), as follows:

Organisation

• Regular, predictable, structured routine.
• Advance notice of changes to routine.
Supervise or delegate supervision of packing of homework books, notes

Positive reinforcement & encouragement

- Immediate reinforcement or consequences are the most effective.
- Reinforce ordinary everyday good behaviour.
- Positive comments should outnumber the negatives.
- Have the child repeat instructions before starting a task.

Task training...helping around the house doing some chores!

- Set small tasks, insist on completion, and praise effort involved. Gradually increase task size as success allows.
- Use written or diagram instructions for tasks (rather than verbal instructions), so that the child has a visual plan to follow.
- Check that the child knows what to do.

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum

Behaviour Support

SWPBS – Children who refuse to follow direction

The core business of our school is teaching children and recently we have had instances of this process being thwarted by students who choose to demonstrate defiance and disrespect by refusing to do tasks that they have been assigned. Responses such as “I can’t do this” or “It’s too hard” - before the child even attempts the task, “Not doing it,” “You can’t make me do it,” have also been responses. This behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated as it not only impacts on the learning of the individual, but also on that of the other students in the class. If you have a student who has received a discipline report for this type of behaviour, you can expect that they will be issued with consequences to correct the behaviour eg doing the work they have refused to do during their playtime. If the behaviour continues we will contact you to discuss a behaviour plan for your child. You can help by pre-correcting your child before they come to school eg “Now remember to follow your teacher’s directions and if you are having difficulties – raise your hand and ask for help.” The best success can be gained for our children if we work together.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

Sports News
Several students from our school have performed well recently at a variety of district sporting trials.

Congratulations to the following sports representatives.

Selected in the Whitsunday District Soccer team to participate in the Northern Soccer Trials in Townsville were Theo Brown and Kyra Smith.

Jack Handley Dylan Hoffmann, Kasey Hogan and Luke Handley have been selected in the Whitsunday District Cross Country Team and will travel to Townsville for the Northern Trials next week.

Finally, following the Proserpine District Touch Trials, Cooper Lane, Harrison McDermid, Aaron Kearns, Jack Ryan, Piper O’Grady, Dakota Hiscox, Amelia Emmerson, Kasey Hogan, Avalon Robertson and Shanae Morrow were selected in the Proserpine District Team to attend the Whitsunday Trials in Bowen.

All the best to each of these students.

Just to clarify some confusion that may have occurred with the details given for our school athletics carnival, Wednesday 25 June will see all students from the school running at some time on this day. Traditionally we have the 800m in the morning (9 year old - 13 year old), Junior Sprints (Prep to 8 year old) and Senior Sprints (9 year old to 13 year old) in the middle session and 200m (9 year olds - 13 year olds) in the afternoon. Further details will be sent out closer to the day.

Yours in Sport

Trevor Nosworthy

Music

Music research on music education suggests that musical activities like dancing, playing an instrument, and singing demonstrate long term benefits in memory, language development, concentration, and physical agility. (Netherwood, Schellenberg). Added memory and language skills help the average musician gain a better understanding of human language than those who do not engage in musical activities. (Moreno) Long term cognitive and language skills increased for student musicians who maintained long term commitments to music by studying an instrument or engaging in vocal performance.

SNAPSHOT

Year 5/6 and Year 6 classes are busy writing raps in groups and accompanying them with percussion instruments, beatboxing and movement for assessment this term. We are looking forward to their performances for their class on Monday 2 June.

Year 5 children are memorising the rhythm from Theme A from a section of the music from "Rosamunde" by Franz Schubert. They are also keeping the beat and tapping the rhythm at the same time- very clever! This year level is also playing the ukulele.
**JUNIOR CHOIR**

This choir is made up of children from Years 2 and 3. All children are invited to join. This choir will rehearse on Wednesday at morning tea. If possible, teachers allow choir children to eat before the break to allow for maximum rehearsal time. If your child has tuckshop please write “CHOIR” on the bag if that is your method of ordering. Children can come to the first 2 or 3 weeks on a trial basis but after that if they put their name down it is taken that they are committed to the choir for the rest of the year. We have a lovely time working as a team, learning great songs and preparing to perform at the Uniting Church Flower Show in September and possibly the Mackay Eisteddfod in October. The school fete and Christmas round off the year.

There was a wonderful roll up on the first day with excited children who did a great job. We are looking forward to having lots of fun while learning lots of songs.

**4/5 EISTEDDFOD CHOIR**

This choir will start on Tuesday 20 May at morning tea. Looking forward to working with new and old members to establish a wonderful choir.

**GLEE CLUB**

The 6/7 students want to try out a Glee club type format rehearsing on Friday morning tea. This will enable a freer choice of music with choreography - so should be good fun.

**INSTRUMENTAL CAMP**

Clancy Lade, Amy Gray, Oliver Pinel, Lucy Taylor-Millet, Sara Atkinson and Seamus Telford have been successful in gaining a position in the Mackay Primary Instrumental Music Camp being held in Yeppoon from 26-30 May. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to meet other like-minded students and work together in small and large ensembles. The culminating concert will be at Beaconsfield State School Hall at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend. We will look forward to hearing all about it.

Keep singing and playing

Elspeth Scotford (Classroom Music teacher)

Every Day Counts

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Tuckshop news
Hi everybody, the new tuckshop menu is now out and it’s great to see people have started using it already. You all should have received a copy by now or will be receiving one very soon. On the new menu we have started catering for gluten free students and staff and have a few different choices on offer. Orders for these products are already starting to come through which is great. We are also now offering hot chocolate again which are a big hit on these cold winter days.

We would like to welcome on board our new treasurer, Leanne Althaus and we would also like to say Many Thanks to Emma Hiscox for all of her hard work while she held this position.

To take the stress out of ordering for the little ones, please check out our online ordering system at Flexischools. It is becoming even more popular with it being easier for parents and students to order lunches online.

Great to see some new faces helping out in the tuckshop and as always, thank you very much to all of our Wonderful Volunteers. Always room for more so if you can help out, give us a ring or drop in and say hello.

The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu

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**Forms**

Student Change of details form - [click here](#)

Payment Advice form - [click here](#)

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**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

I have just registered our school for the 2104 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

If your child’s class enters, they will be given an individual reading record form to record the title of each book, the author and how they rate the book. When each book has been read, the parent will sign in the column provided and at the bottom of the form when finished.

Reading begins on 20th May and finishes on 5th September.

The form has space for 20 books only. If your child wishes to include more books, their teacher will give them another form which will be stapled to the first.

After September 5th the data will be finalised and certificates will be given later in the year.
Please visit the library or your teacher if you have any questions.

**Whitsunday Voices (Years 5-7)**

If your students brought home a nomination form for Whitsunday Voices, could you please encourage them to bring them back to school when completed. I would like the forms back by the end of the month so the paperwork can be completed. It will be held on the first Thursday of Term 3 (Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} July)

**Change in Library Borrowing Times**

Students are able to borrow out books during the following times:

- Before school - 8:30am to 8:50am
- Morning tea - 10:45 to 11:10am

There will be no borrowing allowed during the Big Lunch break. Please pass this information onto your children.

_Di O'Donnell - Teacher Librarian_

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**Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who baked and assisted with the Bunnings Cake Stall on Sunday. We had a tremendous response. Final tally and results in next newsletter.

**Community Notices**

**Experience the Magic of Hosting a Student from Overseas**

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