Principal's News

**Education Week activities**

I would like to thank all our staff who organised and supported the range of activities we participated in to celebrate Education Week last week. From the feedback I have had, particularly from students, the Big Morning Out and the TLC (Think, Listen, Communicate) activities were enjoyed by all. The students themselves participated in all activities to a high standard and are to be commended for their behaviour. Thank you also to all community organisations and parents that supported us in making this event a day to remember. We aim to continue with this annual event again next year.

We also had an impressive Proserpine State School display at Centro shopping centre to promote the great work done in State Schools to our wider community.

**Updating details**

Please find inserted in this newsletter (Forms section) a form for parents to complete to update students personal contact details. We are still finding that there are a few times when we are unable to contact families due to incorrect phone numbers and addresses. Thank you for completing the form to advise of any changes and returning it to the school office.

**Signing out students for early departures**
We understand that there may be times when parents will need to collect students early from school due to health appointments or family reasons. The system at our school is for parents or carers to firstly sign students out at the office before collecting them from the classroom and if a student is returning to school signing them in through the office before they return to class.

Where possible we encourage parents to arrange appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to student learning. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that schools maintain correct student attendance data and we appreciate your support in informing us of any student absences.

**Year 6/7 school camp**

The organisation and preparation for our Year 6/7 school camp to Brisbane scheduled for October is progressing well and I thank all parents who have continued to support and meet the timelines required for students to participate in the camp. The fundraising committee recently hosted a very successful cake stall at Bunnings with students’ also selling cakes at Centro shopping centre, an impressive $1000 was raised. Thank you to all our Mums who baked a variety of delicious sweets and to Mrs Kelly Bennett for all her many extra hours organising and negotiating community support. Look out for the next fundraiser and support our hard working senior students’.

**Junior Secondary update**

Over the last term and a half staff from Proserpine State High School, Cannonvale State School and our school have participated in Junior Secondary meetings. The aim of these meetings has been to discuss student transition to Junior Secondary, particularly our Year 6 cohort in being best prepared for their transition to high school next year. The transition program consists of a combination of transition days scheduled for students to visit Proserpine State High School and parent information sessions. Some of these dates have now been confirmed.

The first Parent Information Session will be held at our school in our Resource Centre on **Wednesday June 25** at 6.30 – 7.30pm. It will be hosted by Mr Don Mc Dermid, Principal of Proserpine State High School and will be a combination of information sharing and question and answer time. Reminders will be sent out closer to the date.

There will be further parent sessions held throughout the year.

The first transition day for all students in Years 6 and Year 7 is scheduled for week 9 of this term, the week beginning June 16. The day of the week is yet to be finalised however on the day the students will participate in orientation activities, an elective subject and become familiar with high school facilities.

Other confirmed dates are:

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Thursday 11 September

September – date yet to be confirmed

Monday 8 December

Enjoy this beautiful weather

Alison - Acting Principal

Date Claimers

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Deputy Principal's News

Student Principal for the Day

As a part of our leadership program in the school we are giving an opportunity for Year 6/7 students in the student council and school captains and vice captains to apply for the opportunity to become student principal for the day next Wednesday 4 June. A student will be selected based on their application as to "Why would we select them to become Student Principal for the day." The winner will be announced on assembly next week.

Thinking Positively

Thinking positively was our focus behaviour this week with Piper O'Grady, Year 7 school captain, assisting me in a role play on assembly of how to think positively and it’s benefits. This is just one of the strategies in building resilient in children and encouraging good mental health. Over the next couple of weeks we will be focusing on building resilience as a part of the rollout of KIDSMATTER in our school because kids do matter at Proserpine State School.

ICAS testing

The next round of ICAS testing - Science is happening on Wednesday 4 June. We have 12 students from Year 2 to Year 7 participating in this test.

Linda Sippel - A/Deputy Principal
Curriculum Matters

In the past fortnight, teaching staff have attended professional learning led by principal, educator and author John Fleming, whose *Explicit Instruction Model* advocates a shift in the way primary school children are taught. Teachers in the Early Years have been to Bowen State School to observe lessons being taught by teachers who have been implementing this model for a number of years. As well, each Monday afternoon teachers are committed to learning about specifics of this model, to improve student learning and move learning from short-term to long-term memory. We are committed to high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

Fleming stresses effective relationships between teachers and students as one of five pillars for a highly effective school. This does not mean that we are ‘friends’, but rather that teachers and students have respectful relationships. What does this look like and sound like?

- Successes and achievements are celebrated
- Learning is focussed and genuine feedback is provided and then enacted
- We use respectful words and use ‘whole body’ listening
- Greetings and smiles
- High expectations - every child matters and can be a high achiever

From our work in Explicit Teaching, you’ll be seeing some of these terms used in classrooms:

**I do, We do, You do**  
*consolidations*  
*whole body*  
**listening**

Fleming not only provides teachers with ideas to improve our pedagogy (teaching) but offers his top 5 hints for parents:

- Show your kids unconditional love
- Communication is essential
- Be supportive of their school environment
- Help to build their self-confidence
- Enjoy your kids’ company

*Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum*

Special Education Services
We are really proud of our students in the Early Childhood Development Program and their pre-writing efforts. Casey the Caterpillar helps us every week to learn our margin, starting point and left to right orientation in writing. We will keep you updated as our writing develops.

We would love to thank all the parents who helped our students to enjoy the Under 8s Day last Thursday. Parents who share in their child’s learning help their children to value education. We would also like to thank Mrs Connor’s who organised the event. We love that every child could be a success.

Natalie Templeton - Head of Special Education Services

Every Day Counts

Please click to access Parent brochure

Class Awards

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### School Facilities

**School chooks**
School gardens

We would also like to welcome Mr Perkins, our visiting gardener, back into our school community. The seasons vegetables have been planted and thanks to Mrs O’Brien and her class of non-religion students they are looking good. Thanks also to Piper O’Grady for organising a class roster for weekly watering and caring of the gardens.

School security and access

Please note the following regarding school security and access to the school grounds:

- Only Renwick Rd gate will be open after 3pm for access to Administration
- All other gates will be locked after 3pm
- Any person on school grounds without permission will be trespassing
- No dogs are allowed on school grounds at any time
- Access to the tennis courts is still available to the community via the gate near the tennis courts only, however the tennis courts are not available to the community on Tuesday afternoons due to coaching.
- Any use of the school oval is to be approved by the Principal

**Tuckshop News**

*Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu*

**Forms**

Student Change of details form - *click here*

Payment Advice form - *click here*

**Library News**

**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.

*Dion O’Donnell - Teacher Librarian*

**Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser**

Fundraising from the Cake Stall held at Bunnings on Sunday 18 May has raised approx $1300 (still finalising expenses). Congratulations to Leisa Telford who was the winner of the 100 Board. More activities are planned closer to the end of term - “watch this space”.

**Community Notices**

**Whitsunday Junior Rugby Union**
School Holiday Clinic
Date: 30th June
8.30am—3pm

When:  Monday 30th June 2014
Time: 8.30am drop off—3pm pickup
Where : Whitsunday Sportspark
Cost:: $50
Age Range: 6—13 year olds
Please bring: water bottle, hat, appropriate clothing & lunch. Canteen open for drinks & snacks.

Pls contact Sharron Pratt : info@whitsundayrugby.com.au or phone 0403318866 to book a spot. Hurry!

Whitsunday PCYC
Expressions of Interest

Would you like to learn to speak Indonesian or Japanese? One hour per week. If so, contact Grainne at the PCYC. Great for kids but adults also welcome. Book now to start Mid June.
Proserpine Entertainment Centre

School Holiday Fun - The Wizard Of Oz Show - Friday 4th July

Click here for more information. Click here for Colouring Contest - prizes to be won. Click here for news release.

Wednesday 3 September - Wombat Stew is touring Australia - celebrating 30 years

Click here for more information. Click here for Colouring In competition.

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