End of Semester Reports

All students who were at school on Thursday of this week will have bought home their individual end of Semester 1 written reports. These reports show the achievement that individual students have achieved over Term 1 and 2 against the Australian Curriculum standards as well as behaviour and attendance. The decision was made to pass the reports to parents in sealed envelopes to assist in parents being the first to see the reports not students.

If your child was absent on Thursday their report card will be at the office ready for collection on the first week back next term.

Every day counts to a child’s success at school and our attendance target for the year is to have 93% of students attending school for each concurrent semester, those students who have achieved this target this semester are recognised by a gold star on their reports. Individual students who attended 100% are to be commended for their efforts and were recognised on our final assembly for the term. Our aim is to increase the percentage of students attending 100% and we appreciate parental support in encouraging students’ to attend every day and to not take days off unless they are unwell or for medical reasons.

As a School-Wide Positive Behaviour school all students who have consistently upheld school behaviour expectations are awarded Star Student status and participate in a celebration session at the end of each term.
am pleased that we had a significant number of students achieving this status this term, in some cases every student in a class.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the Lead Team if you require further information on this semester's reporting process. Mrs Lee-Anne Dougherty goes into more detail in her "Curriculum Matters" article below.

**Annual Athletics Carnival**

Over Tuesday and Wednesday of this week all students participated in our Annual Athletics Carnival. I was very impressed with the sportsmanship, participation and commitment all students put in across the two days and behaviour was exceptional. It was great to see so many parents show their support and enthusiasm and I thank all parents who came along to enjoy these days with us.

A huge amount of preparation and organisation goes into the success of any Athletics Carnival and I would like to thank Trevor Nosworthy for preparing all students to be confident to participate, do their best and for his organisation of this event.

![COOK KENNEDY FLINDERS OXLEY](image)

**Changes to Semester 2 school sessions**

It is an expectation from Regional Office that all school's timetable a maximum 2 hour English block within their school day. On our current timetable and with the timetabling of specialist lessons we are not able to do this. As of next term our school sessions will be changed to allow for each class to have a one and a half hour English block at least 4 times a week. The new sessions will be as follows,

**First session** – 9.00 – 10.50am

**Morning tea break** – 10.50 – 11.30am

**Second session** – 11.30 – 1.00pm

**Lunch break** – 1.00 – 1.30pm

**Third session** – 1.30 – 3.00pm

These changes will start as of the first day of Term 3.

**New 6/7 class**
Due to consistent enrolments throughout semester 1 our school has increased in numbers to allow for an additional teacher. As the majority of enrolments over this time has been predominately in the Years 4-7 we have a new Year 6/7 class starting next term. We are welcoming back to our school Bess Ponnampallum who will be taking 67BP. Parents of students who will be moving to the new class have now either been contacted by phone or have received written information explaining this process. I would like to thank all parents who have supported us in this process as it means significantly reduced class sizes for a large group of our school.

Show Whitsunday winners

This year our school as in the past entered produce from our vegetable gardens into Show Whitsunday and congratulations go to all students who have continued to work with our gardens as we won the following, First in Farm Garden Produce for our spinach, First in Farm Garden Produce for our sweet potato, Second in Farm Garden Produce for our cabbage and Second in Farm Garden Produce for any other vegetables. I was particularly pleased to hear that we won against members of the community, so if you haven’t seen our gardens for a while come and have a look at the great work the students’ have been doing in maintaining them.

Schools Officer

We would like to thank Myles Flynn for his commitment to the school over the last 3 years as a valued member of Proserpine State School. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

I would like to thank all our teaching and support staff for their efforts over this last semester since I have been here, change always brings new initiatives and expectations and all staff have worked hard over the last 6 months taking on new improvement agendas to support student learning.

A safe and happy holiday to all.

Alison - Acting Principal

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### Deputy Principal's News

#### Final Assembly Semester 1 Reports

Congratulations to all of the students who received a Commendation certificate/ribbon yesterday. Certificates were awarded to those students who made significant progress in a National Curriculum subject with an upward movement of at least one rating from Semester 2 2013 to Semester 1 2014 and significant effort across all areas (academic, social, physical, emotional) during Semester 1 as determined by teachers.

#### Chooks

Thank you to the Carter family for looking after the chickens this winter vacation. We appreciate the time, effort and advice you have provided to us.

#### Zumba

Another wonderful volunteer in our school community - Jacqui Matthews will unfortunately leave us for a term. We would like to say a big thank you for her energy and enthusiasm she put into our Wednesday morning ZUMBA classes. Good luck with your business adventure. We would love to see you back in Term 4.

### NAIDOC Celebrations

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NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.

Our community celebrations will occur on **Saturday 5 July** commencing with the flag raising ceremony at the Proserpine Entertainment Centre followed by activities at the Proserpine State School. Come along and join us!

Our School celebrations will take place in the week beginning Monday 21st July. We have invited Keelen Mailman, Indigenous author, first woman to manage a Queensland cattle property and very proud Grandmother of one of our students Malita Mailman to speak to the students about her very interesting life story and her culture. We look forward excitedly to her appearance in the district.

**Lego Club**

We are starting up a Lego club at school for Year 1 and 2. We desperately need Lego!

**School Watch**

As the vacation is upon us we ask that you observe the new signs at each of our entry points. Although it is tempting, please do not use our school as a walk through. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Have a great break and see you next term.

*Linda Sipple - A/Deputy Principal*

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**Curriculum Matters**

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents at the school assembly on Thursday morning to see their kids receive awards for significant progress and 100% attendance for Semester 1.

As a parent, I always read the overall comment first on my children’s report cards before looking at anything else. Of course, the ratings for academic achievement matter but to me they were secondary to their behaviour and effort. Academically, a ‘C’ rating on your child’s report card means that he/she is working at cohort level; that is they are where they should be at this stage of schooling and producing work of a standard equal to their year level. Any ratings above a ‘C’ means that the student is working at a standard higher, and much higher, than his/her classmates. We have a target of 79% and, in Semester 1, 73.7% of our total student population were awarded a ‘C’ rating or better. The most troubling data though was the 11.5% of students who were awarded an ‘N’ rating which means that insufficient evidence was available to make a judgement. In the case of newly
enrolled students, this was completely understandable. However, it is the other students who have been absent for significant periods of time which is of great concern.

“Regular attendance is an important factor in school success. Students who are chronic non-attenders receive fewer hours of instruction; they often leave education early and are more likely to become long term unemployed, homeless, caught in the poverty trap, dependent on welfare, and involved in the justice system.” (House of Representatives 1996, p.3) These chronic absences are believed to impact on those students who attend school every day because teachers then accommodate non-attenders in the same class.

As we look forward to a well-deserved break, and I trust that all of our students will return refreshed and safe, it is a timely reminder that these are the times when family holidays are organised to reduce prolonged student absences.

A huge thank you to those parents and carers who ensure that their children are at school every day, ready to learn with a healthy lunch, wearing their uniform and with their books, pencils, glue etc. You’re making a difference to your children’s education!

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum

Every Day Counts

Please click to access Parent brochure

School-wide Positive Behaviours

Gotcha!

The Schoolwide Positive Behaviour team here at Proserpine State School is continually looking at ways that we can proactively promote appropriate behaviours at our school. For many years now, we have had the “Gotcha” system in all non-classroom settings i.e playground, walkways, bus lines etc where if a student is caught upholding the expectations of the school they are rewarded with a Gotcha. We now wish to make this system schoolwide so that it includes all settings. We would also like to change the name so that it is more specific to our school and area but still has pizzazz. We are asking staff and students to share their ideas but maybe we have a creative parent who can come up with a catchy name. If you do have an idea, email it into us or fill in one of the forms that will be available in the office and pop it into the entry box. We hope to introduce the new system mid-term.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher
Music

Music in the classroom is a sequential, developmental, aural based program with inquiry at its core. Zoltan Kodaly, whose philosophy is at the core of the Music program, states that, “Only the human voice can be accessible to all, free of charge, yet the most beautiful of instruments.”

Another busy term over filled with singing, music games, percussion instruments, recorders, ukuleles, raps, dance….. just to mention a few of the things that are done in the Music Room. Have a wonderful holiday and come back ready to be inspired. This is also a good time to take your recorders home and give them a good clean ready for term 3.

Instrumental Camp

This was thoroughly enjoyed by the six participants-see their recounts below. Mrs Balma and I drove to Fitzgerald School for the culminating concert and were suitably impressed, as were the families of the students involved. The camp was a wonderful experience leaving a lasting impression on those who have attended over the years.

Instrumental Camp 2014

At 7:30 on Monday morning the 26th of May, students from the Mackay and Proserpine area assembled at Fitzgerald State School on Norris Road to board the 5 hour bus trip to Yeppoon. When I got to the school I had to get a nametag and, of course, they spelt my name with an ‘h’. When we got to Yeppoon, Mr Matthews helped us unload all of our stuff. After we had done that Miss Green told us to choose a bunk buddy. Amy, Lucy and I chose each other because we knew practically no one there. Then we were put into groups of 10 which would be our dorm groups.

We then started our first rehearsal. We played Manchester March with Mrs New. That took us up until shower time. At shower time there was always a huge line up. After I had my shower I skipped back to my dorm since you weren’t allowed to run. Back in my dorm I sat on my bed and waited for the whistle to blow. When the whistle blew finally we assembled at the hall ready to go to dinner. After dinner we assembled at the hall for games such as linking our arms and trying to get through it without unlinking arms. If we won these games we got points, but, unfortunately we didn’t win any of the games but they were fun. Camp lights out was at 10:00pm and wake up was at 5:45am. We had to get ready in 5 minutes. Every morning, except for Wednesday, we would go to the beach. On Wednesday we went to the look out to watch the sun rise. For the rest of the week we rehearsed our pieces. We did a total of 24 hours of practice in 5 days!

On the last day of camp we travelled all the way back to Fitzgerald State School for our performance which the audience thought was wonderful. Overall I really enjoyed Band Camp because I met some new friends in my dorm and had so much fun.

Sara Atkinson
BAND CAMP MORNING WALK

It seemed like an ordinary day when I got up but I had no idea of the amazing events planned. I tried to keep my eyes open as I climbed down from my bunk bed. It was dark and cold. The other girls in my dorm didn’t seem to be bothered by this as they were pulling on their sneakers, socks and hats. The lights on the path outside the dorm shone brightly like street lamps splitting open the dark of morning. It was time for our morning walk. The cold dew on the grass wet my sneakers and legs which helped me wake up a little more. When we finally arrived at the lookout I was fully awake and ready for action! The lookout was above the beach and water which was a beautiful gold because of the rising sun. The sand was white and covered in colourful shells of all different types and sizes. I was so fascinated by the sunrise and clear sky I didn’t realise the creatures below. Dolphins splashed in the water, jumping in and out doing tricks, showing off to all of us. It was magical.

Amy Gray

BAND CAMP

It all started early because we had to get to Mackay at 7.30am. From there we had a long bus trip to Yeppoon. When we arrived we unpacked and made up our dorms. My dorm was called Animato and my bunk buddies were Sara Atkinson and Amy Gray. Oliver Pinel, Clancy Lade and Seamus Telford were also at the camp. Every morning we went to the beach. It was so much fun. During the week the songs we learned to play were; Dansbury Run, Clumsy Cauldron, Bunyip Blues, Rattlesnake, Manchester March, The Water Is Wide and Fanfare and Fireworks. Our parents and teachers who attended the final concert thoroughly enjoyed the music. I had a great time in Yeppoon and hope I can go again in High School.

Lucy Taylor-Millett

Choirs

All choirs are singing well and enjoying the songs they are being taught. Hopefully they will all perform next term on assembly. The 6/7 Glee Club will sing “Hallelujah” at the report card assembly on Thursday.

Have a safe and happy holiday

In song

Elsbeth Scotford

Special Education Services

Last Thursday evening, 19th June, two Year 7 students, Emilee Rodgers and Trent Sylvester, were recipients of the Lions “Children of Courage” Award Program, an important and extremely worthwhile annual project of Lions Clubs International. Emilee and Trent were nominated in the category of Special Needs.
This is not a competition, as every recipient is a winner in their own right. The award portrays them as children who have successfully overcome additional barriers which face them in this world. The recognition of these young people’s achievements will:

- Act as an encouragement for their future
- Help them to believe in themselves and
- Help to increase their self-worth.

Well done Emilee and Trent! The school community are all very proud of the courage and resilience you have both displayed during your primary school years!

*Natalie Templeton - Head of Special Education Services*

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### Class Awards

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School Facilities

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 courst 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

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.

*Di O'Donnell - Teacher Librarian*

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**Student Council News**

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**Tuckshop News**

*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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**Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser**

**Fundraising Update**

Wow what a busy successful weekend we have just had. I would like to thank Rob Jensen, Bunning's Cannonvale for the Venue for our BBQ Sizzle, Kim Hogan @ Proserpine Pies and Pasteries for donating the bread, all the girls in the office – Helen, Wendy and Lorraine for helping at the last minute, Jacinta Kearns for organising the Show Raffle and CRT for the prize. And, of course, all the parent helpers over the weekend. A HUGE THANK YOU!

Free Dress - $ 557.90

Guess the weight of the Steer: $ 270.00

BBQ @ Bunnings - $ 466.05

**Total of $ 1,293.95**

Look forward to Term 3 - *Kelly Bennett - Yr 6/7 Camp Fundraising Co-ordinator*

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**Community Notices**
Sk8-a-Thon for SIDS - PCYC - Friday 27 June - 6pm

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 Crisis Counselling - RAGE Program - Re-navigating Angry and Guilty Emotions

Hands on, practical and fun for young people

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BreastScreen Queensland

Where: Proserpine Hospital Grounds Whitsunday Health Services
Herbert Street, Proserpine

When: 27th June – 22nd July 2014
1st September – 4th September 2014

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A breastscreen every two years is recommended for all women aged 50-69 years.

Women aged 40-49 years and women over 70 are also eligible to attend.

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Proserpine Swimming Pool - Winter Holiday Fun Program

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Barrier Reef Tennis - Holiday Program

Click here for more information

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.

Airlie Beach Running Festival - 20 July 2014

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Cane Crossing Safety - Letter from Wilmar

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