Welcome to Term 3 to all of our families and a warm welcome to the new families to our school community. We have a very busy term ahead and we will keep you all up to date with information in our newsletters, website and Facebook page. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school office if you require further information on an event.

End of Semester 1 Reporting

Individual student reports were passed to students to take home on Thursday of the last week of last term. If your child was absent on this day and you have not yet received your child’s report thank you for contacting the school office.

Introducing new staff members

We welcome the following staff members to our school,

Mr Shane Smith who is taking over as our, Schools Facility and Grounds Officer, from Mr Flynn, who left at the end of last term. We have a very large area to maintain and I encourage all students to support Mr Smith by taking care of our gardens, trees and all school buildings.

Bess Ponanpallum has come back to join us taking over the newly created Year 6/7 class

Michelle Pelzer is taking Mrs O’Brien’s Year 5 class while she is on leave for the term
Jade Olsen has been replacing Mrs Murphy while she is on leave for the first 3 weeks of this term

**Changes to session times**

As of the start of this term we have made a change to how long our first teaching session of the day will run for, changing from 1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 50 minutes. Our school day will now run as follows,

- **9am - 10.50am** Session 1
- **10.50am – 11.30am** Morning Tea
- **11.30 – 1.00pm** Session 2
- **1.00 – 1.30pm** Lunch
- **1.30 – 3.00pm** Session 3

We have made this change to support the implementation of a timetabled English block for each class four times a week. On the previous session times we were unable to do this. Research indicates that best practice in the teaching of Literacy is via a maximum two hour English Block taught consistently across a week.

As Reading is a focus within our Improvement Agenda a timetabled English block allows time for the Targeted Teaching of Reading where our students are ability grouped across their year levels for the explicit teaching of reading skills and strategies at their level. We are also able to more effectively timetable specialist and teacher aide support across a timetabled English Block which reduces the number of students in each group.

**School Opinion Survey (SOS)**

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by school communities to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of their school. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve.

This year there has been a change to how parents/caregivers access the survey moving from a paper version to completing the *survey on line*. This year the survey is available to all school families where previously it was only a pre-determined cross sample. We have sent a flyer home this week with the youngest in the family with the access details for parents for completing the survey on line. If you do not receive a copy of this flyer please see your child’s teacher or see below for the link to the site. If access to a computer is something that impedes on you completing the survey please let your child’s teacher know also.

The link to access the SOS site is [www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey)

I highly encourage all parents/caregivers to participate in the survey as the data collected supports us in our continued focus of improving outcomes for all students and building a safe environment with a sense of belonging for all our school community.
Year 6/7 camp

I would like to thank all our Year 6 and 7 students and their families who have continued to make payments and support our fund raising activities for their school camp in October. Your continued support has ensured that the camp will go ahead. To keep you up to date, airline tickets to students’ names will be completed by August 1st as per prior arrangement and we expect there to be no changes as of the confirmation of tickets. If you have any queries re the camp thank you for contacting me via the office or through email.

Facilities

It is pleasing to see the completion of our covered walk ways and extended pathways in some area. The internal painting of C Block was also completed over the semester break. Helen Jones, BSM, and I are now looking toward projects funded in the 2014/2015 financial year. I will keep you informed once we have confirmation of further facility enhancement.

Lego club

We are planning to start up a Lego club, at this stage only for the Year 1 and 2 students, as another activity for them during break times. To help us to start up this club we are holding a raffle with a fantastic Lego price. The funds we receive from the raffle will go towards purchasing Lego for the Lego club to use. The raffle tickets can be purchased either through the Uniform shop on Monday and Thursday and from Kylie Edmondson at PBE on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you have any Lego at home that is not used any more we would greatly appreciate donations to the school.

P&C meetings

Our P&C meetings are held once a month usually on every third Thursday starting at 6.30pm and held in the staffroom. All parents/caregivers are invited to come along to these meetings where a range of topics are consulted on and discussed. We currently have a dedicated P&C who each hold a position on the committee but it would be great to see more people attend to have your say and help support us in continuing to improve the school. The P&C meeting days and times are always announced on our school sign.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their $25.00 P&C contribution for the year as this supports the P&C in contributing to a variety of programs and activities across the school, this can be paid via the school office.

SCSEEC

It is the time of the year when all schools are required to complete data collection as per required under the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability, thank you for reading thoroughly the information in this newsletter from Natalie Templeton our Head of Special Education if this pertains to your child.

Have a great two weeks
**Date Claimers**

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Deputy Principal's News

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 1 August

Student Council will be hosting the Jeans for Genes Day on Friday the 1 of August. This iconic and most loved fundraising event has provided vital funds for children’s Medical Research Institute.

Students are able to wear their denim shorts/jeans/skirt/jacket with their uniform shirt for the day and make a gold coin donation. We also have small stationary sets to hand out to those who donate.

Get involved! Get out those denim flares and/or your 80’s stoned washed denim overalls and raise money for a good cause.

Whitsunday Voices

A big thank you Di O’Donnell for organising our excursion to the Whitsunday Voices in Mackay. Thanks also to Janelle Jensen for volunteering her time to assist with the supervision on the day. By all accounts the students had a wonderful learning experience.

Linda Sippel - A/Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

The teaching and learning of reading is a major focus at our school. Our schema is based on the students acquiring a set of skills in a specific sequence, that being:

- Phonemic Awareness—the knowledge and manipulation of sounds in spoken words.
- Phonics—the relationship between written and spoken letters and sounds.
- Reading fluency, including oral reading skills - the ability to read with accuracy, and with appropriate rate, expression, and phrasing.
- Vocabulary development—the knowledge of words, their definitions, and context.
- Reading Comprehension—the understanding of meaning in text.
To help our kids when learning to read, we almost NEVER tell them to ‘sound it out’. That’s because, as a strategy, it doesn’t work with many words in English. Try it yourself with these common words: said, they, where, what, girl, father. When a child is faced with reading an unknown word, the strategies we are using at this school, in the Early Years in particular, are as follows:

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<td>Look at the pictures for a clue.</td>
<td>Get your mouth ready. Say the first few sounds of the word out loud.</td>
<td>Look for chunks and word parts.</td>
<td>Stretch the word out slowly.</td>
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<td>Skip the word, read on, then come back and try again.</td>
<td>Flip the vowel. Try the short and long sound.</td>
<td>Try the sentence again. Try a word that makes sense.</td>
<td>Ask for help after try all other strategies.</td>
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A good idea would be to print this out and keep a copy handy at home. The BEST thing a parent or carer can do for their child’s reading though is to read themselves. Show your child how reading helps you, share your love of reading by talking about a text, read TO your child and listen as she/he reads WITH you or BY herself/himself.

We have heaps of information at school which we would love to share with you! Just ask.

*Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum*

**Every Day Counts**

[Please click to access Parent brochure](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=214748453090&sch...)
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.”

Welcome back to Term 3 ready to sing, play, read, write and perform.

CHOIRS

All choirs have started back refreshed from their holiday and preparing for performances in the coming weeks. It would be appreciated if learning the words of the songs could be encouraged.

NB: Students were given several weeks to try out the choir and were then told that once they had made the decision to be in the choir then they would be expected to remain there otherwise they would be “letting the team down.” If there is a change in that decision then communication from home is requested. Being in a choir is a wonderful team building experience and one not to be missed.

BIG SING

2014 brings an exciting opportunity for choir children from Years 5-7 to attend the Mackay and District Big Sing with special guest conductor Paul Jarman, who is an internationally acclaimed Australian composer. He composed The Long White Sails sung at the 2014 Choral Festival. The Big Sing is in the form of a day camp and will take place at Beaconsfield State School Mackay from 10-12 September.

Expression of Interest forms have gone out to all choir children in Years 5 and 7. Unfortunately the year 6 students have a High school orientation on the 11th so the majority will attend that.

This was a wonderful event last year with this one looking to be even better- NOT TO BE MISSED!

In song

Elspeth Scotford

Special Education Services

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.
In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

*Natalie Templeton - Head of Special Education Services*

**Class Awards**

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<td>Emily foster, Ashlee Botto, Britney Trenerry</td>
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<td>Danni Muller, Karin Okita, Madyson Morris</td>
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### School Sports

The Proserpine State School Athletics Carnival has been done and dusted for another year. Thank you to all those students who participated and gave it their best. All these students should be proud of themselves for getting out there and just having a go. With less than 20 points separating first from second it cannot be emphasised enough how important the earning of participation points is to the final result. The final results from the carnival are as follows.

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<td>Grace Gempton, Lockie Little, Crystal Glisson, Joel Crook</td>
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The Proserpine State School Newsletter
Congratulations all Cook House students.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised as the age champions.

**9 Year Old Boys:** Ryan Bennett

**9 Year Old Girls:** Jaymee Farr

**10 Year Old Boys:** Luke Handley

**10 Year Old Girls:** Feywer White

**11 Year Old Boys:** Cooper Lane

**11 Year Old Girls:** Kasey Hogan

**12 Year Old Boys:** Lachlan Jensen

**12 Year Old Girls:** Dakota Hiscox

**13 Year Old Boys:** Jack Handley

**13 Year Old Girls:** Ella Farlow

From our school carnival 63 students were selected to represent Proserpine State School at the Proserpine District carnival on Wednesday 23 July.

A big thank you needs to go out to Mrs Gail Cook and Mr Myles Flynn for their great behind the scenes work in making our school carnival happen.

Our school rugby league team reached the final of the Les Stagg Shield played in Townsville over the weekend. Following hard fought wins against Queens Beach State School and then a combined East Ayr / Home Hill State Schools the team faced off against a strong Weir State School in the final. Unfortunately the size of the Weir side was a little too much for the Proserpine team this year and they ran out convincing winners 28 – 6. The Proserpine players never threw the towel in at any stage and can hold their heads high. The students have been training hard over the past couple of months and should be very proud of their efforts to reach the last 16 schools in Queensland in the competition.

The NRL Foundation Cup Squad consisted of Jordan Miller, Connor McDermid, Jacob Gabey, Deacon Sinnott, Jaden Corskie, Jack Ryan, Dylan Hoffmann, Harry McDermid, Cooper Lane, Avalon Robertson, Drae Greening, Joel Lekic, Jalin Jarvis, Aaron KearnsJack Dwyer, Ethan Hoffmann, Blake Hiscox, Ben Nosworthy.

Thank you guys for your commitment. A big thank you also to all those parents that supported the team and helped us to get to our games in Bowen and Townsville.

*Trevor Nosworthy - Phys Ed*

**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 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

Library News

Whitsunday Voices

On Thursday 17th July a small group of students were lucky enough to be given the chance to attend the Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival. We very much enjoyed ourselves throughout the wonderful day.

We listened to what 3 people had to say; authors Morris Gleitzman, James Roy and illustrator Martin Chatterton. We had a laugh at what they had to say because they tried to inspire us with their childhood memories that were very funny.

We were also lucky enough to be able to get autographs from the authors themselves and buy their books during recess.

It certainly was a fun experience that I will treasure forever and recommend it to anyone who is looking for a little inspiration for their own story.

Tui Taylor 6WC
Student Council News

Student Council Photo's

If you would like to purchase Student Council, School and House Captain photos Order envelopes are available at the School office, the photo's are on display if you would like to view them.

Tuckshop News

Hi All, and welcome back for Term 3. We will be having our “Pizza Day” towards the end of this Term so please keep your Ears and Eyes out for that as it gets closer as it’s the Tuckshop’s Big Fundraiser for the year. There will be more information about the “Pizza Day” in the coming weeks.

We are Happy to see a lot of people are enjoying our Gluten Free options on the new menu. A Big Thanks to all the families for supporting the Tuckshop on the School Sports Days. The extra money we make from sales on these days is a great boost for the Tuckshop.

Thanks so much also to the Wonderful Volunteers who helped out on those two days and every other day they come in. We couldn’t do it without you.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu

Forms
Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser

Fundraising Update

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

Community Notices

St Paul's Anglican Fete

Saturday 2nd August 11am - 2pm

Proserpine Entertainment Centre. Come and join the fun.

WILMAR SUGAR WEARABLE ART AWARDS

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 1.30PM

It is Reef Festival time again – a week full of family fun from 1 to 8 August. Visit the Whitsunday Reef Festival website www.whitsundayreeffestival.com.au and mark the many great events on your family calendar.

One of the best youth events of the Reef Festival is the Wearable Art Awards, to be staged this year on Saturday 2 August. Wilmar Sugar is the generous sponsor of the 2014 event, enabling organisers to offer free entry and great cash prizes to entrants.

Wearable Art takes the concept of recycling to a whole new level. Wearable Art is an expression of your creative imagination and your sense of humour. Paper, newspaper, plastic, rope, fish net, old fabric, cards, tourist brochures and much more - the materials and the possibilities for Wearable Art are endless and recycling makes entries inexpensive to make.

There are age categories from Grade Three to adults. Entries can be made in hours, days or weeks – with judges rewarding entrants for their imagination, creativity and workmanship. Special interest this year from motivated Grade One and Two students has also enabled the inclusion of a junior section.

Entries must close on Monday 28 July to enable event preparations. Entry forms and further information is available from the event organizer, Pam Pole on 4946 1271 / 0448 870 482 or by email to pampole@hotmail.com.
Wearable artists will have a fun filled day on 2 August, with judging and studio photos at the PCYC in the morning, the Wearable Art event on stage at the foreshore at 1.30pm and also a chance to parade their stunning creations to a wider audience in the Street Parade at 4pm.

Click here for Entry form 2014_Entry_Form.pdf
Click here for Parent Consent form 2014_Media_Consent_and_Parent_Permission_Form.pdf

Proserpine Entertainment Centre

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

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

PCYC
Cane Crossing Safety - Letter from Wilmar

Click here to read letter from Wilmar
AUSKICK

**NAB AFL Auskick** is the Australian Football League’s key introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our WEEKLY COACHING PROGRAM, you’ll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Over 1800 participants were involved in the Auskick program throughout Mackay and the Whitsundays in 2013! Participants will enjoy 8 weeks of AFL coaching (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: 2014 AFL Auskick backpack, Football – Size 1 Green (boys) + Purple (girls), cap, pump, footy cards, footy card album, Footypedia, rainbow shoelaces, AFL essentials guide and insurance!! Your local AFL junior Club is the Whitsunday Sea Eagles, with age groups from U7s – U18s.

**Proserpine Community NAB AFL Auskick Program**

**Sign on:** Monday 28th July, 2014

**Time:** 3.20pm – 4.20pm every Monday for 8 weeks

**Venue:** Proserpine State School Oval

**Cost:** $65 for children aged 5 (in 2014) to 12 yrs old.

For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622
Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248


All participants from the Whitsundays Auskick program are also welcome to attend!

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