Embedded through our schools' improvement agenda is a major focus on improving reading outcomes for all students with a particular focus on students in junior primary becoming proficient readers by the end of Year 3.

To achieve maximum outcomes for all students we have adopted a team approach with teachers and support staff working together to promote and develop a culture of reading supported by implementing effective targeted reading programs and strategies school wide. Improvement in student reading is identified across the five aspects of reading, vocabulary, texts and textual features, comprehension strategies, fluency and knowledge of the world.

Annual age appropriate reading targets are set by the Region and the school and individual students in consultation with their class teacher then set individual reading goals. Data is collected at the end of each term that demonstrates student improvement by both summative and formative assessment. In Junior Primary improvement is predominately shown through students' movement through reading levels. As we have now completed two terms we have been able to collate our data to show how well we have achieved against our targets and individual student goals demonstrating some very pleasing results.

By the end of Term 2 our data demonstrates the following for our Year 1 and year 2 students.
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I would like to thank all parents who support their children to read every day and encourage a love of reading as proficiency is a key to success in all other curriculum learning areas.

**Tuckshop purchases**

It’s great to see so many students enjoying our wonderful tuckshop, however it has come to our attention that some students are using their own money to purchase items for their friends. Teachers are reminding students that any lunch purchases are for them only and we would appreciate parents supporting this process by also reminding them that they are only to purchase food for themselves and not to share any food with other students.

**Students’ bringing their own soccer and footballs to school.**

Since the start of this term we have had an increasing number of students who are bringing their own soccer and footballs to school to play games during break times. This has caused a few problems with some students being excluded from playing and causing some social issues. We have made the decision that until further notice no footballs or soccer balls are to come to school with students, balls can be borrowed out through our sports room for students in Years 4-7 and class sets of balls and other equipment are in all P-3 classes.

This decision does not include handballs, as currently many students are bringing their own handballs and students are following all our handball rules and expectations in most cases.

Enjoy the next week two weeks.

*Alison - Acting Principal*
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Deputy Principal's News

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to staff, students and parents who have completed the online opinion survey. We had approximately 54 families and 115 student responses. We value your feedback.

Student group photos

Order envelopes to purchase Student Council, School and House Captain photos are available at the School office. The photos are on display in the foyer for your convenience.

End of the year Individual Student awards -

During our final school assembly we present our traditional student awards including academic awards, choir medals, ICAS certificates and NQ State Sport certificates. We also present the Principal's Academic Award to acknowledge an individual student who has excelled. In 2013 we introduced the Instrumental Music Award, the Ross and Lyndal Hughes Cultural Award and a Student Citizen Award.

This year we are delighted to announce two new awards. One of these awards, working in conjunction with Boori Monty Pryor, is the Indigenous Literacy Award. This award will be presented to an Indigenous student in their final year of schooling who has excelled in the KLA of English.

We are also excited to announce the new Hamilton Island Extraordinary Achievement Award which will be presented to one of our hard working, deserving students. This award will reward one student who continuously strives to be extraordinary either through academic achievements, sporting success and community involvement.

Hamilton Island, whose motto is to create extraordinary for their guests, recognises this can only happen with the help from residents and businesses in the local community, who supply so many of their products and services.

In an effort to say thank you and acknowledge the support from the region, Hamilton Island will be providing the prize, an extraordinary experience on Hamilton Island.
Throughout the year Hamilton Island plays host to numerous events which attract and engage professionals who excel in their field. The award has been designed to coincide with one of these events providing the winning student with the opportunity to meet and receive valuable advice from one of these professionals.

The four experiences our winning student will have the opportunity to choose from include:

Sport experience (choice of one of the below)

- A personal training session with Ky Hurst, dual Olympian and seven-time Australian Ironman Champion.
- Entry in the Whitehaven Swim or Clash of the Paddles (winner to choose preferred event).
- A round of golf on the Hamilton Island Golf Course with a 1/2 hour lesson from our Pro.

Art experience

- Attend a number of island-based workshops which are held as part of our AWAY photography event, which sees some of Australia’s best known photographers provide hands-on technical and aesthetic guidance for budding photographers.

Sailing experience (choice of one of the below)

- A personal sailing lesson with Glenn Bourke, two time Olympian and 7 time World Sailing Champion.
- The winner and his/her family hosted on a spectator boat to watch half a day of racing at the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

Cooking experience

- A personal cooking lesson with the Executive Chef at our 5 star qualia resort or coca chu restaurant (a modern South East Asian restaurant). Both chefs have a prestigious background, working in Michelin starred and ‘hatted’ restaurants in Australia and overseas.

The experience will also include a holiday to the Island for the winner’s family, worth over the $1,500. The inclusions are:

- 2 nights’ accommodation in a Reef View Family Room
- Return ferry transfers from the mainland
- Daily breakfast
- $200 island credit (to put towards food and beverage whilst staying on the island)
An extraordinary experience of their choice.

We along with Hamilton Island are delighted to be able to offer this extraordinary opportunity to our students. We encourage you to assist your child/ren to strive for excellence and create extraordinary at home, at school, and within the local community.

*Linda Sippel - A/Deputy Principal*

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour**

**Positive Behaviour**

This fortnight our behaviour focus has been on **Be Friendly** and specifically – “Ensure that your words and actions do not hurt others”. There have been several incidences with both genders where students have not been upholding this expectation in the past few weeks. The common catch cry is he/she said mean things to me but when the incident is investigated the negative talk and put-downs have come from both parties. We need to socially skill our children “Not to pick up the rope” in a verbal tug-of-war as it will escalate into a power struggle where there are no winners and all parties are left with damaged self-esteem. Unfortunately, some children have reported that they were told from a non-school source to retaliate. Our response to that is retaliation is **not** acceptable in the school setting. Encourage your children to ignore name calling and put-downs and if the perpetrator persists, it must be reported to a staff member so that action can be taken. STOP WALK TALK.

*Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher*

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**Exciting Things Happening at School**

**100 Days of Being a Learner in Prep**

Week 3 marked the occasion of being a learner at Prep for 100 days. On Friday 25th July, Prep BE celebrated 100 in a big way.

Numerous activities were set up throughout the day such as –

- Guess the items that show 100, group objects into groups of 10, cut out and paint 100 dots on the number 100, represent 100 in a collage picture and write what they would do when they turn 100.
The big hit of the day was to thread Fruit Loops on a necklace with the numbers each group of 10 to 100. It was a very successful day and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the class.

**2014 National Tree Day**

Celebrated at Proserpine State School - By Lachlan Jensen

On Friday the 25th July, 2014, the Grade 7 class, 7KC and the Prep class P/1CD, participated in National Tree Day. They planted eleven trees, all of which were native to the Proserpine region. They were planted at the back of the school oval, between the cyclone shelter and the library and by the netball courts along the footpath. The staff and children of the school hope that these trees will aid in the protection of their natural environment. On behalf of the Year 7 and Prep students, we would like to thank Mr Shane Smith, Mrs Helen Jones and Miss Katie Clewett for their hard work purchasing the trees and preparing the grounds. Also, we would like to thank Land Care for their generous donation of the eleven trees that were planted on Friday.

Year 7 Students (L-R) Piper O’Grady, Sofiallia Hawkes with Prep students Matthew Smith and Madyson Morris

**Every Day Counts**

*Please click to access Parent brochure*

**Class Awards**

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School Sports

Congratulations to the 63 students who represented Proserpine State School at the Proserpine District Athletics Trials. For the 8th year in a row Proserpine SS was successful in winning the overall school trophy.
From the trials the following students were successful in making the Proserpine District Team that will be competing at the Whitsunday Trails in Bowen:

Ashton Sinnott, Luke Handley, Jack Handley, Ethan Hoffmann, Fewyer White, Rachel Lester, Joey Taylor, Libby Cornish, Cooper Lane, Connor McDermid, William Allan, Olivia Adam, Kasey Hogan, Piper O’Grady, Tarni Hinschen, Ben Nosworthy, Max Nosworthy, Dakota Hiscox, Lachlan Jensen, Deacon Sinnott, Brenton Talbot, Sam Flowerday, Kelvin Gordan, Nic Sanders, Jesse Gatton and Noel Waipape

All the best to our school representatives

_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

Book Week

In weeks 5 and 6 we will be celebrating Book Week in the library.

The theme for Book Week this year is Connect to Reading. The students will be looking at the Children’s Book Council of Australia short-listed books and doing activities relating to them.

During the lunch breaks we will be running competitions. These will be a lot of fun for the students, so please encourage your child to participate.
On Wednesday 20th August, author Andy Jones will be visiting our school. Students in Prep and years 1 and 2 will attend. He will be presenting in the hall near the office and the session will be 1.30 - 2.30pm. Parents of students in those years may attend.

Book Fair

In week 6 your child will bring home a preview brochure with some titles from the Book Fair. You will also receive a note containing important information about the Book Fair.

Book Fair will be in week 7 (25th – 29th August).

On Friday 29th August we will have a dress-up parade in the Multi-Purpose hall. It will begin soon after 10.00am and go until morning tea. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Students can dress up as a book character or something connected to reading as per the theme.

Winners of the Book Week competitions will be announced at the dress-up parade and they will choose a prize from the Book Fair.

Di O'Donnell - Teacher Librarian

Tuckshop News

NEWSFLASH

TUCKSHOP IS HAVING A

PIZZA DAY

Hello Everyone,

WOW! Week 4 already. Isn't the 3rd term flying by? The Tuckshop has some exciting news! Coming up in a few weeks time is our annual Pizza Day. Everyone should have received their order form by now but if you haven't please see your Teacher. Please support us on Pizza Day as this is the Tuckshops main fundraiser for the year. The details of our 2 different year level pizza days are as follows:

The most important things to remember are when the forms need to be in by and also remember if your child's pizza day is that day: the pizza is the ONLY FOOD on offer for BIG LUNCH for their year levels. The other year levels are as normal for both lunches for the whole school both days.

GET YOUR FORMS IN EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

See below for DATES and DETAILS
EAGLE BOY'S PIZZA DAY

We will be having our special Eagle Boys Pizza days on

Tuesday 26th of August for Years 4 - 7

Thursday 4th of September for Year P - 3

The Pizza’s will be Meat Lovers only from Eagle Boys.

They will be ordered for Big Lunch and this will be the ONLY food served at this lunch, for these year levels.

Little Lunch will be as normal for the whole school on both days.

On Tuesday P - 3 can order as normal for both lunches and on Thursday Years 4 - 7 can order as normal for both lunches.

Please fill out your form and return it with your money to the Tuckshop by no later than Tuesday 19th of August for all year levels.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT!

Teachers in all classes and year levels will have order forms.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu

Forms

Student Change of details form - click here

Payment Advice form - click here

Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser

Fundraising Update

I would like to start with thanking Bess Ponnampalam from 6/7BP, who organised with the students and parents to have a lemonade stall at the school last Thursday. Raising $175.00 towards the camp - WELL DONE!

Boxes of Chocolates have now been sent home for the students to sell - Chocolates are only $1 each so dig in.
We will also have a Raffle in the coming weeks - if anyone wishes to donate prizes, please call into the office, all prizes and donations are welcome.

Thank you again to all the Teachers, Parents and Students for your help so far.

Kelly Bennett - Yr 6/7 Camp Fundraising Co-ordinator

Community Notices

Foster Carer Recruitment

Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

Contact us for a foster care information pack.

Churches of Christ Care Pathways
4953 5097
carepathwaysslq.com.au

International Youth Day
Youth Space Talent Show
Youth Space Talent Show

Have You Got A Talent?

Sign Up For Our Talent Competition!!

NOW!!

Prizes To Be Won !!

Parent's/Guardians Are Welcome To Enjoy The Show!!

When : Friday 22nd August

Where : Youth Space
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Don't Have A Talent? Don't Worry...

Dress Up As Your Favourite Star!

And Come Enjoy The Show!

No pass outs!

Games & Activities!
SHERALI Mahomet’s hair style is unlike most 10-year-old boys.
The Proserpine State School student has grown his hair more than 30cm so it can be donated and turned into much needed wigs for children suffering from Alopecia Areata – a common autoimmune skin disease resulting in hair loss. Sherali’s mum Jo-Ann Kielly said her son made the decision to grow it after her brother passed away from melanoma cancer in August 2011.
“Sherali never got to meet his Uncle Robert or Bones as we called him, however he was very interested in a photo of him and his long hair. Sherali decided from that day on that he too wanted to grow his hair long.”
Come along, make a donation and show your support on **Friday, August 15 from 6pm downstairs at the Proserpine Ex-Services Club.**
All funds raised will be donated to the palliative care unit at the Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane.
**For more information please visit the Proserpine Ex-Services website at www.proserpinexservicesclub.com.au or visit their Facebook page.**

DONATE TODAY!

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
WHITSUNDAY DUKES - YOUTH 4 YOUTH PRESENT
HIGH SCHOOL ALLNIGHT SINGFEST SLEEPIN

DATE: August Sat 16th - Sun 17th
VENUE: Whitsunday PCYC
TIME: 6.15pm Doors Open
INCLUDES: All 6 Movies
Dinner & Breakfast

WHAT TO BRING!
Your mates and your besties
Pillow Sleeping Bag Onesie
$5 Canteen snacks

PICK UP: 8am Sun Call PCYC 4948 1144

FULLY SUPERVISED LOCK IN EVENT NO PASS OUTS

$20 JULY ONLY
BOOK NOW
WHITSUNDAY TICKETS COMAU

Whitsunday Athletics Club Inc

**Whitsunday Jnr Rugby Union**

**Sign-on** 10wks Rugby  
**$50 Registration**  
**Date: Friday 22nd August**  
**Whitsunday Sportspark**

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**2014 Wilmar Whitsunday Junior Rugby Union Season**

Friday night games **commencing 6pm 30th August 2014**

10 weeks at Whitsunday Sportspark

$50 Registration

Full kits available at $70 each (dress shirt, training singlet, shorts, socks)  
Can be purchased separately

Club registered with Get Start vouchers up to $150

Games U6s to U18s against MDRU & TDRU districts  
Travel 3 times in season  
U6s  U8s  U10s  U12s  U14s  U16s  U18s

For further information

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2014 PENTATHLON DAY

On  
Saturday 9th August 2014  
At  
Proserpine State High School  
(Stanbury Street entrance)  
NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 3rd August 2014

*Entry Fee: $20 per athlete + additional $15 for unregistered athletes*

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:00am  
WARM UP FROM 8:00am ONWARDS

TROPHIES FOR HIGHEST POINTS FOR BOTH MALE & FEMALE ATHLETES IN EACH AGE GROUP  
* MEDALS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS  
*SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH FOR ALL ATHLETES  
*CANTEEN FACILITIES OPERATING ALL DAY

A PROGRAM will be available on the day

Click Here for Nomination Form

Whitsunday Triathlon Club

Crosswork or Colouring Competition
Return entries to the blue tray in the office at the school before 17th August, 2014 to go into the draw for $1,000 bike or free entries into the race.

Click Here for Details and Kidzpower Crossword

Wild Wild West Party @ the RSL Proserpine

Friday 22nd August, 2014 @ 6pm

Howdy partner! All kids are welcome to our Wild, Wild West themed party.

Cowboys, cowgirls, indians and sheriffs are just a few costume ideas.

Entry is Free. Face painting, colouring-in, movies, games and more planned.

All you can eat buffet will be held on the night - $29.90 per adult, $26.90 for members, children aged 4-13 pay their age.

Make....."Our Club, Your Club!"

Cane Crossing Safety - Letter from Wilmar
Click here to read letter from Wilmar

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