31/10/2014

Attendance target - 93%
Current attendance percentage - 92.5%

The Christmas Fair is here! See you on Sunday!

Principal's News

World Teacher's Day

This Friday is World Teachers Day which is celebrated in Queensland schools on October 31 every year. Each year there is a theme to the day and this year the theme is ‘Teachers Inspire’. I would like to congratulate and thank the very hardworking teaching staff at our school for their continued dedication and commitment to improving outcomes for all students.

‘Snack Attack’ (Gary and Lorraine Russell) provided a morning coffee and a small bacon/egg muffin for the staff to help celebrate.
Proserpine State School Xmas Fete

This Sunday November 2 from 10.30 – 2pm we will be holding our annual school Fete. We have made some changes this year to where we hold the Fete in our school grounds and this year we are using our Multi Purpose Facility for all our stalls and the selling of food. All rides will be on the oval as usual.

I would like to thank the P&C Fete committee for their tireless commitment to ensure the success of this event and also acknowledge and thank the many community groups who have contributed in a range of ways. I am looking forward to the day and hope all our families come along and enjoy the day with us.

Renwick Road improvements

Thank you for your patience while work continues on the improvements to our Renwick Road entrance, this work is now close to completion.

We are asking that all parents use the new crossing and not encourage students to cross the road without using the school crossing, we have made these changes to improve the safety of students entering and leaving the school grounds on this side of our school and appreciate your support with these changes.

Eisteddfod

Last week our school choirs travelled to Mackay to participate in this year's Eisteddfod. We had three choirs perform - our Junior choir, Year 4/5 choir and our Year 6/7 choir.

I went down after school and was able to watch our Year 4/5 and Year 6/7 choirs perform and both performances were exceptional, with our Year 4/5 choir winning a High Silver and our Year 6/7 choir winning Gold. Our Junior choir who performed during the day won Gold and the trophy for their age group demonstrating their commitment to their performance. I congratulate all students who performed and also Mrs Scotford for continuing to instil a love of singing and for the high expectations she places on all students.

A block
This week we have had some interruptions to all classes of students in A Block. This was so cabling work could be carried to allow for the installation of interactive whiteboards in every classroom in this block. This work was arranged through the facilities section of Regional Office and we were given 24 hours notice of this work beginning owing to the availability of contractors from Mackay.

We hope to have the interactive whiteboards installed by the end of the year and this will provide opportunities for teachers to implement the Australian Curriculum using the very best resources.

School oval bore

Work will be carried out over the next two weeks to drill a new bore and we aim for minimal disruption to the use of our oval. With the increase in temperature our oval has continued to dry out as the bore is the only means of watering. We are hoping that once we have an operational bore it will not take long before our oval is green again and a usable area for our students.

Enjoy our Fete on Sunday and a have a great two weeks.

Alison Bradford - Acting Principal

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Deputy Principal's News

2015 preparations

We are in the process of organising our classes for 2015. Thank you for letting the school administration know if you intend to leave us in 2014. In addition, a letter of request to seek special consideration for class placement will need to be submitted to the school by Friday 14 November.

If your student/s intend returning in 2015 but will be absent for the first week, please provide a written statement to this effect to the school. Documented enrolment numbers on Day 8 determine our staffing from Regional Office for the year.

Are you ready for Prep in 2015?

The children who have attending our Getting Ready for Prep program have shown us they are certainly ready to start Prep in 2015.

Our next important preparation event is the **Prep Information Evening**. Further information about our school and Prep will be distributed on this evening. We will detail what the first day will look like in 2015.

Don't forget to book your enrolment interview now before Thursday 4 December 2014.

Have a great two weeks. The end of the year will be here before we know it.
See you at the Christmas Fair!

Linda Sippel - Acting Deputy Principal

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour**

**Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) – Parent Representative**

Our SWPBS team meets monthly to look at our data and make decisions about systems that we need to put in place to support both teachers and students to promote positive behaviours and minimise negative behaviours. On our team we have representatives from administration, teaching staff, teacher aides, the community and also a parent representative.

Our current parent representative, Jackie Talbot will no longer be a parent at this school in 2015, so we are calling for expressions of interest from parents to join our team. We would like to thank Jackie for her valued input over the past three years and especially for undertaking the huge task of updating the teachers Responsible Student Behaviour Folders as an extra duty.

The role of the parent representative is to attend the monthly meetings and provide a parent’s perspective when we are making decisions with regard to encouraging positive student behaviour. The only credentials that you need to have is that you are the parent of a student at this school and that you have an understanding that we need to support every student in this school to achieve.

Are you interested? This is what you need to do.

Send an email to agard39@eq.edu with your name and email address and a brief statement as to why you would like to be a part of the SWPBS team.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

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**Curriculum Matters**

With the organisation of the Australian Curriculum, and the expectation that reporting is only on the Summative Assessment Tasks delivered in each of the units, the problem of children being absent for long periods of time, or frequent short periods, greatly impacts on both the learning and assessment processes. Time is of the essence for teachers and students with a packed curriculum requiring greater intellectual rigour, demonstration of higher order thinking skills and more in-depth presentation skills. As such, a proforma has been designed to inform individual parents and
carers of the implication of their child/ren being absent, especially
during crucial assessment times which is generally every five weeks of
a school term.

An excerpt of this letter for your information is as follows:

We have been informed that your child/ren will not be attending school from / /2014 until / / 2014 which
equates to __________ school days. During this time:

• core topics will be consolidated and new topics possibly introduced;
• assessment tasks may be undertaken, from which ratings are calculated for inclusion in your child’s
  Report Card; and
• literacy and numeracy skills will be either introduced, consolidated or embedded

Please be advised that, with the increased intellectual rigour of the Australian Curriculum, time allocations for key
learning areas and workload of our teaching staff, as a consequence of this prolonged absence, your child/ren may:

• not be caught up on the work missed;
• get a rating of ‘N’ (meaning no work submitted) on her/his report card; and
• be awarded a rating based on only what she/he has completed in class prior to this intended absence.

This may impact on your child/ren’s self-worth and esteem.

Whilst we respect your rights as the parent/carer, ‘Everyday Counts’ is a priority of Education Queensland and
Proserpine State School and we consider it imperative that you be fully informed of the outcome of your
child/ren’s absences.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Do you know what your children are doing at school? All families should receive notification of exactly WHAT
their children are being assessed in, HOW it is being presented and WHEN it is due. For those students in Years
4-7, this is especially important as it assists is teaching them organisational skills. Some teachers choose to send
this information home with each new unit of work, whilst others send it home at the beginning of each term. I
always call mine ‘Fridge Magnets’ because, as a parent, anything of importance that I need to remember is stuck
on my fridge door. (I hate those windy days though!)

Keep your eye out for the 2015 Book List which will be coming home soon! We’ve sent copies to our local
suppliers already and we encourage you, where possible, to shop locally. Our school community is supported by
local businesses and we, in turn, endeavour to give them our custom.

See you at the Christmas Fair this Sunday!

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head of Curriculum
Things Happening at School

Life Education Visit

Harold has visited our school again and according to the feedback he was popular. See him here with Harrison Hunter, Elyse Dent, Abbie Smith, Life Educator Steph Baumgarten and Alison Bradford.

TERM 4 Swimming

To allow students' participation, full payment of the Student Resource Scheme is required unless currently on a payment plan. All payments are to be made prior to the commencement of swimming. If payment is made on the day of swimming your child will not be able to participate until the next swimming lesson.

New Crossing in Renwick Road

The School crossings are there for the safety of the Children and their families to use. Parents who wait on the opposite side of the road are urged to encourage their children to use these crossings. REMEMBER the crossings are here for everyone's safety.

Every Day Counts

Click here for tips on Regular school attendance
## Class Awards

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Special Education Services

Transition is occurring at both ends of the school as 2015 looms. Our ECDP children are visiting a Prep room for 1 hour every Thursday. Thanks to Mrs Dobe and her Prep/1 class for sharing their room and their learning routines with our students. We are so ready for Prep!

Our year 6/7 students are now taking part in a more structured high school transition program with students from Cannonvale State School. One of our main aims aside from high school readiness is to make new friends and meet the teachers.

Term 4 swimming continues to be a great success. Thanks to Mr Nosworthy for his very organised program and the wonderful teacher aides, parents and teachers that support our students with developing their swimming skills.

Natalie Templeton - Acting Head Of Special Education Services

Music

What a busy and exciting time we’ve had recently. The band and Yr4/5 choir performed wonderfully at the PSHS Gala Concert then later that week over 100 students sang at the Mackay Eisteddfod. All these students were great ambassadors for the school and achieved terrific results. The 4/5 choir received high silver singing “Music has Brought Us Together” and “Dream Angus” and the Yr6/7 Folk group achieved gold with their stirring version of “Flower Of Scotland” accompanied beautifully by Piper O’Grady on violin and Kasey Hogan on drum. The Year2/3 choir topped this by winning gold and the trophy singing “Shoo Fly and Get That Fly’and “The Garden
“Paint A Song”. A wonderful day for the school and all who participated. A big thank you goes to all who helped make this possible especially Mrs Balma for accompanying the choirs and Mrs Becker, Mrs Perkins, Mrs Wright, Imogen Tulk and Breeana McKay for assisting with the choirs.

As I write this we are looking forward to singing “Paint A Song” with over half a million students across Australia to promote the importance of music education in Australia. We’ve all enjoyed learning the song and the Auslan signs.

In song - Elspeth Scotford

School Sport

A big thank you to those families who have had their children swimming in the first block of classes as these have gone very smoothly. The progression being made by our students particularly the Year Ones who have been swimming for the first time, has been most pleasing.
A reminder that swimming will start in Week 5 for 4/5PH, 6/7BP, 7KC, 8/RJ, and 1CD with 6JM, 6WC, 4/5HM, 4MH, 5JO and 5GJ starting the following week. Your child should have already taken home the information note and timetable last week. We would encourage families to return these by the required date.

The school swimming program incorporates the Royal Life Saving Society’s ‘Love to Swim’ program where students develop not only stroke proficiency but also a range of survival and rescue skills. The school program not only develops a student’s swimming competency but is also a major part of the PE curriculum and assessment in Term 4. As such, all families are strongly encouraged to make sure their child is able to participate. The student resource scheme payments will need to be in place for students to participate.

Yours in Sport - Mr Nosworthy

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
- Dogs are not allowed on school grounds at any time
- Access to the tennis court 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

Our Annual School Fete is this weekend and we are all excitedly looking forward to Sunday 02 November. It is always a busy day and any help in the kitchen would be greatly appreciated even if it is just for 15 minutes or half an hour. If you have any spare time on the day please feel free to pop into the kitchen and ask if there’s anything you can do. We are all hoping for a very busy term here in the Tuckshop to finish the year off and look forward to your support.

The Slushy machine is up and running again and we have lots of yummy ice creams available for sale at Big Lunch playtime on these hot days.

Many thanks as always to our wonderful parent helpers for your ongoing support. We couldn’t do it without you.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊
P & C News

Christmas Fair Newsletter No. 5

Sunday 2nd November 2014

The Proserpine State School Christmas Fair is this Sunday (2th November 2014) at the Multi-purpose Hall (Cyclone Shelter). This is the P&C’s only FUNDRAISING event for the year. It would be great to see a huge crowd come along to support the Fair. It will be a great day of fun, rides, food, raffles, monster goose club, entertainment, music and a visit from Santa.

The Fair will open at 10.00 am and operate until 2.30 pm. The rides will commence at 10.30am and run for 4 hours which will provide the children with many hours of fun! There is a map attached showing where stalls will be located.

Program of Events

An entertainment program for the afternoon is being organised for everyone’s enjoyment. We will have performances by the Primary School Band and choirs, Proserpine Citizen’s Band, Zumba demonstrations and a visit from Santa bringing lolly bags! Regular draws of raffles, Ham Wheel and 100 boards will continue throughout the day!

10.00 AM – Christmas Fair officially open
10.00-10.15 AM - Proserpine State School Band
10.20 -10.35 AM – Proserpine State School Choir
11.00-11.20 – Whitsunday Dance Connection
12.00 – 12.30 PM – Proserpine Citizens Band
1.00 – 1.30 PM – Zumba with Jacqui
2.15 PM – Visit from Santa

Throughout the day there will be Ham Wheel Draws, 100 Club draws and Goose Club will be drawn around 2 pm.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Fete Day - It would be great to have at least one adult helper for an hour from each family. Students 11 years and over need to have written permission from their parents to work on a fair stall. ALL stall helpers and volunteers will receive an entry into a special draw – A Large Ham donated by Suncrest.

The Proserpine State School P&C holds the fair to be able to provide students and teachers at the School with additional valuable resources that are not often provided. Funds from previous Fairs have been used to purchase many items that have benefited the Students’ educational experiences. Some of these purchases included –

- Sporting equipment – High Jump Mats have just recently been purchased
- Choir Stands to enable the whole choir to be seen
- Fridges for classrooms
- Ipads for classroom use.
- Playground equipment
- Supporting wish list items from teaching staff

We need your support to continue to provide wonderful educational experiences for your children so it would be great to see you at the Fair!

Thank you in anticipation of your help

Proserpine State School Fete Committee
Forms

Student Change of details form - click here
Payment Advice form - click here

Community Notices

PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL - UNIFORM UPDATE

Uniform orders for 2015 year 7 and 8 students are beginning to flow in. Prior to placing your order, it is strongly recommended that parents and students attend the High School Uniform Store to try on sample garments to ensure correct size and fit. Uniform sizing varies greatly between suppliers and styles and “guessed” sizes often leads to returns/ exchanges and refunds which are VERY time consuming for staff and frustrating to others waiting.

The Uniform Store continues to be open Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Extended hours of operation are listed below for December 2014 and January 2015.

Last week of school - Mon/Tue/Wed 8th, 9th & 10th Dec 2014 8.30am to 1 pm
Last week of holidays Mon/Tue/Wed 19th, 20th & 21st Jan 2015 9am to 1pm
Thur 22nd Jan 2pm to 6pm
Fri 23rd Jan 1pm to 5 pm
First week of school Tue/Wed 27th & 28th Jan 2015 8.30am to 1 pm

Looking forward to meeting parents and students when you visit the Store.

Lynn Larkin

Proserpine State High School Uniform Convenor

Proserpine State High School

Commencing with the Year 7 students transitioning to Proserpine State High School in 2015, a new logo and motto is being introduced. The introduction of the new logo will occur gradually with all new Year 7 and Year 8 students purchasing new logo uniforms whilst older students will continue to wear uniforms with the original logo. This staging is aimed at preserving and respecting the “Honour, Serve, Obey” motto of the last 50 years, whilst
embracing the future with “Success. Together”. It is hoped that the students who commenced their High School years with the original logo uniforms, will continue to wear these uniforms through to graduation.

This change will be reflected in the sale and issue of uniforms in 2015. NEW logo stock will ONLY be available to Year 7 and Year 8 students who commence High School in 2015. Students in Years 9 - 12 will continue to be supplied with original logo items.

It is stressed that the logo is to be the ONLY change to uniforms. NO variations will be made to the colour or style of formal, day or sport uniforms.

NEW logo stock should be available November 2014 for Year 7 and Year 8 student 2015 enrolments.

Bloomsbury State School Fete

Saturday November 1st

3pm to 7pm at the school grounds

Food and fun for everyone

Enquiries : 0408 776 882

Rookies 2 Reds

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