Attendance target - 93%

Current attendance percentage - 92.5%

Principal's News

Assessment and Reporting

Australia has now introduced a National Curriculum with the aim of raising education standards and creating consistent curriculum, assessment and reporting across the nation. This means that all students across Australia in their respective year levels are participating in the same curriculum across a set of key learning curriculum areas. This has been rolled out across the last couple of years with each year introducing new key learning areas. In 2013 History was added and this year Geography has been added to replace what was previously known as SOSE, Studies of Society and the Environment. Within each key learning area there is a set of achievement standards that students are expected to reach by the end of that year.

Queensland’s implementation of the Australian Curriculum builds on the strengths in the existing curriculum, retain the best teaching and assessment practices and focusing on continual improvement. The implementation by Queensland teacher is through what is known as C2C, Curriculum into the Classroom and is broken down
into a set of units to be completed throughout the school year. All individual student End of Semester 2 2014 reports are now in the final stages of editing and will be passed out on Thursday December 11.

The Australian Curriculum will contribute to a world-class education in Australia by setting out the knowledge, understanding and skills needed for life and work in the 21st century and by setting common high standards of achievement across the country.

Parents can further support their child’s education by familiarising themselves with the new Australian Curriculum by visiting www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

**Staff changes for 2015**

We have quite a few staff changes for 2015, the following people will be leaving our school to relocate to other destinations or taking leave.

Mr Robert Jensen, Miss Katie Clewet, Mrs Wendy Copeland, Mrs Julianne O’Brien, Mr Christien Payne will all be leaving us, as will Miss Nicole Murphy, who will be with us for term 1 only.

We welcome to our school the following teachers, Ms Monique Faust, Mrs Marnie Vernon, Mrs Michelle Whatmough, Mrs Amanda Jamieson and Mrs Naomi Campbell.

**Renwick Road Entrance**

The P&C Safest Committee has continued to liaise with our Council re the completion of the alterations to our Renwick Road entrance. This work is still incomplete and there are still a few changes to go. The hope is that this will be complete by the start of the new school year and we thank you for your patience as this has taken longer than we previously thought.

All students are to be using the school crossing which is now situated closer to our school and we have encouraged students to only use the crossing for their personal safety. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting students to do this by not encouraging them to cross anywhere but on the crossing. Once the project is complete the expectation is that during drop off and collection times, parents will use the Stop, Drop and Go area effectively and we will support parents in the new year to do this.

**School Opinion Survey**

Thank you to those parents and carers who participated in this year’s School Opinion Survey. Our results are now available on the MySchool website and I encourage you all to go to the website to have a read through our results. We have some very pleasing results across all areas surveyed; from students, teachers and parents. As a school we now use these results to either continue with current practice or make improvements in specific areas.

**Class Celebrations**
The next two weeks are very busy with many end of year celebrations and events. Please make sure you keep yourself informed by going to our website or checking our Facebook page. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or the school office.

**Whitsunday Transit**

Please note that due to increased numbers of students there has been some changes made by Whitsunday Transit to the bus routes of bus 2, 3, 19 and 23, this information is available from Whitsunday Transit. Due to concerns with students travelling on bus 9 these students no longer need to walk from our school to Ruge Street to get on the bus but are now getting on the bus outside our Prep area. For more information see the Community News section.

**Last day of school procedures**

As in previous years there will be adjustments to what our last day of school will be like for students. Please note that school will start for students at 8.30am and conclude for the year at 1.30pm. All students will gather at around 1.15 for the final farewell before being released at 1.30 to travel home. Whitsunday Transit will also be informed of this change.

There will be one more newsletter that will come out this year which will be to highlight those student’s achievements throughout the year.

Have a great 2 weeks.

Alison Bradford - Acting Principal

**Date Claimers**

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Deputy Principal's New

Year 6 and 7 Farewell Dinner

We look forward to celebrating with speeches and dancing next Thursday night with the Year 6 and the following Wednesday night with the Year 7 classes of 2014. I would personally like to congratulate the school vice captains and captains. It has been wonderful working with them. They have worked hard to make a difference at our school. I wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their schooling and encourage them to continue to further develop their leadership skills.

Stars of Proserpine concert

Thank you for referring to the poster in 'Things happening is school' section. There will be further information issued on Monday 1 December through a letter.

Final Assembly for 2014

This formal assembly will be held in the Multi-purpose complex at 9.30am – 10.30am on Thursday 11 December. Parents, family members and friends are most welcome to attend. All students are required to wear their school
uniform until morning tea on this day. Following this assembly, it will be Break-Up Day for students. Children may bring a change of clothes for break-up activities. Please ensure that free dress is sunsafe with covered shoes. Classes will inform parents about break-up day procedures.

Report Cards

If your child will not be present on Thursday 11 December, please provide the school office with a stamped self-address envelope so that office staff can post report cards to you. Report Cards will be issued on Thursday 11 December at the end of the day by the classroom teachers.

School Captains Nominees Speeches, Voting and Interviews

Today, 8 year 5 students who were shortlisted for a School Captain position in 2015, presented their speeches. They were extremely well-prepared and delivered inspiring speeches which made us all very proud to be members of Proserpine State School community. Well done and congratulations on your commitment! Voting by years 4 and 5 students, staff and Administration commenced immediately. The students will be interviewed on Tuesday with the announcement being made on Thursday 11 December at our final assembly.

Not returning 2014 before day 8

If you are not returning from holidays prior to Thursday 5 February please inform the school of your intentions and your return date. This is important so that we are able to effectively staff our school.

Lost Property/ Medication

Please collect lost property and student medication before Friday 12 December. Unclaimed personal belongings will be given to local charities and medication disposed of safely.

Enjoy this busy time and Remember to finish strong!

Linda Sippel - Acting Deputy Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Bragging and Boasting

As parents we always want our children to enjoy their accomplishments and celebrate success but when does this become a social issue. In our playground, we have had incidences of arguments and even physical altercations arising from children trying to demonstrate one upmanship or children taking exception to others accomplishing something. Eg “You think you’re tough, I’m tougher than you.” “I’m faster than you.” “I’ve got more friends than you.”
Boasting is perfectly normal in children but we must be careful that it does not become so prevalent that as it impacts on their friendships. Evidence shows that children who constantly boast are either deprived of acknowledgement in their world or get way too much. Like everything we need to strike a happy medium.

- Encourage your children to celebrate their accomplishments and talents but ensure that they recognise the accomplishments and talents of those around them.

- Reassure them that they don’t have to have the best of, or be the best at, everything and that everyone has some things that they are not so good at.

- Equip them with appropriate responses when a friend starts bragging too much. eg “That’s great that you think you are tougher than me but hey can we get on with our game.” Alternatively move away from the boaster as that sends a message that it is not socially acceptable. It is when they “pick up the rope” and get involved in a bragging tug-of-war that problems arise.

And some advice from Hagar the Horrible

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

Curriculum Matters

School Opinion Survey

Each year parents and caregivers, staff and students are invited to participate in a School Opinion Survey which include a plethora of statements on a range of school-specific topics, to which people respond using descriptors on a six-point scale, from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. Below is a brief summary of statements as directly related to curriculum.

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**Data Walls**

One of our whole-of-school research-based practices is the display of a Data Wall in every classroom. These look different from class to class, with some examples below. These allow us to guide school focus (which is reading), support curriculum planning and implementation, and create student specific goals. We want our students to be empowered as learners, and knowing where they are at and identifying ways to improve are supported by the use of these data walls.
This is true for every student, whether they are in Prep or Year 6.

Whilst reading is our school’s focus, there are also data walls for:

- Attendance
- Homework
- Writing
- Times tables
- Behaviours

These very much depend on the individuals and classes identified areas of need. Pop up and have a look in your child’s classroom….you’re more than welcome!

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head of Curriculum

“We have a times tables data wall in our room and I was on Level A but now I’m on Level G. To move up levels I had to improve on my tables. I want to get up to the highest level there is.”

Corey Dwyer 3MM
"We have a data wall for Spelling Mastery and every time we do a test, our score is written up and coloured to show if I'm a Super Speller or Very Good Speller. People with lots of yellow or orange or Green are going to go up to next level. I always try to get yellow but some weeks I've got orange. It makes me want to try my best all of the time."

Mikala Pearce 3MM

Things Happening at School

Stars of Proserpine - School Concert

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School Banking

There is NO School Banking last week of school, Thank you to all the children who participated in School Banking throughout the year. Kylie E. and Kerri S.

2015 Student booklist

Click here to access the 2015 student booklist. 2015_book_list.pdf

Every Day Counts

Click here for tips on Regular school attendance

Class Awards

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Special Education Services

Our Special Education teachers have worked hard this year in a number of different ways such as:

- Providing direct service delivery to students
- Consulting with and supporting class teachers with curriculum differentiation
- Coordinating the Individual Planning and Assessment Processes
- Individual case management
- Working with visiting therapists to provide learning access

And much more......................

As such I’d like to take time to thank the teachers in our department and all the classroom teachers who contribute to our team approach to supporting students with disabilities at Proserpine State School.

Some students in a classroom at Proserpine State School work on differentiated curriculum every day. Hats off to their teachers for their creativity and dedication to student progress.

Our teacher aides have also been on the front line of educational support, their skills innovation and dedication is commendable.
Finally our fantastic parents close the loop in this team approach. Thanks for your contributions this year.

Here are some photos of our some of our wonderful parents and family members who joined our children to celebrate our final visit to the Proserpine State High School Special Education Unit this week.

Natalie Templeton - Acting Head of Special Education Services

Music
Another very busy year comes to an end. Singing, playing, reading, writing music, dancing, games, Music Count Us In, Footsteps and so much more have been happening in Music.

I’d like to give best wishes to the Year 6 and Year 7 students who will be leaving to go to High school next year. The majority of those students have been attending classroom music lessons for seven or eight years- those years have flown. As usual I will have mixed emotions when I say goodbye.

I’d like to acknowledge all the students who gave up lunchtimes to attend choir and sing so beautifully at the many performances during the year. Choral Festival, Big Sing, Eisteddfod, Flower Show, fete and assemblies are just some of the many opportunities given to the choirs to sing. To prepare for these, team work is needed, so many thanks go to the choir captains, Mrs Becker, Mrs Wright, Mrs Perkins and especially Mrs Balma. A big thank you also goes to Imogen Tulk and Breeana Mackay who gave up their time to help the younger choirs.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Yours in song - Elspeth Scotford

School Sport

A reminder again that our School Inter House Swimming Carnivals will be held this year on Thursday 04 December and Friday 05 December.

The 11, 12 and 13 year old carnival will be held on Thursday 4 December and the 9 and 10 year old carnival will be held on Friday 5 December. Those students in Year 5 who are born in 2003 will swim at the Thursday carnival. The Swimming Carnival is open and free of charge to all those students in Years 4 to 7 who participated in the Learn to Swim Program in Term 4.

Students will travel by bus to and from the pool with groups leaving at 9:00am and returning at approximately12:45pm. The races themselves will start at 9:30am.

On the day, please ensure your child has the appropriate gear for the carnival including togs and towel. All items should be clearly labelled. Students may swim their races without a rashie however they will be required to cover up once back in the stands.

Each student must bring adequate lunch and water as well as sunscreen. The canteen will be in operation but students will be limited in their visits to it. They may purchase drinks or ice creams but lollies will not be sold.

To allow our carnivals to operate successfully, we require the assistance of parents to take on a timekeeping role on the day/s of the carnival. If you are attending the carnival on either day to support your child, you are more than welcome to be a timekeeper. On the day, those parents who are able to be timekeepers will just need to register their name at the pool kiosk. Parents who are timekeeping on the day will not be required to pay the admission fee that is normally charged by the pool to spectate.
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

Hi all!

Well the year is nearly over and we have certainly been very busy in the Tuckshop the last few weeks.

The support from all of you has been wonderful and we are hoping that will continue in 2015.

PLEASE DO NOT throw out the current menu as it will stay the same next year except for a few unavoidable price changes. These will be updated online on the schools website, on FlexiSchools and at the Tuckshop.

Our apologies if we run out of one or two things on our menu in the next couple of weeks. We do run things down before the holidays so we may have to ask you to substitute if something is unavailable. Unfortunately some of our stocks have to be ordered in large amounts and it isn’t practical to reorder with only two weeks to go.

We would like to say a Big thank you once again to our amazing little army of volunteers and also a huge thank you to the wonderful student leaders that come in and help us out with handing out the lunches when they see we are getting snowed under. We certainly appreciate all the help. Many Thanks!

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu.
P & C News

Uniform Shop Times for 2015

Monday 19th January 9am – 12

Thursday 22nd January 9am – 12

Friday 23rd January 9am – 12

Order forms are available at the office if you wish to place an order, orders for uniforms are CASH ONLY the money can be placed in the envelope with your order.

Thank you to the volunteers who look after our uniform shop.

Proserpine State School P & C Committee

Forms

Student Change of details form - [click here]

Payment Advice form - [click here]

Community Notices

Aunty Pauline's Family Fun day

Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group (PIRG) will be hosting, in honour of the late Pauline Youse, a Family fun day at the Proserpine pool. It is on Saturday 6 December starting at 12pm to 4pm. They will have the in-pool obstacle course there. Come along and enjoy the day.

Whitsunday Transit

Whitsunday Transit is making some minor changes to school runs S2, S3 and S19 and introducing a new school run S23 for the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Click and open the links of changed routes and new routes.

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Medications held at school

ALL medication is to be collected from the office before the end of term.

All medications will need to have a new form for 2015 signed and handed to the office at the beginning of the New Year. Forms are available at the office when you come to collect your child’s medication or click the link below and print the form.

click here for Request to Administer Medication form Request_Administer_Medication_2009.doc

Lost Property

If your child has lost any items this term the lost property is located in the C Block stairwell. Any items left after the last day of school will be donated to St Vincent De Pauls.

Oral Health - School Dental Service

Click the link below for information on the School Dental Service.
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PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

Uniform Convenor - Proserpine High School

Proserpine Kindy Face Book Auction

Click here for information -  facebook_auction_flyer_kindy.pdf

School Crossings

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.

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