Welcome to the 2015 school year! I feel very privileged to take on the role of Principal at Proserpine SS and look forward to working with staff, students, parents and carers. Proserpine SS has a great reputation for being a high achieving school with a dedicated, caring and passionate staff.

My Journey to Proserpine State School

In 2006 I relocated as Principal to Bloomsbury State School from Begonia State School in South West Queensland. After three enjoyable years at Bloomsbury I relocated to Northern Peninsula Area College (Cape York) as Head of Bamaga Junior Campus. This was my second secondment to NPA College which shows how much my family and I enjoyed working and living in a remote indigenous community. NPA College was the first school in Queensland to implement the Fleming Model of Explicit Teaching. The Fleming Model of Explicit Teaching proved extremely successful with NPA College being the first Indigenous school in Australia with 100% of students achieving above National Minimum Standards in Reading. This was an outstanding achievement when you consider English is the second or third language for 90% of the students.

In mid-2011 I was fortunate enough to be relocated to Bowen State School as Deputy Principal. At Bowen SS the Fleming Model was also implemented which has resulted in significant improvements in student learning across the whole school.
With the success of the Fleming Model across Far North Queensland Region and Bowen SS I successfully lobbied for the services of John Fleming as a mentor for the Whitsunday District State Schools. The Fleming Model is now being used as a guiding teaching framework at Proserpine SS, Cannonvale SS, Bowen SS, Bowen SHS, Queens Beach SS, Collinsville SS and Merinda SS.

In 2015 Proserpine SS will continue to embed the Explicit Teaching Model with expert support from John Fleming. Over the course of the year we will be providing more information about the Fleming Explicit Teaching Model via the newsletter and parent information sessions.

Exciting times for student learning at Proserpine SS!

Student Learning Expectations

During the first week I visited each classroom to introduce myself and discuss behaviour expectations at Proserpine SS. I was most impressed with the behaviour of the students, their level of engagement and listening skills. The message delivered to students was around classroom learning expectations and that their job at school was to learn.

The four keys to being a learner at Proserpine SS are -

1. Attend school every day - every day matters!
2. Listen to their teachers instructions, directions
3. Follow their teachers instruction, directions
4. Always try their hardest - be the best you can be!

I encourage you to discuss these expectations with your child/children. Ask them also what whole body listening means and looks like at Proserpine SS.

Rob Templeton

Date Claimers

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Deputy Principal's News

Welcome back to all our families to the 2015 school year. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year. It has been a very positive start to the school year and I thank teachers for the dedication and commitment to student learning that all teachers have demonstrated in the last two weeks.

Parent Information sessions

Next week as per the note that went home this week we will be holding our Parent Information Sessions on Wednesday February 11. As stated in the note these sessions are for teachers to run through with you how your child’s class will be operating this year and to pass on to you any information pertaining to that specific class or year level. This is not a time for individual discussions with classroom teachers, if you need to speak individually with a teacher thank you for arranging a meeting at a later date.

Teachers will be either running these sessions individually in their classes or as a year level team in the year level block. On the night thank you for arriving at your child’s class just prior to the start time so as sessions can begin on time.

Year level times as follows:

Prep, P/1JB, Year 1, Year 2 and 2/3MF classes  **Wednesday Feb 11  5.30-6.00pm**

Year 3, Year 4, 4/5PH, Year 5 and Year 6 classes  **Wednesday Feb 11  6.15 – 6.45pm**

New staff members

We welcome to the school six new classroom teachers, Tara Buchbach 2TB and Clare Hamilton 3CH who have joined us from the South East corner. Marnie Vernon 1MV and Michelle Whatmough 5MW who have transferred to us from Cannonvale SS. Monique Faust 2/3MF who has transferred to us from Scotsville SS and Naomi Campbell 5NC who is returning to us after taking leave to work overseas. We also welcome Amanda Jamieson who will be taking 4TJ for one day a week to allow for Rachelle Trevisiol to lead the school in our Elearn program.

GRIP Leadership Conference
All students from our student leadership pool, our School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and Student Councillors from Year 4-7 will be travelling to Mackay on February 17 to participate in the GRIP Leadership Conference. This conference demonstrates to the student leaders a variety of tips and ideas on how they can lead. It encourages them to focus their leadership influence on things that will have a positive impact on the school. In addition, students will be challenged to see themselves as part of a group of school leaders.

Student activities will include, interacting games and team work activities.

**Instrumental Music**

Mr Ron Turner has returned this year to continue as the teacher of our Instrumental Music program. Students met with Mr Turner for the first time this week for information on how the program will run. Formal lessons begin next week.

**Changes to the before school routine**

This year we have made a change to how students are monitored before the start of the school day. All students except for our Prep bus students on their arrival at school are to meet in the Hall, H Block where they sit down and are encouraged to be reading individually or with a buddy.

Students are supervised from 8.15 until the first bell at 8.45am when they are released to move to their classes. We are encouraging those students who do not travel by bus to arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45am.

This change was made after discussions last year at our School Wide Positive Behaviour committee where it was highlighted that the number of before school incidences were of a concern. Thank you for supporting us in this change as we believe it was needed to support a positive start to the school day. If you require further information re this change please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Templeton or myself.

**Changes to session times**

From the start of this school year we have made a change to our session times, they are as follows.

**Session 1** - 9.00 – 11.00am

**Morning Tea** - 11.00 – 11.40am

**Session 2** - 11.40 – 1.10pm

**Lunch** - 1.10 – 1.40pm

**Session 3** - 1.40 – 3.00pm

These changes are to support the implementation of a two hour English Block in the first session for our Junior Primary classes.

**Leaving school grounds**
We are continuing to reinforce the correct use of our Stop – Drop – Go area for students who are being picked up by parents at our Renwick Road entrance at the end of our school day. The expectation is that parents drive through the Stop – Drop – Go to the next available park and not stop at the first space unless this is the only one available. This is to support the flow of traffic through the area for the ultimate safety of our students.

All parents and students if walking must use our school crossing. Further work is continuing on the upgrade to the Renwick Road entrance and we will continue to keep parents updated as this work progresses.

Have a great two weeks.

Alison Bradford

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Last year was indeed a year of affirmation for the way in which we manage behaviours (both positive and negative) at this school with outstanding feedback from the School Opinion Poll, The Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit, and the SET (School Evaluation Tool).

However, there is always room for improvement and already we have made some changes in the management of positive behaviours. Each week on assembly every class will have a Student of the Week and as this is the only certificate presented on parade it will be quite prestigious to be awarded it. We have also phased out the old Gotcha system which rewarded behaviours demonstrated in non-classroom settings and brought in a whole of school system called Star Rewards. Students are acknowledged in all areas of the school for demonstrating appropriate behaviours and classroom teachers keep a tally of these. Students who receive 50 stars are given bronze status, 100 – silver, 200 – gold, and 400 – platinum. These achievements will be announced on assembly and students’ names will be posted on a Wall of Fame in the administration building. In addition to this is the annual gold star lapel badge which was introduced last year for those students who maintain Star Student status for the entire year. We welcome feedback from parents on any of these systems.

In closing, please ensure that your child had an adequate and healthy breakfast and packed lunch or tuckshop order every day. Make it a personal rule to have a maximum of one packet food in their lunch box each day. Research has found time and time again that learning is impaired when diet and sleep are inadequate.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

Curriculum Matters

Welcome back to another school year! It’s always exciting and fresh…..like the smell of the brand new raincoats, the crispness of ironed uniforms and newly- covered books without dog ears. What’s new in curriculum this year? In 2015 the Australian Curriculum is being implemented in HPE, in addition to English, Mathematics, Science,
History and Geography. Next week we will have students commencing Spelling Mastery for the first time. We also welcome seven new staff who brought with them a wealth of knowledge, experience and innovative ideas.

This year, we are also consolidating the work we’ve undertaken with Explicit Teaching and Putting Faces on the Data. If you’d care to read about this research, just google Dr Anita Archer, John Fleming, Lynn Sharratt and Michael Fullan.

By the end of this week:

- every parent and carer should have been contacted by their child’s class teacher, via letter, email or a phone call.
- Every student should have identified her/his personal learning goals for Term 1.
- Every student will know where she/he goes for Spelling Mastery which commences in Week 3. This will occur every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.40am -11.00am.

Being a Learner is one of our four expectations and, as teachers, we talk with our students about what this means, how we achieve it and which practices are best. Just because we teach though, doesn’t mean our students learn. At Proserpine State School we endeavour to empower our students, to make them see that they have a responsibility as a learner to focus, to strive to achieve, to ask questions, to clarify....this is why we ask that our students attend the Parent Teacher Interviews with their parents /carers in Terms 1 and 3, and to set personal learning goals.

On a personal note, it always amazes me the way our kids’ minds work. From a lesson delivered this week, below is what some students communicated they had learned:

- CSI is not just a crime show
- Teachers do not know everything
- The meaning of the word ‘epiphany’
- If it’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well.
- SCORE
- Never drop a bowl of dog food from the top of stairs onto the ground

PS Keep in mind that you don’t know the context of the lesson!

Yours in Education,

Lee-Anne Dougherty

Students of the Week
Music

Music classes have resumed for 2015 and it is lovely to see all the familiar faces and welcome new ones to the school. We have a very busy year of singing, dancing, creating and playing instruments ahead of us.
Students from Years 4-6 are required to have a Music book and folder and a Yamaha recorder if using it at school. Children are asked to practise recorder at home. This may initially be untuneful but will improve with practice and encouragement.

Choirs: Yr4/5/6 choir has started and is rehearsing on Tuesday and Wednesday morning tea. Many thanks go to Mrs Balma and Mrs Perkins for giving of their time to help.

This choir has been invited to participate in the 23rd Regional Choral Festival in Mackay. Compulsory rehearsals in Mackay are on Sunday 22 March and Monday 23 March culminating in a performance on the Monday evening at Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre. The Festival is a non-competitive event, which gives students the opportunity to sing with a massed choir and receive direction from well-known conductors from Brisbane. This year the conductors are Paul Jarman, who worked with us at the Big Sing, and Anthony Young who conducted last year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and one which they thoroughly enjoy.

Junior Choir, Years 2 & 3, starts in Term 2.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of music.

Elspeth Scotford (Music Teacher)

School Sport

House Captains for 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were announced on assembly on Tuesday as our Sports House Captains for this year.

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Yours in Sport

Mr Nosworthy

LOTE - Japanese

News from Mrs Blair in the Japanese Room

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It has been a wonderful start to the year with students in Year 5 & 6 both having completed their first ever classes in Japanese, and already they are showing great potential and willingness to have a go.

We have started to learn our Hiragana symbols this week, and to help students with this I have put together a document with Hiragana Flashcards that can be printed off at home. These cards are colour coded, with the blue cards (the 46 basic Hiragana) being the focus of our studies in Term 1.

Students will be learning 5 Hiragana symbols per week and have started with あ い う え お. To assist your child with their Hiragana study, you may like to print off the flashcards for them. In addition, there is also a Hiragana Practice Sheet attached to the Newsletter that can be used.

This week’s symbols: あ い う え お  Week 3 symbols: か き く け こ

がんばって！！!! (Good Luck)

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Library News

ICAS Testing

This year we will be offering ICAS testing for the following subjects -

Digital Technologies

Science

English

Mathematics

Please click here to open the link to the ICAS_Testing_form.doc, then print it out and fill in the subjects your child/children are interested in participating and return it to the school office.
Payments must be made online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/school-portal or by phoning them on (02) 8344 1010. No money is to be sent to the school.

Tests will be available from years 2-6 and the dates and prices for each are listed on the form.

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

Hello all and welcome back for 2015. It's lovely to see so many parents and children ordering Tuckshop already this term. A "Big Welcome" to all our new children and families starting at our school this year. For all the new parents, our online ordering service "Flexi schools" is up and running and is an easy option to take the stress out of lost lunch orders and lost money. Due to price increases throughout 2014 from our suppliers, we have had to put a few of our prices up this year and there have been a couple of changes to the menu. If you are still working off the 2014 menu please download our new 2015 menu from the school website to avoid confusion at the windows. Many Thanks once again to our wonderful, loyal little bunch of volunteers and to our new ladies who have come and put their names down. All help is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to a busy 1st term with lots more orders coming in.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Click here for the 2015 tuckshop menu

P & C News

School banking
School Banking – commenced Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} Feb for 2015. Students/parents can hand in their bank books at the office on Tuesday mornings and bank books will be returned to class by Thursday of that week. Information packs will arrive in the next week or 2 for Preps and anyone else who maybe interested in joining in 2015. If you already have a CBA bank book you may send it in for school banking or alternatively open up an account at the CBA branches. See Mrs Kylie Edmondson or Kerri Smith for any further details.

Uniform Shop Times for 2015

Monday 8.15am – 9.15am

Thursday 2.45pm - 3.15pm

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

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Forms

Student Change of details form - [click here](#)

Payment Advice form - [click here](#)

Medications

[click here](#) for Request to Administer Medication form Request_Administer_Medication_2009.doc

Community Notices

Crossing Supervisor Vacancy

**CASUAL POSITION VACANT**

A casual relief position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Proserpine State School.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and usually comprise of 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon Commencement date (to be advised) with a Pay Rate of $27.49 per hour.

The successful applicants will be dependent on:
• The suitable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; (this is paid by the Department)
• A Positive Blue Card Notice (This is also paid by the Department and means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the School administration or contact Karen Cantoni (Road Safety officer) on 49 518331.

The School Crossing Supervisors Application is to be returned to the School for the school Principal’s recommendation.

Oral Health - School Dental Service

Click the link below for information on the School Dental Service.
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BMX National Sign On Day

Proserpine BMX Club is holding their National Sign On Day at Les Stagg Oval on Sunday 8 February 2015 from 10am to 2pm.

Come and experience the thrill of BMX racing for free. For more information contact Terry Chauntler on 0418 788 643.

Anglican Parish of Whitsunday

DON'T MISS THE PARISH
GIANT CENT SALE
RSL CLUB
UPSTAIRS/USE LIFT

Saturday 7th March 2015
Entry $3 Devonshire Tea
And Lucky Door Prize
Doors open 12.30pm
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.