Principal's News

Final Awards Ceremony

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our final Awards Ceremony, it was a great celebration of students' achievements and showed what a very talented group of students we have here at Proserpine SS. I sincerely congratulate all recipients. Click here for a list of recipients

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Stars of Prossie

Last Tuesday night we held our Stars of Prossie concert, which was a huge success with many families coming along to enjoy the wonderful and varied performances by our students. I would like to thank all students for their fantastic enthusiasm and behaviour on the night and the teaching staff for going that one bit further to help finish the school year on a positive. Keep on the lookout for what might happen next year.
Staff Changes for 2015

We have quite a few staff changes for 2015, with the following people 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. Ms Nicole Murphy will be with us for Term 1 only.

We also farewell both Miss Angela Collins and Mrs Carmel Harrison who have retired after many, many years at our school. We wish all of our leaving teachers all the best and thank them for their significant contributions to our school.

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

End of Semester Reports

All Semester 2, 2014 individual school reports were passed to students on Thursday in sealed envelopes addressed to parents. If you did not receive your child’s report please contact the school office and arrangements will be made to ensure that you receive a copy.

Please note that for those students who participated in the Instrumental Program with Mr Ron Turner, no report comment has been issued. This is the same across the 3 schools that Mr Turner works across.

2015 preparation

As the year draws to a close, we continue to make preparations for the 2015 school year. As such, we have given due consideration to parent requests re class placement based on educational
reasons only, and as submitted formally by the due date. I thank you for your communication.

During the last week, all teachers will have been notified of year levels and classes for next year. This is to best support teachers preparing for their class in 2015. It is possible that some of our school community will hear specific information in passing, but we will most definitely not be entering into any conversations regarding students or teachers for 2015 until school commences next year.

To support a smooth transition to the start of the 2015 school year all class lists from Prep to Year 6 will be available for parents to view in the Multi- Purpose Facility during scheduled times on Thursday January 22 and Friday January 23. This information will be posted on our sign prior to the start of school.

I would like to thank all teaching and non-teaching staff for the great work they have done this year in supporting the many changes that have been introduced and for continuing to embed high expectations in all our students.

I wish all our students’ and their families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all

Alison Bradford - Acting Principal

Date Claimers

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Deputy Principal's News
Swimming Carnival

I would like to thank Trevor for his flawless planning of this year’s swimming carnival. It was a hot day however the student’s behaviour was to be commended.

Keep a watch on our school these holiday

With the holidays upon us, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.
If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number — 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy — 13 17 88 — and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Have a great holiday and thanks agains for your support.

Linda Sippel - Acting Deputy Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)- Morning Arrivals

From Day 1 2015 Proserpine State School intends coming in line with most other state schools in this region by adopting a “Sit and wait until school starts” policy for 2015. This simply means that students will all sit together with their bags in one area of the school (in the hall near Admin) with supervision until 8.50am when classes are scheduled to start. The reasons behind this decision are that teachers are not rostered on for duty prior to this time as they are involved in preparation, meetings and scheduled discussions with parents. There has been a noticeable increase in behaviour incidences at this time and even more so since the weather has become so hot. Students become hot and bothered and their tolerance levels are reduced. How can parents help in managing this time of the day?

- If your children do not have a reason for being at school before 8.50am (no supervision at home or travelling by bus) then do not send them until this time.
• Encourage your children to have in their school bag either a book to read or spelling words to practise.
• If you have a strong opinion about this decision please address this with the school administration in preference to discussing it on social media

The safety and wellbeing of our students is very important to us.

Emma Fuller is the new parent representative on the SWPBS Team and we welcome her input into our decision making.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our wonderful students and families a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ann Gardel – Behaviour Support Teacher

Curriculum Matters

Semester 2 Student Achievement Data

On our school’s 2014 Annual Implementation Plan, we set aspirational targets to that we strive to achieve and have high expectations. We set a target of 93% of students achieving a C standard or better in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. Using the Semester 2 Report Card data, we have achieved our targets in Year 1 Mathematics, Science, History (All Students), and Year 3 English, Year 4 Mathematics, Science, and Year 5 Mathematics, Science (Indigenous Students).

Another goal was to have 20% of students getting an ‘A’ rating in English, Mathematics and Science. Using the same data set we were successful in Year 1 Mathematics.

Also, we strived to ensure that there were fewer than 10% of students being rated as a ‘D’ or ‘E’ in English, and 5% in Mathematics and Science. Our successes stories were in Year 1 Mathematics and Science, and Year 2 Science. That’s not to say that other year levels or KLAs were not successful! From Semester 1 to Semester 2, there was a 10% or more reduction in the percentage of students rated as ‘D’ or ‘E’ in Prep English and Mathematics; Year 1 English, Mathematics and Science; Year 2 Science; Year 3 English, Mathematics and Science; and Year 6 English.

Report Cards

Congratulations to all of the students who worked very hard to be recipients of Certificates of Excellence this semester! The criterion for these awards was:
• Preparatory Year – ‘A’ rating in both English and Mathematics

• Years 1 to 5 – ‘A’ rating in English, Mathematics and TWO other Key Learning Areas/ subjects

• Years 6-7 – ‘A’ rating in English, Mathematics and THREE other Key Learning Areas/ subjects

Please note that, academically, a ‘C’ rating on your child’s report card means that he/she is working at cohort level; that is they are where they should be at this stage of schooling and producing work of a standard equal to their year level. Any ratings above a ‘C’ mean that the student is working at a standard higher, and much higher, than his/her classmates.

Congratulations especially to our very large student group who have attended school every day, tried their best all of the time and were Star Students all year. Not everybody can receive Awards of Excellence, but we can all try!

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. I hope to see everyone back in the New Year.

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head of Curriculum

Things Happening at School

Student Recipients - Awards
2015 Student booklist - 2015_BOOK_LIST.2.doc

Every Day Counts

Click here for tips on Regular school attendance

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Special Education Services

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Natalie Templeton - Acting Head of Special Education Services

Music

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays.

Yours in song - Elspeth Scotford
School Sport

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival was held last Thursday and Friday for those students in Years 4 to 7. All the results can be found below.

I felt the carnivals again this year were very successful and this is in no small part due to the wonderful assistance given by many people. A big thank you to;

- All those students who participated, for their fantastic effort, behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done!
- Those parents, family members and volunteers who assisted with timekeeping on the carnival days. Outstanding!
- Those parents who actively encouraged their children to attend, participate and promote that great Aussie attribute of just having a go. Priceless!
- Mrs Cook for her organisation prior to the carnival. How many do you have left now Mrs Cook?
- Mrs McDonald for being the Starter on both days and passing on her knowledge of swimming protocols
- All those teachers who helped the carnival to run so smoothly. This includes not only those teachers who were at the pool but also those who were back at school supervising and organising non participants.
- Mr Smith for his help with setting up.
- Our favourite bus driver Mr Geoff Hunter for giving his time to help time keep just because he believes we are a great school with great kids.
- The Whitsunday Swimming Club for allowing us to use their equipment. Those students who enjoyed their swimming experience this year. Don’t forgot we have a great local club that you can join to develop your skills.
- Zane and Judy our Lane 4 swimming coaches who provided outstanding instruction during our school swimming program.
- The Proserpine Pool for your assistance with providing a clean, safe environment for our students to swim in
- Finally to all our House Captains and Vice Captains as well as school Captains and Vice Captains who were terrific role models for their peers and really promoted friendly competition in a positive manner.

The award winners for 2014 were as follows

CHAMPION HOUSE OVERALL  KENNEDY
CHAMPION BOY HOUSE       KENNEDY
CHAMPION GIRL HOUSE          OXLEY

Age Champions

10 Year Boys   Regin Pratt (Cook) (Flinders)
10 Year Girls   Kate McDonald

11 Year Boys   Cooper Lane (C) / Connor McDermid (F)
11 Year Girls   Casey Hogan (Oxley)

12 Year Boys   Nick Becker (Kennedy) (Flinders)
12 Year Girls   Piper O'Grady

13 Year Boys   Jack Handley (Flinders)
13 Year Girls   Ella Farlow (Oxley)

New Records

PIPER O'GRADY

- 12 Years 50 Backstroke  Old 37:72 (Kierra O'Grady 2009)  New Record 33.53 by 4:19 seconds

Most Improved Swim Recipients

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Sportsmanship Trophy

It is only fair that due the outstanding efforts, participation and sportsmanship shown by all houses, the 2014 Sportsmanship trophy will be shared by all 4 sport houses.

Thank you to all the students of Proserpine State School for a fantastic year. All the best Year 6 and 7s for your new adventure. I look forwarding to seeing you all again in 2015.

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

As this is the last newsletter for the year we would like to remind you to check the school website in 2015 for our updated menu. Unfortunately a few of our suppliers have increased the price of a lot of our stock during 2014. We have left the menu as is for this year but will need to adjust some of our prices accordingly in 2015. Apart from these few unavoidable price rises the menu will stay relatively
the same except for a few items which will no longer be on offer next year. This is why you do need to check the school website for the updated menu before school starts in 2015.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given us in 2014. Due to your ongoing support the tuckshop has had another busy and successful year. A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, student helpers and teachers who have given up their precious time to help us out during the course of the year. Whether it is 15 minutes, an hour or a full day in the tuckshop every bit of help we have received is greatly appreciated. Many, many thanks to all and a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2015.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies 😊

Click here for the 2015 tuckshop menu - 2015_Tuckshop_Menu.pdf

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

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.
Medications

click here for Request to Administer Medication form  Request_Administer__Medication_2009.doc

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

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

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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