11 November 2015

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Principals News

Fleming Visit Feedback

Last week our explicit instruction mentor John Fleming visited to observe our progress with our implementation. John observed Michelle Whatmough (5MF) and Monique Faust (2/3MF) teach lessons. He then provided feedback to each teacher. The feedback provided will assist teachers in taking their lesson delivery to another level which will see student learning lift to an even higher standard next year. John was full of praise for the schools progress based on the lesson observations.

All staff attended a morning workshop by John. The focus of the workshop was - Daily Writing Warm Ups. The focus was very timely as we have been implementing daily writing for just over a term. Data shows that daily writing has a significant impact on improving student writing across all learning areas.

In the afternoon John met with the leadership team to provide feedback and outlined how we should continue to proceed with explicit instruction implementation in 2016. Our area of focus will be on expectations, lifting the bar. The only way we can advance student learning is by lifting our benchmarks and standards.
Term 4 Lesson Observations

Over the next few weeks, I will be conducting lesson observations to further support our implementation of explicit instruction. I look forward to spending time in the classrooms observing our teachers and students. I always leave the classrooms very excited about the level of quality teaching and learning taking place every day!

Mackay Eisteddfod Success

Congratulations to our school choirs on their success at the 2015 Mackay Eisteddfod. All the time, commitment and effort has paid off with some outstanding performances. Over the last couple of weeks we have been fortunate enough to have the choirs perform at parade.

We are very proud of the following results –

- Female Folk Group - Gold Award
- Male Folk Group - Silver Award
- Senior Choir - Silver Award
- Junior Choir - Bronze Award

Thank you to all staff and families that assisted with the choirs at the eisteddfod and throughout the year. In 2016 we will be formalising an Arts Development Program to support the arts and ensure that we continue to attain high standards and success.

Braveheart’s – Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure

At Proserpine State School we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment. Our school wide positive behaviour expectations of Be Safe, Be Friendly, Be Respectful, Be a Learner are the cornerstones to creating an environment that caters to student’s social, emotional and physical welfare.

To support our student’s personal safety and provide them with the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen, we hosted Braveheart’s – Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program. Our Prep – Year 4 students attended the Ditto Show in the Multi-Purpose Complex on Monday 9 November. With the school supporting Day for Daniel earlier this term, the Ditto Show will again provide an opportunity for families to further discuss the importance of child safety and protective behaviours.

Click on www.bravehearts.org.au for further information.

Departmental News

Yr 3 introduction to the 2016 Instrumental Program

On Tuesday November 17 at 2pm in the Multi-Purpose Complex all Year 3 students are invited to attend an Instrumental Music performance by the Proserpine State High School band and our own school band. This is to encourage students to become involved in the program in Year 4 in 2016. Information will go out to parents of interested students after the performance to help get the program ready for next year.

Yr 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation will be held in the Multi-Purpose Complex on Thursday December 3, starting at 6pm. The cost to students will be $15.00 and the format will follow the same as last year with an official opening, speeches and presentations followed by the cutting of the cake and photo opportunities. Parents will then be invited to leave while the students stay for their last Disco at Proserpine State School with accompanying finger food. The Disco will conclude at 8:30pm.

Dinosaur Science

Last week students in Years 4 - 6 enjoyed their last Arts Council of the year, Dinosaur Science. The presenter with the help of students reconstructed two Dinosaurs, a Plesiosaurus and a Brachiosaurus. The attributes of each dinosaur was discussed and also their individual characters and habitats.

Please enjoy the photos:

Day for Daniel

Thank you to all students and teachers who participated in the Day for Daniel last week. We are aiming to make this an annual event for our school. We raised $474.85 through gold coin donations and this money will go towards supporting education for children in child safety.

P/1JB budding Weather Forecasters

The students in P/1JB have been learning to become weather forecasters in their Science unit this term. They have been learning to make predictions about weather for the day, how to use a temperature gauge, and last week investigated how
to use different materials to make wind chimes. Certainly some budding weather forecasters here please enjoy the photos and well done to P/1JB for their great work.

![Image](image1.png)

**Curriculum Matters**

Science Enrichment with PSHS

This term will see our last sessions with Mr Sheridan Clegg as he’s relocating to another school in 2016. We wish him every success with his new school and thank him sincerely for his efforts in organising the Science Enrichment Project between our school and the Proserpine State High School. Another reason why State Schools are GREAT Schools!

Agricultural Studies

Along with our fruits, vegetables and chickens we have now welcomed a baby goat, our newest school kid (LOL), to our school community. Maggie is currently just over two weeks old and has been warmly welcomed by students, parents and staff. There are some very good reasons for having animals in school, some of which include:

- instilling a sense of responsibility and respect for life;
- increasing sensitivity and awareness of the feelings and needs of others—both animals and humans;
- learning that all living things need more than just food and water for survival;
- seeing directly how humans’ behaviors and actions affect others; and
- studies show that the presence of animals tends to lessen tension.

It has been truly amazing to see the positive outcomes from individual students have responsibility for feeding or walking Maggie. ‘Solitary’ kids have had others want to spend time with them and opened doors for friendships, ‘shy’ kids have been talking to others about their care of Maggie, ‘emotional’ children have petted and stroked the kid and become calm and peaceful and others have been turning up to school on time every day to wish her a good morning.

We are negotiating with the PSHS Manual Arts Department to erect a shelter for Maggie in the New Year, and plan on liaising with their Agricultural Studies staff. In 2016, the year levels investigating Biological Science will undertake the responsibilities of our ‘farm’ area between B and C Blocks. However, any parents who would like to assist are more than welcome. I’d love to hear from you!

Look how Maggie is inspiring some of our Preppies handwriting:

![Handwriting](handwriting.png)

End of Year

Already we are half-way through the final term of 2015. How time flies when you love what you’re doing and are kept busy!

As we approach the end of year, please keep in mind that students are continuing with lessons right up until Thursday of Week 10, completing assessments (which should be finished by next week) and looking forward to holidays. We need to ensure that our kids remain focussed and finish the year on a positive note. A good breakfast, plenty of water, hat and homework in their port at the end of every day, healthy lunch and routines will be of great assistance from the home front. From our end, this will mean positive rewards, clear expectations and pre-teaching. When home and school work together, we can maximise student outcomes because we all love our kids and want what’s best for them.

Lee-Anne Dougherty
Head of Curriculum

School Wide Positive Behaviour

SWPBS (Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support)

“Fair isn’t equal”
Children are often heard to say that it is not fair that students with disabilities, learning difficulties or behavioural difficulties receive more support than those children who do not experience these deficits. It is important that teachers and parents redirect children’s thinking that “Fair isn’t equal, fair is when everyone gets what they need to achieve a goal”.

The argument is equity versus equality and the following illustration is one way that we can see that some people require more support than others to meet their needs. Would anyone say it was unfair that the smaller child was given an extra box to be able to see the game? Or that Johnny was given a Band-Aid to cover a graze but nobody else in the class was given a Band-Aid.

The same analogy can be applied to behaviour support and learning support and children who do not require this extra boost need to have empathy for those peers who do require the extra support. Sometimes the support may be in the form of extra staff time or in acknowledgement programs and these should not be seen as being “unfair” but as being equitable.

Ann Gardel
Behaviour Support Teacher

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What’s Happening

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday.

The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional flexible staff professional development day.

2016 Booklist

Last week the 2016 Booklist was sent out by email. You will also find copy of the list on our website
http://www.proserpiness.eq.edu.au/

QParents is here

Proserpine State School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s
student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

Movember

This Movember, Matt Hart, Ryan Gilmour and Rob Templeton are raising funds and awareness for men’s health.

Click on the link to help:
http://moteam.co/prossy-ss-mo-bros

It doesn’t matter if you’re a Mo Bro or a Mo Sista – Movember is for everyone. There are two ways to participate: sign up to grow a moustache for 30 days, or take the MOVE challenge and get active every day for 30 days.

We are passionate about the Movember Foundation because they’re tackling some of the most significant health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, poor mental health and physical inactivity.

Learn more about the important work and impact the Movember Foundation is having:
https://au.movember.com/programs/strategy

*We’re in this together, so get involved and spread the word.*

Swimming Commences Week 6 and 7

6JM, 6HM, 6JW & 1JB – Tuesday to Friday. Student Resource Fees must be paid before the students can attend.

Year 4 Conway Beach Camp

In week 4 of this term – 4CW, 4TJ and 4PH went to Conway Beach for their camp. We had fantastic weather and everyone loved playing in the pool, especially Miss Trevisiol going down the pool slide! We had lots of fun making sandcastles and huts on the beach.

So much fun!!!
What was the most popular flavour? Tutti Frutti. What was the best flavour? It depends on what you like. With 18 flavours there’s something for everyone.

This $367 will be added to other money raised by selling lip balms and candles from the Uniting Church in Proserpine, and hopefully there will be $5,000 heading to Fiji this year to help children get to school next year.

Cowboys Free Dress Day Help Raise Funds

Recently the school got together and celebrated the win of the North Qld Cowboys Grand final with the request of a gold coin donation. The school raised $ 497.60 and with that the student council agreed to donate to a very worthy cause. Thank you students of Proserpine State School this is a fantastic cause to help fight this horrible disease.

For further information, click here:

Women’s Crisis Centre

I have placed a box in the office to receive any donations of the following please:

- Personal hygiene items eg. Soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrushes, manicure sets, face washers, deodorant, body and face cream, other cosmetics. Toiletry bags would be very useful also, and new underwear.

Your donations, however small, will be greatly appreciated. I am filling bags to be provided to very needy women (and children). Most of the time, these women have left an abusive environment in the middle of the night.

I have a goal to provide a minimum of four (filled) toiletry bags per month. I am aiming for more during the festive season.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity. I am quite sure our own children will benefit also from seeing our compassion and kindness in action.

Michelle Killingly
School Chaplain

Tuckshop

Hi everyone and Thank You All so much for supporting our Dagwood Dog days. Just a reminder that our 1st Dagwood Dog day for Grades 4, 5 & 6 and Kindy Group 2 will be next Thursday 12th November at morning tea and the 2nd Dagwood Dog day for Grades Prep, 1, 2 & 3 will be the following Tuesday 17th November at morning tea.

This is one of our big Fundraisers for the year and the other is our “iPad Mini Raffle” which we are hoping you will also get behind us in. By now each family should have been sent home a ticket form. We were excited to see some children bringing there’s back already this morning all sold. They only went home yesterday so the support we are getting in the raffle already is wonderful to see. The form and money needs to come back to the Tuckshop (not the office) NO LATER than Monday 30th of November. The raffle will be drawn during Parade on Friday 4th December and the Winner of the iPad will be notified that day. Apart from that Tuckshop is BUSY BUSY BUSY for the Last Term and if anyone out there has a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday or Friday in the next few weeks and wants to jump on board and help out on those days it would be Greatly Appreciated. Many Thanks as always to the Wonderful Ladies who already come in to help out.

Cheers to all from The Tuckshop Ladies

Uniform Shop

Times and Prices

The uniform shop is open on Monday Morning 8:30am - 9:30am and Thursday 2:45pm to 3:15pm. If you are unable to come and see us at these times the office has order forms for you to place your order.

We operate on a cash basis to keep the cost down. We would like to thank all the families that have dropped in their pre-loved clothing so that other families can benefit from your kindness.

Tornado lollypops for Dagwood Day have been changed to WizzFizz Sherbets due to being advised that the tornados have bubblegum in the centre. We apologise for any inconvenience, but we feel the kids will love the WizzFizz Sherbets just as much.
LOST ON YEAR 4 CAMP
Oztrail Black & Red Sleeping Bag in black cover bag and is fully named. Please contact the office on 4940 6333 if it has ventured home with your child by mistake.

Miss you Already
Wine & Cheese Night
Saturday 21st November
At 6:30pm

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