Hi Everyone,
Welcome back to school and welcome to our new families who have enrolled this week. We hope the holiday break was enjoyable for everyone and that our students are ready for another exciting term in their classrooms. We have quite a few events scheduled for this term including our Annual Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25 July (Week 3), Under 8s Day and our Student Art Display at the Wondai Gallery in August. We also have the RNA Show Holiday Monday 12 August. Please check our calendar on the school website for any amendments that may occur.

The new student laptops have arrived and our Year 9’s will receive those next week. We will now have student laptops for all students in Years 9 and 10. This program is planned to be extended to our Year 8 students in 2014 and an annual levy is required to support the maintenance of these devices. An information pack will be sent home with students, and parents are invited to contact the office if they have any questions regarding our laptop program.

I have included a Parent Information Sheet - Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools for you this fortnight. This is the first of fifteen strategies to be rolled out under the government’s new Great Teachers=Great Results initiative. You will also find a web link for more information. The implementation of the initiative is very timely considering we are reviewing our Responsible Behaviour Plan this term in preparation for 2014.

Our new Behaviour Support Teacher (Adrian King) and our Regional School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Coordinator (Warren Wintour) conducted an evaluation survey throughout the school at the end of term 2 of the implementation of our SWPBS program and we have achieved a great result. They have provided me with a feedback sheet and our overall result was 94.1% which is well above the average score of 75% for the majority of schools involved in this program throughout the region. The implementation of this program is in its fourth year and we will continue to support our students to engage with their learning and remain focused on achieving our school vision. While we have achieved such a great result we also acknowledge that our work is ongoing and this work will remain a major focus for school improvement for quite some time to come. I will be sharing this most recent school data at our P&C meeting next week. If you are interested in learning more about our progress I invite you to attend this meeting.

Due to the wet weather on the last day of term we were unable to go ahead with our Penny Celebration – The Amazing Race. Consequently we have rescheduled the event for this coming Monday afternoon and we will need all our helpers back on deck to provide assistance. Letters have been sent home with details of the events, in particular, information for the Prep to Year 2 Amazing Race which will involve activities similar to those developed during under 8’s day. The decision to modify the program for the younger children was based upon the feedback provided to us through the P&C. If you have any questions regarding the organization for this day please contact your child’s class teacher or year level coordinator.

We are still in the process of appointing a replacement for Ms McMahon and I am hoping this will be finalized by the end of week 3. Please be patient as I am back to managing all aspects of school operations on my own as there are only so many hours in a day, I am trying to complete the selection process for the position as quickly as possible.

Here’s to a great term and seeing our students continue to grow from strength to strength. When you visit the school please take the time to check out our Year 3/4 display of writing in the office. Each fortnight student work and photos of school events are prepared for our display board. You will be most impressed with the recounts written by our young students.

The stronger our school community partnership grows the greater the benefits for every student, it is important that we remain focused on our strengths, our achievements and work together towards achieving our vision.

The School Rule for this Week is ‘Be Co-operative’
Greetings from K Block

The last of Term 3’s award winners:

Harrison Wieland - awesome homework efforts. Thank you!

Chenille Sjaardema – trying her best during money activities. Congratulations!

Dominic Malone – focused learning upon his return from holidays. Thank you!

Jade Dalton – trying her best during money activities. Congratulations!

Lorna Smith – Green sight words. Congratulations!

It is great to see everyone back safe and healthy after the holidays! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Ms Steele is still enjoying herself on long service leave, and we are happy to have Mrs Salter here for the next few weeks.

This term, our Arts unit focuses on drama. Earlier this week, students enjoyed re-enacting “Cinderella.” Some students showed very impressive acting skills, especially some boys in the role of the “wicked stepmother”. They were certainly bossy and demanding!

In Technology, students watched some videos of different kinds of puppets including a “Punch and Judy” from England, glove puppets from Canada and shadow puppets from Indonesia. We then made some finger puppets to represent the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs. Later this term students will be designing their own puppets to create a performance of a fairy tale or traditional tale in Drama. Fiona Gill and Selena Salter

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held Thursday 25 July. Mr Fazakerley will be commencing pre-run events in the next week with students. The students participate to gain points for their house. Boyne House colours are blue and yellow and Stuart House colours are red and black if you would like to wear these on the day to support your house.

A note will be coming home with students to outline the day’s proceedings in the next week.

We look forward to seeing you all there to support the students on the day.

K Fazakerley – Sports Coordinator

Marcia Hunt

Mobile Women’s Health Nurse is visiting Proston Monday 15 July 2013.

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Lost Property

Our collection of lost property — mainly jackets and hats — is overflowing at the moment. Parents are welcome to come up to the school to see if any of these items are theirs.

At the end of next week we will wash the uniforms and use them as spares for students who come to school in the incorrect uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

I look forward to your support and encouragement throughout the term and remind you that if you have any questions or concerns please make a time to meet with either my teachers or myself. We are always willing to hear your concerns.

Thank you for supporting us to achieve our vision: EVERY DAY EVERY STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVING IN EVERY CLASSROOM.

Warm Regards, Ree

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Year 7 Kitchen Garden

The year 7 students designed and produced herb and vegetable markers for Kitchen Garden over the past 6 weeks of term 2. Most students finished their projects in the last week of the term and were able to take them home to place in their vegetable gardens.

The students enjoyed going through the design process by researching a particular herb or vegetable and then transferring these ideas onto their projects. The production process included; use of the wood burner to imprint their designs, basic hand tools to cut and shape their designs along with a splash of colour using acrylic paints to make their Herb/Vegetable markers unique and stand out from the crowd.

The year 7 students will continue studying Kitchen Garden this term. The aim of Kitchen Garden for our year 7’s is to set up a flying start into the rural program next year and also allow them the opportunity to participate in a worthwhile school program that will give them the basic skills to develop their own sustainability skills in the future. Mark Eisenmenger

ITD Construction

By the end of this term we are hoping to have 3 picnic tables constructed and painted for the Lions Park in Proston as part of a community improvement program in conjunction with South Burnett Regional Council. The students have cut most of the material now and we will be attaching and painting the tables during the first part of this term.

We would love to see any parents, grandparents or caregivers with a knack for building and construction in the community who would like to come and support our students and get involved in this effort. The students would benefit greatly with the extra support coming from the community.

We conduct our construction class on Friday afternoons for any interested supporters of our school to offer a small amount of time. Please contact the office if you are interested to come and support.

Mark Eisenmenger - ITD teacher

Year 5/6

Welcome back after the 2 week break. It has been great to see all the 5/6 students return to school with a great positive attitude and such great holiday stories.

We have a fresh start with new units in all our subject areas this term. Science we will be focussing on Space, English is letter writing and we will also be creating a musical instrument in Technology. We have a very exciting term and if you have anything at home that would assist in Space or making a musical instrument please encourage your child to bring them to school.

I would also like to congratulate the entire class on the amazing effort they have made to ensure they are wearing full school uniform every day. This week we managed to hit the 2 week mark that every student was wearing full school uniform. This is something for our students to be proud of and I want to thank our wonderful parents as I am sure you have a helping hand in this positive achievement as well. Looking forward to a great term

Belinda Waterford (Year 5/6 Teacher)
From the Art Room

So far in 2013, Year 9 and 10 students have studied Pop Art and Body Art. They have produced some excellent artworks across both genres, with many students going well above and beyond expectations, including putting in hours of time outside of class to perfect both their theory and practical work.

Their time and effort has certainly paid off, and teaching such dedicated students is a lot of fun. Here are some photos of some of the work that was produced in our pop art unit. Keep an eye out for the next newsletter, when I’ll share some of their face and body painting pieces. Alison Chan

Emma Zoldak’s version of an Andy Warhol screen print.

Graceanne Waterford creating a screen print based on Andy Warhol’s Coke Bottles.

Connor Coutt’s version of Andy Warhol’s Mickey Mouse screen print.

Shanoah Nimon’s reproduction of a Roy Lichtenstein artwork.

Jessica Taylor’s screen print of tigers in the style of Andy Warhol.

Madison Smith’s take on an Andy Warhol-style Elvis screen print.