PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Reports
Parents and carers will be receiving their children’s Report Cards by the end of June. I would like to commend all of the students who have made a great effort to achieve their academic results over the last semester and also the parents who have helped facilitate their improvement. I look forward to keep that hardworking mentality rolling in Semester 2 and look forward to seeing even more improvements in our student’s outcomes.

QParents
The school has expressed an interest to become an Qparents school early in Semester 2. This new ‘game changing’ technology/software will allow parents to track their students at school like never before. Before officially coming online as a QParent school, we will offer information sessions to give parents a better idea of the capabilities of this new communication method.

Please read below for preliminary information on Qparents.

QParents is a secure, online portal created for the parents and care givers of Queensland State School children. Parents can access their child’s student details, download timetables and report cards, see a child’s attendance record, report absences and access invoices and payment details.

QParents provides a more convenient way for parents to interact with their school and will help streamline school administrative processes. It is hoped that this solution will encourage and support parents and care givers in the active role they play in their child’s learning journey.

The key benefits of QParents include:

Greater transparency of information
- Improves accountability between parents, care givers and schools by providing timely access to their child’s information online.

Contemporary state-wide solution
- Secure 24/7 access online.
- Anytime, anywhere accessibility—access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

QParents is a scalable solution that has the potential to become a centralised information hub for parents and carers to help them manage their child’s educational journey and achievement.
Improved administration efficiencies for schools

• Allows schools the opportunity to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on information requests received from parents and care givers.
• Potentially reduces the need for printing and mail-outs of thousands of pieces of paper each year.

Convenience and time savings for parents

• Parents and care givers can simply login to QParents anytime anywhere and view or request a change to their child’s details.
• Parents and care givers can download report cards, timetables and invoices instantaneously.

Regards Ryan

Book Fair Thanks

A big thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported our very successful Book Fair last week.

Thank you to all the students who dressed up for our parade on Tuesday following the theme of kings, queens and castles.

We are delighted to announce that the commission on sales at the Fair has provided approx. $400 worth of new books for our students to enjoy.

A terrific effort!
Your support is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you ladies for organising such a wonderful parade and also a week of our community being able to come to the Library and enjoy looking through the great range of books on show!! Well Done!!
In Prep we have had a busy two weeks with completing our assessments. The students completed their story retell for English about the story book Henny Penny. It was good to see the students acting out the story and they did very well.

In Numeracy the students have been learning about location and direction. The students had a lot of fun planning a holiday for a lizard. They created the lizard and took photos with the iPad.

In Art the students are going to have the opportunity to complete an art piece on canvas. They are very excited about this. Thank you to the parents who bought one and sent it in. Please send them in by next Tuesday.

Just a friendly reminder that we have a No Hat No Play policy so please make sure your child’s hat is in their bags. They are able to leave them at school in a pocket with their name on if this is more convenient.

Sue Jones
This fortnight students have been enjoining a book by the name of “Bully On The Bus” by Kathryn Apel. This book is a verse book and the students are listening to a few pages each day. On Thursday we headed down to the Proston Town Library to read the book “This is the Mud!” a very interesting tale about a cow, some mud, a ute, tractor and bulldozer. Students then made a small felt finger puppet that they could take home. We are off to the Library again next term.

We said farewell to Miss Helen who had been volunteering with our class since Term 1 she has now left Proston and we will miss her help in the classroom. Here we are saying farewell to her on her last week.

We have been working at creating a push pull toy that moves forwards and backwards for S.T.E.M and our projects have been finished and sent home. We are currently working on a group STEM project of bridge building with straws, pop sticks and string, what a challenge we are finding this, however our thinking and problem solving skills are improving.

Stay tuned to see pics of what we come up with in the next newsletter.

Keep Shinning - Years’ 1 and 2 - Traci Holland
ENGLISH:
In English we have been learning about feature articles in newspapers, magazines and websites. We have learnt how writers structure the articles so that the most important information is in the first few paragraphs, and that editors will often chop off the ‘tail’ or least important information if they are short of room. We have analysed some articles and found how writers manipulate points of view by using different kinds of language, or by changing the starting point of sentences. We also discovered that writers can change point of view by choosing sources carefully. Later in the term, students will be writing their own articles about a particular environmental issue.

MATHS:
We cover many topics in Maths each term. For example, this term we have covered angles, order of operations, chance and data, decimals, number patterns, fractions and many more. Students need an automatic and robust knowledge of their basic number facts to help them understand the more complex concepts. A sheet was sent home earlier this year listing various ways to practise times tables. We will send it home again in the next couple of weeks. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables and other number facts at home.

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP:
This week in Civics and Citizenship we are focusing on how people work in groups to benefit society or solve a problem in the community. Such groups include SES, Meals on Wheels, Rural Fire Brigades, Playgroups and so on. If you or a family member play a role in a community group or something similar, please discuss this with your child.

HATS/JUMPERS/LONG PANTS/ETC: Winter has only just started and already there is a large pile of unclaimed clothing in lost property. To ensure articles are returned, please ensure they are CLEARLY labelled. Check every few washes to ensure names haven’t washed out of jumpers!

Assist A Sista
creates “Havens” for families affected by domestic violence.

A “Haven” is an empty bare house
that is transformed into a beautiful and comfortable
that for those exiting a refuge and ready to move on.

At the moment we are in need of Blankets, free standing lamps, and a vacuum cleaner

Please contact Rebecca on 0457 758 847
Proston School Drama Club

Seeking Props
For this year’s play we are seeking some props for our production at the end of Term 3. We would love some donations to help build our prop department.

We are seeking:
- raincoat x 2
- apron
- shawl
- stuffed animal (look like created by taxidermists)
- old brief-case
- old glasses without lenses
- hot water bottle
- fake hand
- baskets
- lanterns
- bridal veil/ black veil
- old newspaper
- old fake flowers
- toy gun and holster
- toy phone
- old sheet
- heavy coats and jackets
- robe for a new age psychic
- whistle
- police style uniform
- fake fireplace
- old rugs
- rotary style telephone
- anything that looks like it belongs in an abandoned hotel

Any donations can be delivered to the Secondary Teachers Staffroom.

Thank you for your continued support. Nic Blanch

BLUE LIGHT DISCO - MURGON RSL
19 JUNE 2015

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN 6 YEARS TO 14 YEARS ONLY

Cost: $5.00 includes a Sausage Sizzle

TIME: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Children will not be allowed to leave the premises unless accompanied by an adult.
Donation of timber from the Ransen Timber Company

Our new Long Jump and Triple Jump boards have been kindly donated by the Ransen Timber Company. For this year’s carnival we will be replacing our Long/Triple Jump mats for new hardwood timber boards painted white with a red foul line. The donation has included 2 x Long Jump and 3 Triple Jump take boards. The Triple Jump boards will be set at 5 metres, 7 metres and 9 metres from the pit and our Long Jump boards will be set at 1m from the jumping pit.

Using the new boards will allow students to become more familiar with correct placement and more accurate take offs with less confusion on the coloured mat system used in previous years.

Track & Field Carnival
Other news in relation to our Track and Field Carnival, we are slowly erecting our new sports shed in time for the carnival. By the winter vacation most work should be completed and our recorders and spectators can use the outdoor learning area of our shed to watch events.

Track & Field Carnival Date
The date has been adjusted from Week 2, Term 3 to Week 3 of Term 3 (Thursday 30 July 2015).

Practice & Pre-run Events
Students will begin preparation for the track and Field Carnival with practice in PE lessons and some lunch times. During week 2 and 3 we will begin our pre run events. It is important that students keep listening on parade and for notices about pre-run events in their age division. We want all students to be able to participate in their age events. More information will be given as the Carnival gets closer.

BP Shield

Our school has teamed up with Wondai SS and St Johns to compete as a Combined Small Schools team in the BP Shield competition. The BP Shield is a biannual event with a winter sports carnival and a summer sports carnival. Schools competing will include: Murgon SHS, Nanango SHS, Kingaroy SHS, Yarraman P-10, and our combined schools team. This is a great opportunity for our school to have some interschool competition with other schools and also to meet new friends along the way in a friendly though competitive atmosphere.

The BP Shield will be conducted on Week 2, Term 3 (Wednesday 22 July 2015). We will be visiting Wondai next Friday 19 June 2015 to meet the rest of our teammates for a BP Shield practice and get to know you afternoon. Mark Eisenmenger - Sports Co-ordinator