**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Student Attendance**
Despite a term full of flu’s and illnesses this year attendance is looking OK. We have a class sailing along with a 96% attendance rate, however, we still need to do some work in other classes to get as many students here for as many days as we can at school. Remember that for just coming to school students are earning Vivo’s!

**Vivo’s**
Students are loving the Vivo’s! We have hit some little speed bumps with implementing the program so far this year but these problems are gradually being worked out. We hope that starting next term we will have had all the bugs worked out and everything going smoothly. If you re-experiencing problems accessing your child’s account, you are not alone. Vivo has been having technical glitches of late that have caused passwords to automatically reset. All you need to do is contact the office and Katrina or I can reset it with you over the phone. It takes under a minute to fix and we are only too happy to help.

**School Phone Upgrade**
The school is having a new phone system installed in the coming months. Along with the system the school will be purchasing an EFTPOS machine. If you are anything like me and only carry plastic, this should be a welcome upgrade to how you pay for fees at the school.

**Tuckshop Pick-up**
From the start of this week students will be asked to pick up their tuckshop order from the front of the kiosk where the large windows flip up. It is becoming a safety issue with every student lining up at the same time to receive their lunch. We will discuss this on parade, but if you could mention this at home it would be greatly appreciated.

**Teacher Interviews**
I know everyone is looking forward to meeting the teachers to get a picture of how their child is succeeding at school. I know the teachers are busy compiling comprehensive reports and will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding your child. Make sure you don’t forget while you are here to stop by and see me as I will be cooking up a feast of snags under the secondary block for you to enjoy!

*Regards, Ryan Pedley (Principal)*
Student of the Week

Week 7:

Back Row:
Brandon Caswell, Michael Malone, Skye Palmer, Teri Lindsay

Middle Row:
Jai Munro, Josh Strauss, Lorna Smith, Alana Doessel

Front Row:
Pippa Ray, Sharron Bunn’ey McConnell, Hayley Fox

Week 8:

Back Row:
Brian Smith, Brendan Smith, Lily King,

Middle Row:
Jaxon Walker, Mitchell Fox, Rhys Protheroe

Front Row:
Madeleine Waterford, Hayley Beasley, Izak Wills, Jackson Palmer, Amber Bingham
Year 3/4

We certainly have had a big week this week. We have completed our PAT R and PAT M testing and I am excited to say we have had some large gains in our reading benchmarking. Well done 3/4 students!!

Our final 2 weeks of the term will be full of assessments so that we are ready to begin our new units for Term 2. Even though we have been working extremely hard we have managed to have some fun with Science experiments and some extra activities and competition entries for Beef Week in Rockhampton.

Parent teacher interviews have been arranged and each student has been given your allocated time. Please be aware that I am booked back to back and therefore it is important that I run on time so that some parents who have interviews with multiple teachers are also not running late. Please ensure you are on time otherwise another appointment may have to be booked. If you are running late or cannot make it please give the office a call to rearrange.

I have noticed that some students in our class are arriving to school late a few times throughout the week. Please ensure that you child arrives to start school at 8:50am. We run our reading and spelling groups first up in the morning and if your child is consistently arriving late in the morning they are missing out on very important learning opportunities. Mrs Waterford

Greetings from Year 5/6

Diaries
It has been fantastic to see so many diaries returned to school each day this fortnight. Perhaps it was the reminder in the newsletter last week, or maybe it is the fact that the group with the highest percentage of returned diaries gets to go out to lunch first! Year 6s have won most days this week, but the Year 5s were very excited to win with 7 out of 8 diaries returned today which is approximately 87%. From Tuesday, Week 9, diaries will also need to be initialled or signed by a parent each day, even if there is nothing to report. We would like students to get into the habit of showing their diaries to parents so that when there is something important written in there, parents are going to find out!

Camp
I have been busy writing fundraising letters to student council and the P&C. We hope to have a firm price and a permission form sorted out by the end of the week.

Uniforms
It is really nice to see how well the Year 5/6s wear their uniforms everyday! The students are really excited when ‘Uniform’ is chosen from our bundle of random Vivo sticks as they know for sure they will get Vivos for that. They’re not so excited when we pull out “Tidy tidy tray” though! Miss Gill
**K Block - Year 1/2**

**Proston Stars**

On Friday the Year 1/2 class went for a walk around Proston to see a few historical locations. We visited the Old Proston Hospital and when we got back to school we mapped out our walk and we also had to upgrade the Blog. It was very interesting to locate the park across from the Hospital and the Train Station near the walkway and to think about why things have changed so much over the years.

**Our Routine**

Library is on Monday - Swimming is on Thursday Morning - Music is in middle lesson on Thursday. As we are experiencing hot weather please send along a drink bottle.

We have received a Science Kit from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with several interesting seed experiments that we will complete over the next few weeks.

I am very proud of how students have been sounding out words and completing whiteboard work during English, we are now beginning to have a go at spelling using the 42 sound combinations. We are also beginning to write very interesting sentences.

We are on the move with Go Noodle all the time, parents can access go noodle from home. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions about what we are learning. Check out our BLOG: [http://prostonstars.classtel.com/](http://prostonstars.classtel.com/).  

*Traci Holland*
During the last fortnight the Prep students have been learning about sounds of the letters, patterns in the environment and making patterns, counting to 20 and recognising numbers to 10. In science the students have been really excited about planting bean seeds and watching them grow. We have learnt what plants need to grow as well as animals and humans. Encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning. Please feel free to come in for a visit.

Reminder, Swimming and library are on a Thursday.

Parent/ teacher interviews are on this week on Wednesday. If you would like one please return your forms or contact the school office.
Proston Show was a great start to the show season for our students and our steers. Saturday started bright and early with the Junior Handler competition where we got 2 students, Cody and Ivana, through to the final 6 out of a field of near 30. In the end Ivana came third with her steer Bill.

Later in the day it was time for us to show off our steers. Ted, with Cody as his handler, was first up in the light weight division and he surprised us all by finishing in 3rd place. Junior with Madeleine and Bill with Ivana were then called into the heavy weight steer competition.

This was a competitive group and we were very excited when Junior got up and won this class. To cap off our great weekend Junior was then awarded the reserve champion steer ribbon as well.
Murgon Show

Last weekend was the Murgon Show and once again we really were happy with the success of the students and the steers. Murgon Show hold the handlers and judges competitions on the Friday night.

First up was the junior handlers competition and due to the large number of participants, around 40, they had to split them into 2 groups. Ivana once again demonstrated great skill with the occasionally temperamental Bill and improved on last week’s result by getting second place.

The students then all tried their hand at Prime Beef judging. Madeliene surprised everyone (including herself) by winning the event and Ivana came 3rd. On Saturday the students were kept busy by leading for a variety of other studs whilst waiting for the led steer competition. This time Ted was in the middle weight class (350 - 450kg) and little Ted came through with the goods again by winning this class. Junior and Bill then went into the heavy weight class.

There was some stiff competition but once again Junior’s over all class shone through and he won the heavy weight competition. He then took it one step further and won champion steer exhibit.
EASTER EGG RAFFLE

With Easter fast approaching the Year 10 students are starting to fundraise for their Year 10 graduation ceremony. This year we have 3 hampers packed full of Easter eggs for $1 a ticket. Students also have a large jar filled with eggs in guess the number of eggs; 50 cents a guess.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with the newsletter or available at the office at school. Tickets will need to be back by Tuesday the 31st of March for the hampers to be drawn on the 1st of April. Thank you for your support.

CRICKET DAY

It’s Cricket Day

Come play cricket on the 28 March at the Proston State School Primary Oval
Help raise money for the Secondary Camp

Sausage sizzle lunch available

$8 per adult
$5 per child in Grade 4-10

Start playing at 9am and finish at 3pm
FREE for children in Grade 3 and under