PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

NAPLAN results are in and many of you by now have had a chance to look at your child’s results. While we have seen improvements in some domains of the NAPLAN testing, there are however, trends that have been identified which will be targeted in the coming term and into 2015. As a school we fared very well against our like school partners. In many areas, as can be seen in the graphs, we are sitting comfortably above many other like schools. This is a testament to our great staff and students at Proston. Well done!

I will be the first to agree with you that there are more facets to educating children than just NAPLAN results. Keep in mind as you look at the graphs below that these school results can also be easily skewed, up or down, given our small class numbers at Proston. Also, we understand as a staff that a multitude of unforeseen factors also come into play on the day of testing that we cannot anticipate and in most cases can do nothing about.

Unfortunately, variables are not taken into consideration when students sit down and write their NAPLAN. All we can do as educators is teach the best we can, to prepare the students the best we can, not only in NAPLAN, but in life. And I know we do a great job of that at Proston. Thanks again to the parents, students and school staff for preparing our children for NAPLAN and we look forward to even more improvement in 2015.

The data displayed below represents how Proston State School fared against our like schools. It is broken down by year level and shows each NAPLAN strand covered in the tests. If you have any questions regarding the data, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Regards Ryan
School Choir

Students from Year 4 to Year 10 are encouraged to attend our School Choir on Thursdays at First Break.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ginny Salmon (Music Teacher)

Year 3/4 Update

Fractions, Fractions Fractions! This has been our maths focus for the last week and our 3/4 students are grasping the concept. We have used many different resources to learn about fractions and placing them in our everyday life.

Our study in English has been focusing on Dreaming stories such as The Rainbow Serpent and how the Earth was created. We will be looking at many other Dreamtime stories over the rest of the term so if you have any at home we would love to read them in class.

Our 3/4 students have also been struggling to contain their excitement regarding our visit to the University of the Sunshine Coast. I will have plenty of photos and an update next newsletter about this great adventure. Belinda Waterford
Proston State School looks at implementing iAIM

The Increasing Activity & Intelligent Minds (iAIM) program is about developing and sharing innovative tailored strategies and approaches designed to make it easier for DDSW Primary and Secondary schools and teachers to regularly incorporate physical activity for children during school time.

The program is funded by the Queensland Department of Health for 2014 and 2015 and being implemented by the Department of Education within the DDSW region under the banner of the “Physical Activity Innovation with Schools” project.

For children i.e. 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous physical activity a day; and reducing the amount of time sitting down and limiting screen time.

The program also aligns with the Australian Curriculum with clear links to the HPE learning area given the emphasis the program will place on teaching students about the health benefits of physical activity; and links to general capabilities including personal and social capability and ethical understanding.

The iAIM program supports extensive research showing clear links between increased physical activity and student learning outcomes including improved student behaviour, attention levels, health and wellbeing, attendance, and personal and social awareness.

Numerous studies worldwide have also found that physically fit students perform better academically and that competent teachers can take time for physical activity from other subjects without risk of hindering academic achievement.” (Strong et al 2005; Tomporowski et al 2005; Castelli et al 2007; Coe et al 2006; Dwyer et al 1979, Dollman et al 2006; Shephard 1997; Trudeau et al 2008; Taras 2005).

Proston State School Health Fair

Our Year 7/8 H&PE class will be conducting a Health Fair on Thursday 18 September (last week of term).

Students have been focusing on health promotion in their theory unit this term. On the day students will be promoting various health topics at their stalls in the quadrangle between A block and B block.

Most stalls will have an interactive (hands on component) attached to attract students and visitors to their stall. It would be great to see as many people attend to check out the healthy options being presented.

The Health Fair will take place from second break on Thursday from 1.20pm until 2.45pm.

School Disco

Our Student Council is holding a School Disco Thursday 18 September.

Come join in the fun as we celebrate the 80’s.

More information will be coming home in the next few weeks.
Our Students of the Week

**Bradley Richardson:** Science: Understanding that changes to landscapes affect human activities.

**Sharron McConnell:** Blue sight words

**Kaitlyn Barber:** Great work in Soundwaves

**Kavita Sjaardema:** Concentrating in 'Words Their Way' spelling activities

**Kayleigh King:** Outstanding transformation of narratives to informative texts

**Lorna Smith:** Cooperating and being productive in Drama

**Darren Blanch:** Cooperating and being productive in Drama

**Hayley Fox:** Working hard and showing improvement in her writing AND violet sight words

**Rubilee Munro:** Green sight words

**Reese Hamilton:** Blue sight words

Musical Instruments
The Preps have had a great time making their musical instruments this term. They made guitars, shakers, drums and more! It is great to see them becoming more independent in their planning, design and construction phases of Technology.

Science
A lot of our K Block students are putting their science knowledge into practice and noticing the landscape and animals transition from winter to spring. They are noticing the new leaves and flowers and on some of the trees. We've had a few uninvited guests at lunchtime too, as the grown up magpies have kicked out their last batch of youngsters to make way for new eggs. The young magpies have been helping themselves to school lunches!

Writing
The Year 1s and 2s have a new set of writing goals. Quite a few students have gone up two levels since we started our writing assessment program in March! The photos show how much one student improved in that time. Well done!

Uniforms and Towels
Please, please, please, PLEASE check names on jumpers. We have a LOT in the pink box outside K Block with NO NAMES!!! There are also some unnamed towels in the Prep room. If you sent one in earlier this year and have not got it back yet, please see Mrs Jones.
SWPBS Winners Student Of The Week

Week 7:  
**Back Row:** Tyler Goldie, Lily King, Elleana Caswell, 
**Middle Row:** Alana Doessel, Brayden Spicer, Chloe Scanlan, Chardi Graham 
**Front Row:** Ashton Dalton, Lorna Smith, Darren Blanch

Week 8:  
**Back Row:** Brian Smith, Brandon Caswell, Madeleine Waterford, Alana Doessel 
**Front Row:** Jade Dalton, Kayleigh King, Riley Dunlop, Lachlan Wilson
From the Paddock

The last few months have been really tough with hand feeding cattle and making sure they are in the best condition for the Wondai Show. All junior grades (7/8s) have been working intensely with breaking in the cattle and preparing them for the show. Each student has become attached to a certain animal and it is lovely watching them work together with trust and respect. Ivana and Junior have made a special bond and after 2 hours of breaking in he has become an excellent animal to lead and has a very gentle nature. Madeleine Waterford also has shown great potential in breaking in cattle. Noel Chesterton needs to be commended on the breeding of such beautifully natured animals.

At the Wondai Show, Nicole Urban, Ivana Fuller and Cody Beasley represented Proston and participated in both Junior Handling and Junior Judging. Both Cody and Nicole made it into the finals of Junior Judging with a line up of Bulls. Cody got a top 5 placement for his first time and Nicole participated in the 14 - 25 year old section and placed in the top 6. It was great to see that she was beaten by a former Proston student with Steph Johnstone placing 2nd and 1st in Junior Handling and Scott Johnstone placing 4th in Junior Handling using one of our steers. I will always welcome ex students to help out because sometimes we need that little extra ‘muscle’.

Unfortunately our cattle didn’t perform as well. Joe, our under 12 month bull, placed 4th and the steers missed out on the top 4 placings. They have been highly commended and had plenty of onlookers. All our steers had to compete in higher classes as they had put on more weight than expected (must be that good Riverina grain). Both Red and Snuffy have put on nearly 200 kg since Toogoolawah which averages out to nearly 2 kg a day. We need to thank Brian Smith for transporting our cattle in such comfort on their round trip to the show. Brian has also taken our 2 heavyweights off to the meatworks where they averaged 390 kg dressed weight with live weight over 710 kg. Both steers brought top dollar with 14mm of fat and C rumps. They could have competed at the Wondai Show but were just simply too big for our students to handle safely.

Till next time,
Sophia Steinhardt
Harrison having some hay before being loaded for the meat works

Cody at his first show with Redemption for Junior Handling

Ivana, Nicole & Cody

Nicole with Snuffy ready for Led Steer

Joe our bull placed 4th in the Under 12 Month

Hank before leaving us.