Term 3

The school would like to wish all of the students and parents a happy, fun and safe break. It has been a very busy term for both staff and students and I know both will welcome the break with open arms. Thank you to the parents and volunteers who donated their time throughout the term in various roles throughout the school. Also, a big thank you to the P&C and the tuckshop volunteers for your continued hard work in helping to move the school forward. We look forward to welcoming back our students after the break to several improvements to the school facilities, as years 3-6 will be staying cool with new air-cons in their classrooms.

School Flags - The school has purchased three flags that will assist in bolstering its school and house spirit. The flags will be used at out-of school functions to showcase the school and its spirit. Have a look below at what the flags will look like. They will be on display in the office when not being used.
New cybersafety Website

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

Alcohol supply: no minor offence

As end of year celebrations approach, parents and guardians are reminded that the supply of alcohol to anyone under 18 for unsupervised consumption in a private place is an offence. It carries a fine of up to $9108. For more information visit http://www.qld.gov.au/families/education/pages/drug.html

Calling student app developers

The best student entry to the 2014 Premier’s Awards for Open Data can win $2000, while also competing for the $5000 prize in one of the main categories! Teams of up to five students with an idea, app or website making use of any of the 1300 Queensland Government datasets should enter by 26 September.

The Microsoft StartUpQ prize, valued at $60,000 is also available for the entry with the most start up potential. Go to www.data.qld.gov.au/data-event/premiers-awards for more information.

Regards Ryan

Prep students have been having fun with the Space theme in the Library this term. Here they have practised their colouring and cutting skills by making an alien spaceship with themselves as the alien pilot!

DREAMTIME REPTILES

Pioneer Park, Nanango
Saturday 4 October
Year 3/4 Update

On Friday 5th September the 3/4 class visited the University of the Sunshine Coast. Whilst there, we were privileged to be given a personal tour of the university by university students.

Our experience began with a visit to the Art gallery where we saw some very interesting pieces of artwork created by students of the area. We went to the Engineering precinct where we looked at compression and tension testing. The Medical precinct has a fully decked out Emergency Room - complete with adult dummies ....oh don’t forget those life like babies either. Elisa Fox almost had a new edition to their family!

I do believe that the students - and parents - favourite area was the Technology department. We had loads of fun. Miss Jess was lucky enough to experience the roller coaster simulator. She certainly coped better than Chris Fox who may have left some of his finger nails behind in the chair - small fear of height I believe. Brodie Peacock was definitely awed by the whole room and I am sure he could not choose his favourite activity. However, Felicity Blanch and Karla Jarvis definitely appeared quite at home in the Emerse room watching the scenery pictures scroll across three sides of a room.

Overall we had an amazing day and I would like to thank the Sunshine Coast University for providing us with such an amazing experience. Our day certainly would not have been complete without our parents who came along for the day and of course to our wonderful 3/4 students whose behaviour was perfect - in fact USC staff advised us that they were “top kids” with great manners and behaviour. Way to go Proston!!!!!!
Year 5/6 Update

This term in Health we have studied personal identity. The students final project was to create a piece of art that represented them. Students were allowed to choose from any art medium to create their personal identity project. We had students using clay, painting and using pastels to draw. It was a great way for the students to express themselves and to show us all a little more about themselves. The students have very much enjoyed participating in this project and it has been a favourite all-round.

Proston State School Presents
Cinderella
The Magic Arrives
November 21
More Details Coming Soon

Kitchen Garden Pics
**Wordplay Excursion**

On Thursday 4 September a group of 18 Proston State School students travelled to Brisbane to attend Wordplay. This event was part of the Brisbane Writer’s Festival and was held at the State Library.

Students split into groups participated in and enjoyed some great presentations by authors including Morris Gleitzman, Tristan Bancks, Darrell Pitt, Wil Koustakis, Hilary Badger and cartoonist Dave Hackett.

Authors were kept busy signing copies of their books during breaks and one group was lucky enough to meet Andy Griffiths and have a copy of his new 52 Storey Treehouse book signed by him. As we had to board the bus for home, Miss Hayward patiently lined up and had books signed by Morris Gleitzman, Tristan Bancks and Dave Hackett.

Although it was a long day, everyone had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We hope to do it again next year.

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**Awards Night ‘Award’ -**

Just looking to community members for a helping hand with nominations for the Award listed below. This is part of our Annual Awards Night however as we are not aware of a lot of activities our students are involved in outside of school we are seeking your input. If you wish to nominate a student please outline their community involvements or achievements in writing and deliver to the school office by Tuesday 7 October. Thank You.

**Coverty Creek Community Development & Social Club Award**

- The nominated student has continually contributed their time to community events or been part of a volunteer group within our community – not just a one-off contribution.
- It is not a requirement that the nominated student be a member of an organisation or association.
Student of the Week

Week 11:  Back Row: Nicole Urban, Brandon Caswell, Seneva McGhee, Dominic Malone
          Front Row: Nastassja Soanes, Rubilee Munro, Kayleigh King

Week 12:  Back Row: Brendan Smith, Jade Mann, Ivana Fuller, Latecia Bryant, Jayden Craig
          Front Row: Kavita Sjoardema, Hayley Fox, Lyddia Silk
Students of the Week for Week 9 and 10:
Shaeleigh Waterford: Red and Blue level sight words
Kayleigh King: Always trying her best in class and Red and Blue level sight words
Chenille Sjaardema: Improvement in writing AND Red and Blue level sight words
Kavita Sjaardema: Blue level sight words
Lachlan Wilson: Working well with division problems
Danni Lane: Detailed explanations in Science
Hayley Beasley: Paying attention to her writing goals
Kayla Wills: Working well with word sorts
Tyson Richardson: Trying his best and showing improvement in Maths
Hunter Goldie: Improving in all areas AND Gold sight words
Hayley Fox: Pink and Purple sight words
Harry Goldie: Red sight words
Ashton Dalton: Violet sight words

Musical Instruments
K Block students have had a lot of fun designing and making their own musical instruments in Technology. There were lots of drums and shakers, a few guitars and a couple of didgeridoos! Year 1 and 2 had to play “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” to see if their instruments could both look good and play for at least a song! We’re pleased to say that most of them could!

Maths
Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the time. Year 1 have been learning about “half past” and “o’clock” times on both analogue and digital clocks. Year 2 have been telling the time in 5 minute intervals, e.g., 7:25, twenty to eight, etc. Some of the Year 2 class are even beginning to tell the time to 1 minute intervals! They are doing a lot better than some of the Macca’s workers Miss Gill had to train in a previous life!

Holidays
We hope all the K Block students have a fun, safe and enjoyable holiday! We look forward to seeing you all again next term, ready for more learning. Fiona Gill & Sue Jones