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P&C Association Meeting will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the school library. All welcome!

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Curriculum Teaching & Learning and Behaviour Audit:

Proston State School had its Curriculum Teaching & Learning and Behaviour Audit last Wednesday, August 20. The CT&L and Behaviour audit examines the school across 13 competencies. An Explicit Improvement Agenda, Analysis and Discussion of Data, A Culture that Promotes Learning, Targeted Use of School Resources, An Expert Teaching Team, Systematic Curriculum Delivery, Differentiated Classroom Learning, Effective Teaching Practices, Principal Leadership, Parent and Community Engagement, Data Informed Decision Making, Clear and Consistent Expectations for Behaviour and Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to All Students. It gives schools an indication of how they are travelling, and gives them a baseline of, ‘where to next’ in terms of improvement. Leadership teams, Teachers, Teacher Aides, Students, Key members in the community, P&C President and Parents are all interviewed to get a sense of how the school is travelling. Curriculum documents and school programs are analysed and rated against the above criteria.

Proston State School received an incredible audit result! The auditor, Kevin, was very impressed with the tremendous progress the school has made in 18 months. It is important to note that Kevin is a very seasoned principal who has been offline from his base school to take on the role of auditor. So far in his role this year he has visited 70+ schools throughout Queensland. In our audit debrief Kevin stated, “Out of the 70+ I’ve audited this year, Proston is the first school that has been awarded improvement across all 8 domains of the audit. The improvement that this school has shown over the past 18 months, since the last audit, is truly remarkable.” We could not show improvement in the Behaviour portion of the audit as this is a new component to the audit process. The audit results are presented in the attached booklet and will be placed on our website and displayed in our town display for the public to have a look.

Thanks to the volunteers who came in and spoke to the auditor. He and the school appreciated your valuable time.

USQ Partnership:

Along with the MyTed project and UniLife visits, the University of Southern Queensland has donated 16 x 2 year-old computers, complete with monitor, mouse, and keyboard to the school. The computers will be distributed evenly throughout the school and every student will be able to utilise the technology boost we are getting. Thank you to USQ for the amazing donation, the computers will be put to good use!

Preliminary NAPLAN Results:

Preliminary NAPLAN results have come back trending in the right direction. Most students have improved and Individual NAPLAN results will begin going out as soon as they are delivered to the school. Once the school has had a chance to analyse the data, a more comprehensive report will be detailed in our newsletter and on our website. If you have any questions relating to your child’s NAPLAN results, please contact the school.
GRG Update:
The school is slowly working its way through the GRG funding obtained at the start of the year. The amount of the funds was $23,610 and was dispersed throughout the school with short and long term goals of improving student outcomes. The school has used approximately $15,000 of those funds thus far, and will be left with a zero balance by the end of Term 4. We look forward to our next instalment of GRG funds in 2015 which will again go toward improving our student outcomes.

Regards Ryan Pedley (Principal)

Book Week Dress Up Parade & Under 8’s Day

There was a real buzz in the school on Wednesday morning as students, parents and staff got into the spirit of Book Week by dressing as their favourite book character. Pirates, lots of fairies, nursery rhyme characters and even some Harry Potters roamed the school. The fun continued after the parade with a host of activities for the under 8’s to enjoy in the playground. Many thanks to our local Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance for being part of the fun and making the morning so enjoyable.
Our class had a very exciting visit from the University of Sunshine Coast. The students had a great time creating stories about their goals and aspirations and read a story about Edwina the kangaroo. A big thank you to the parents that participated in the parent afternoon. Our parents were put to the test and encouraged to think about their own goals and achievements using iPads. It was a great afternoon and I hope to see you all again for our visit to the University of Sunshine Coast, 5 September.

The 3/4’s have enjoyed learning about Symmetry and have used an art context to create some amazing pictures to show Symmetry in our environment.

ICAS Test

Very big congratulations to Daniel Roberts and Lachlan Wilson for achieving a credit for their Science ICAS test. ICAS tests are an Australia wide test and this year teachers nominated students to participate.

Selected students have completed English, Math, Writing and Spelling tests and further results will be arriving shortly.
Our Year 10 students recently were invited to attend “Uni Life” at the University of Southern Queensland campus at Hervey Bay. Students were able to experience life around the campus and attended lectures over the two days. They also went whale watching while at Hervey Bay and were all excited to see the whales so close to the boat. It was a fantastic trip and no one became sea sick!

After all the fun at Hervey Bay, the next day students attended the Kingaroy TAFE open day. Students were able to ask the staff and exhibitors questions that related to their potential future studies and careers. The students were able to experience holding fake babies within the early childhood centre (yes, these babies did cry almost endlessly), work an excavator and even practice drawing blood from a vein (don’t worry, not a real one). Hopefully these experiences have given the students an idea of the direction they may want to choose in the not so distant future.  

Selena Salter (Coordinator)
Student Of The Week

Week 5:
Back Row: Sebastian Lopez, Leighton Blanch, Colby Smith, Tyler Fuller
Front Row: Tyson Richardson, Kahlia Rose, Daniel Roberts

Week 6:
Back Row: James Mutton, Seneva McGhee, Ivana Fuller, Graceanne Waterford
Front Row: Alana Doessel, Kayla Wills, Hayley Beasley, Hayley Fox, Summer Jones
**H P E with Mr Eisenmenger**

*Prep-Yr 4 PE class are learning striking skills and modified games*

*Yr 5/6 PE ITD & WoodClub*

This Term year 7 students have had their first taste of ITD. They have been learning how to use tri-squares, bench hooks, tenon saws, marking gauges and chisels. The first project will be a wooden pencil case with sliding lid. Over the past few weeks the students have been learning about Workshop & Personal Safety and practising cutting rebate joints in preparation for their main project this term.

Yr 10 students are making a folding campstool. They are practicing mortise and tenon joints and t-bridle joints before production begins.

Primary students have been enjoying Tuesday morning Wood Club. Students from Prep - 6 and occasionally some secondary students are taking advantage of the lunchtime activities making some interesting designs.

**HPE and HPE Extension**

This term students are learning a variety of sports.

*Prep-Yr 4 PE classes are learning striking skills and modified games*

*Yr 5/6 PE class are learning about invasion games*

*Yr 7/8 HPE class are completing court sports focusing on volleyball and netball*

*Yr 9/10 are learning teamwork skills playing sof-crosse ultimate disk and speedball*

*HPE Extension class are playing leisure sports lawn bowls and golf. They are learning about the rules and etiquette of each sport.*

Later this term (week10) the Yr 7/8 class will be holding a Health Fair in the quadrangle of the school, promoting health as part of their assessment of the theory unit for term 4. They will be advertising this to classes and the community in the next couple of newsletters. Stay tuned!

**SB Track & Field Trials - Primary & Secondary**

Students have been participating in the next level of competition in Track & Field. Our students participated very well at Taabinga recently and gained some valuable competition experience at the next level. Natasha Bryant managed to gain selection in the South Burnett team to compete at the Wide Bay trials in Maryborough.

Two of our secondary students are participating today in the SB Secondary Track & Field meet at Kingaroy State High. We are hoping to announce some good results in the next newsletter for Brandon and Ivana.

*No pressure guys!*
Greetings from K Block

Our Students of the Week:
- **Lachlan Wilson**: Great observations in Science
- **Ashton Dalton**: Completing an excellent rhyme
- **Kayla Wills**: Helping others with their multimedia presentation on the iPad
- **Jayden Craig**: Helping others with their multimedia presentation on the iPad
- **Ashton Dalton**: Orange sight words
- **Hayley Fox**: Orange sight words
- **Sharron McConnell**: Red sight words
- **Darren Blanch**: Accurate measuring of capacity
- **Shaeleigh Waterford**: Experimenting with methods to measure capacity

**Geography** - The students have been learning about Geography this semester. They have been looking at maps and talking about places. Year 1s and 2s have been learning about the concept of local, regional and global scale as well as the features of different kinds of places.

**Under 8s Celebrations and Book Week Parade** - On Wednesday, K Block students had lots of fun at our Under 8s Day activities and Book Week Parade. They enjoyed the painting, bubbles, slime, displays from Emergency services and lots more. We hope all the parents and grandparents who attended also enjoyed themselves.

**Lost Property** - Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child’s jumpers and long pants are clearly marked with their name. Even if you have written names in earlier this year, please double check as after several weeks of washing, even permanent marker might have washed out and faded. **Fiona Gill & Sue Jones.**