Years 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms get a makeover

Over the holidays work was completed in the Years 3/4 room. The students will be enjoying their ‘cool’ new look for what normally is the warmest term at school. Three reverse cycle air conditioning units were installed and the classroom also got a paint job. Mr. Waterford did a marvellous job on painting the room which looks like a brand new learning space. On behalf of Proston State School we thank you for your time over the holidays and the great job you did in the classroom. Years 5/6 will also enjoy the benefits of air conditioning which was tested out earlier in the week during our hottest day of summer to date. In many cases students did not want to leave the classroom to go outside, which is a rarity. The classroom may also see more of Mr. Pedley as he looks for a cool place to work in the hotter parts of term.

Sporting Shed

The P&C has been successful in submitting a grant on the schools behalf and will be receiving $24,000 towards a new sporting shed. Mr. Eisenmenger worked hard in the second term of the year writing the grant submission which was awarded by the Gambling Community Benefit Committee earlier this week. The sporting shed will be a much needed addition to the school grounds. Currently sporting gear is scattered across the school being stored in any available space. It will be great to have everything in one place in a central location. Along with the shed the grant includes monies that will assist in the procurement of extra sporting gear. The shed will be placed near the back oval, designed with power and plans to add a tank compete with bubblers. Well done Mr. Eisenmenger and thanks to the P&C for your support!

Teaching allocations 2015

While a secondary timetable is still being worked out, the school is happy to announce the primary teaching allocations for 2015. All classroom locations for 2015 will remain as they were in 2014.

Sue Jones - Prep       Traci Holland - Years 1/2       Belinda Waterford - 3/4       Fiona Gill - 5/6

Traci Holland will be transferring into Proston for the start of the 2015 school year and we look forward to having her join the Proston State School Team.

Proston eKindy POD Information Night

There will be a Kindy information session hosted in the school library Thursday October 30 from 6-8pm. This session is designed to give parents insight into what the program entails and to answer any questions they may have regarding the program. All are welcome to attend as it is a great way for prospective and enrolled parents to meet one another and learn more about the program. There have been 5 official enrolments in the e-Kindy program for 2015 thus far.
Please take note. The Kindy program must cap student enrolments at 8. If you are interested in your child attending the Proston eKindy POD in 2015 it is on a first come first serve basis. So get in quick!

School Spirit

The fostering of our school spirit got another boost over the holidays as the school took possession of its school and house flags. The flags look amazing and are on display in the office. Drop in anytime and have a look!

Regards Ryan

Greetings from K Block

Students of the Week:

- Miles Thomas: Orange and Blue sight words
- Rubilee Munro: Orange sight words
- Jack Dunlop: Lime and lemon sight words
- Hayley Fox: Aqua and lime sight words
- Hayley Beasley: Green sight words
- Lorna Smith: Working hard and staying on task in all lessons
- Courtney Kruse: A detailed retell of “Little Cat and the Big Red Bus”

Illness and Reporting Absences - Thank you to parents who are keeping their children home if they have the recent tummy bug. You can let us know the reasons for your child’s absence by phoning the school, writing a note in your child’s diary, or sending in a note.

Swimming - Swimming lessons start in Week 3. Please remind your child to bring togs and a towel and make sure all belongings are named. Please let us know if your child cannot use regular sunscreen, and please provide your own if this is the case.

Awards Night - Awards Night will be held next Thursday, 23 October. Students receiving awards will sit with their class group off to the side and are not to wander off to their family. If you would like to take your child home earlier, please wait for a time in the proceedings when this will not cause disruption, e.g., when another group is leaving the stage. F Gill & S Jones
Welcome back to the last term of the school year. This term the 5/6 students will be working on a number of exciting units; Motivational Speaking, Puppeteering, Greeting Card Creation, and Physics. We also have 4 students completing this term’s UNIFY project to extend their creative writing skills. They log on each Tuesday to an online class run by the Brisbane Distance Education Team and complete interactive online activities to improve their creative writing skills.

We also have Rhys and Anikin attending the Expanding Horizons Camp this week. Both boys did a great job at applying for this camp by writing a persuasive letter to the organisers explaining why they should be chosen to attend. They will be extending their learning at the camp with many hands on interactive activities.
Barambah Environmental Centre

Last term some lucky students were given the opportunity to attend the Barambah Environmental Centre for the day. The day was set up to educate the students on the Great Barrier Reef and what we can do in our communities to help protect it. The students learnt about rubbish and how long it takes for particular items to break down in the ocean. They then had to place these items along a time line in order from 1 month to 100 years of when these items were likely to break down. Unfortunately we learnt that some items will never break down and will forever be floating around in the ocean. Students also got the opportunity to plant trees and work in the gully area by removing the plastic from more mature trees. There was lots of wild life around and the students enjoyed eating lunch with the resident goanna. A great day was had by all.
Penny Rewards day celebrations offered many activities for students who achieved 200 pennies in Term 3. Students from Prep to Year 10 enjoyed Laser Tag which was very popular on the day. Congratulations to those students who were eligible to attend and I know you will all be working hard to achieve your 200 pennies this Term as we have a Carnival Day planned for these celebrations.
Our Student Council held a Disco just before the holidays. A great night was had by all with great music, dancing and lots of fun. Everyone got into the spirit and theme of the night which was the 80’s. An Art Auction was also held on the night where artworks were sold which were donated by the students and members of the community. Approximately $800 was raised for our Student Council which is used to support students and their learning at our school. Well done!!!
Student of the Week

Week 2

Back Row: Zac Fisher, Brian Smith, Michael Malone, Lori Whitson

Middle Row: Josh Strauss, Anikin Jones, Peter Palmer, Skye Palmer

Front Row: Nastassja Soanes, Hayley Beasley, Jack Dunlop

ICAS Testing

Congratulations to Mitchell Fox, Lachlan Wilson and Rhys Protheroe for getting a distinction on their English ICAS.

Congratulations to our other ICAS Award Achievers in Mathematics, Science & English. Well done!!
Just a reminder that notes have been sent home for all swimming this term. The first note is for H&PE classes and is for all students. All students are expected to swim as it is part of the H&PE program. Students will only be exempt if they present a Doctors Certificate for a specific period of time with a statement explaining why the student is unable to swim.

If students miss swimming for a one off day due to an illness or injury a note will need to be produced before the lesson with a parent/guardian signature. No verbal reasons will be accepted.

Students not swimming will be given alternate water safety theory that will be completed at the schools admin area. Times for swimming are in the notes that had been sent home and are below:

Primary PE swimming classes will start week 3 in their normal PE time slots. Secondary H&PE swimming will start in week 4. Sport & Rec swimming has already started on Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3.15p.m – 4.15p.m. (Students will exit pool at 4.00p.m.)

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Team Building | Friday 2.00pm – 3.00pm (when advised)

Friday Afternoon Team Building will be session 5 (2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.). Reminder notes will go home to notify parents what age group will swim on each Thursday. The dates for each of the class groupings are as follows:

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