From the Principal’s Desk

Hi everyone,

Well after many weeks of hard work our Fete is on Saturday. Our grounds have been tidied up and I know some families and our teachers have been preparing for this day for quite a while. It will be great to see it all come together.

Our New Library Opening Ceremony will begin at 10am and students in years P to 7 are required to be at school by 9.30am for a final rehearsal just prior to the ceremony. Our fete will kick off after this ceremony. Thank you to Councillor Kathy Duff for assisting us with this special school event.

Student Attendance – Wow .......what a difference a week makes! Student attendance is improving already. Thank you to all our families for supporting us to encourage every student to attend school every day.

Years 7 and 9 were a tie this week for the $5 Tuckshop vouchers with both classes having 100% attendance! Check out the graph for last week’s attendance.

![Attendance Graph]

We have some students who deserve a special mention for their 100% attendance this term and they will also be recognised at Monday’s parade. These young people have not missed a day of school - Mick Gulish, Louisa Frahm, Jayden Barnes, Tom Roberts, Riley Bingham, Michael Malone, Lizzy Taylor, Lexi Lane, Jessica Wyles and Cody Merritt. This is a great habit that will set these young people up for life. On parade we will also recognise quite a few other students who have 95% plus attendance on parade.

Parents can expect a surprise in the mail this week as we continue to congratulate everyone who has been attending school for 90% of the time. Our goal is to have everyone attending school at least 90% of the time. Which year levels will be our winners for next week? Other classes are not too far behind this week’s winners!

Hope to see you at the Spring Fete & Official Opening of the School Library at the Proston State School this Saturday 10am-6pm. A great day of fun for all the family!

Official Opening of School Library

It would be wonderful if all students in Mrs Wintour’s music classes can please meet at the School Library this Saturday 15th at 9.30am to prepare for their performance as part of the Official Opening Ceremony.

The School Rule for this Week is ‘Be a Learner’
Greetings from K Block

Lachlan Wilson – great descriptive language in ‘Boss and Builder’ and lemon sight words
Billey Davies-Taylor – persevering with punctuation activities. Well Done!
Ruby Allen – fantastic work with graphing. Well done!
Ellie Searies – purple sight words
Riley Dunlop – green sight words
Jai Munro – pink sight words
Dominic Malone – red and blue sight words
Ethan Jocelyn – lime sight words
Eliza Humphrey – orange sight words
Kayla Wills – gold and red sight words
Reegan Hill – pink and violet sight words
Mitchell-Fox – independent use of maths problem solving strategies. Well done!
Lorna Smith – improvement with alphabet letter names and sounds. Congratulations!
Jai Munro – improved punctuation in recount writing. Well done!

Another busy week in K Block. Last Wednesday we celebrated Under 8’s Day and it was lovely to see so many community faces as well as Durong South State School and Proston Playgroup come and enjoy the fun. We had a visit from Ambulance Officer Barney, who I saw bandage up a few children and check their blood pressure as well as Fireman Lance who brought the BIG RED TRUCK. The children were excited to climb through the truck and hear the siren go off. There was bubble blowing, playdough, dress ups, puppet making, obstacle course and origami activities, to name a few. It was a FANTASTIC way to spend the morning and thank you to everyone who contributed to its success.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been focusing on punctuation in our writing activities. Capital letters for proper nouns (names of people, places, months of the year) and the start of a sentence, spaces between words, punctuation at the end of the sentence (full stop, question mark or exclamation mark) and ensuring our sentences make sense. We have also been spending time talking about questions and statements and what the difference between the two is. One of the students explained it as such, ‘if it’s a question you’re asking something and you need a response. If it’s a statement you don’t need any response and you’re telling something’. We’ve been practising this as a whole group and the children have to determine whether we are making statements or asking questions.

During Maths we have discovered the bar graph. We have discussed how it needs to be set out, how to correctly name each axis and how to interpret the data. We’ve seen how a bar graph can be used to gather information and answer questions.

Dates to Remember

Saturday 15 September - Proston State School Spring Fete – We’re still looking for volunteers to help on this day. We will be doing the Tombola and Show Bags stall. Please come and see us on Saturday and we’ll organise a time for you to man the store!
Thursday 20 September – Penny Celebration Day
Friday 21 September – Last day of term
Thursday 8 November – Prep Information Session for new Preps and their families

PENNIES

100 Pennies  Mick Gulish and Summer Gulish
200 Pennies  Leighton Blanch, Dominic Malone, Heavynn Skvaridlo, Summer Jones, Toby Lane, Eliza Humphreys
300 Pennies  Corey McCullough, Nate Lane, Lachlan Wilson, Kayla Wills, Summer Jones, Joshua Strauss, Ellie Searies, Riley Dunlop, Reegan Hill
400 Pennies  Jai Munro, Leighton Blanch, Mitchell Fox, Michael Ward, Billey Davies-Taylor, Louisa Frahm, Ethan Jocelyn, Ned Madden, Daniel Roberts, Ollie Thomas, Harrison Wieland, Ruby Allan and Dominic Malone

Congratulations to all our students on receiving the above pennies. Students receive pennies for following the four school rules, BE RESPECTFUL, BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER and BE CO-OPERATIVE. In K BLOCK we follow these rules by doing things such as walking on cement, wearing a sun safe hat when outside, putting our hand up in class, following directions, bringing our reading/homework folder to school each day and being actively involved in lessons. THANK YOU everyone for trying your hardest to follow these rules.

Fiona & Sonia
BOOK FAIR THANKS

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FROM THE PADDOCK

Two weeks left before the school holidays and the students are hard at work, with the year 8 students finalising their poultry reports ready for posting (the competition closes on 21 Sept) and then they will be working on a poster for free range eggs which is due by mid October. The year 9 students are still working on the greenhouse construction with those students not involved at present carrying out some maintenance of the farm facilities. The year 10 students are having a break from the books and have been busy doing some cattle work and tidying up around the shed and yards.

The show team competed at Wondai on 29/30 Sept with Travis Allen placing 4th in the 10 to 15 years junior judging, Stephanie Johnstone placing 5th in the 15 to 25 years junior handling which was conducted on Friday night. The stud cattle paraded on Saturday with PSS Gracie placing 2nd in the under 12 months and PSS Faye placing 2nd in the 20 to 24 months heifer classes. All in all a successful show for the school with plenty of positive comments from the other studs regarding the students’ behaviour and work ethic. Well done to all members of the team. As this is the last show for the year we thank the school staff for their support of the show team and the understanding of the teaching staff for the students leaving school on the Fridays. Also thank you to Mrs Allen for her assistance during the shows by helping the students with ties and scarves and especially preparing the breakfast and lunch on the Saturdays.

The heavy weight steers are being sent to the meatworks very shortly, and the younger cattle will have a well deserved rest in the paddock until the middle of term 4, when we will start preparing them for next year’s shows. The breeders are due to calve in early October so the students will be very busy when they return from holidays.

The Rural studies department farewells Mr Lane at the end of term 3 and we wish him all the best in the future. In all we’ve had a very busy term and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a deserved break and without putting a dampener on the holidays I hope that we receive plenty of rain over the next month.

Till next time,
Vanessa Cornish      Jason Lane      Stephen Carfoot

Student Council Disco

Tuckshop Volunteers
Volunteers are needed for Wednesday Tuckshop days. Even if you can only spare an hour, the P&C would be very grateful. Homebakes are also needed and they can be dropped off at school anytime. We appreciate your help!

Please contact - Nicole 41689049 or Carol 41689563

The Student Council recently arranged a Teacher vs Secondary Netball Competition. The Secondary students were winners once again and remain undefeated so far!

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