What a Welcome!

Thank you so much for a wonderful welcome to the Proston community. It was a great way to meet the schools P&C and broader aspects of the community. The committee is to be commended for the effort they went to in putting together a great night. A special thank you goes to Barb Madden who went to a lot of effort to organise the event. Well done!

It was great to see the P&C working hand-in-hand with the school for the betterment of our school and its students. Many great ideas were tossed around at the meeting regarding how the P&C can support the school. One of the areas everyone was keen to support was the Rural Program at the school. How we can support the program more specifically will be addressed at the next meeting.

QPS Support

Proston’s local police officer is keen to get involved with the school. He will be joining the school every second Monday for parade. Senior Constable Gordon will address elements of our SWPBS program which will also help build rapport with our school students. I have also requested that he attend suspension re-entry interviews. This will help put the student’s consequences into context with real world circumstances. The school is looking forward to Senior Constable Gordon’s participation in school affairs!

Behaviour Framework

A behaviour framework is being re-written for Proston State School. While the positive reinforcement will not be altered, a whole school consequences flow chart is being developed. This framework will extend through from Prep — Year 10 ensuring a consistent approach is taken to minor and major behaviours of students. Once the framework is completed, it will be circulated to the P&C and greater community. The framework will be explained in depth to students and teachers. There will be displays in classrooms and throughout the school so everyone understands what constitutes a negative behaviour and the consequences associated with that negative behaviour. The school is hoping to launch the framework for the start of Term Four. Please continue to check our school newsletters for regular updates regarding this policy change.

Welcome Selena Salter and Congratulations Alison Chan

Welcome to Selena Salter who will be taking over classroom duties from Alison Chan. Ms. Salter has great experience in the secondary sector and we look forward to her contributions to an already stellar Proston staff.

Miss Chan has been selected to take on the HOC position left vacant by the departure of Jess McMahon. Miss Chan brings her extensive knowledge of secondary to the position, and we look forward to her leadership contributions for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to you both.

Regards

Ryan Pedley (Act/Principal)
Greetings from K Block

This fortnight’s award winners:

Courtney Kruse – for making great patterns in Maths
Nathaniel Flick – for helping tidy up without being asked
Dominic Malone – re-telling fairy tales and traditional stories in detail
Kaitlyn Barber – being a great listener in phonics activities
Danni Lane – making great patterns in Maths
Kavita Sjaardema – AWESOME involvement with rhyming words. Well done!
Lyddia Silk – violet sight words
Daniel Humphrey – golden sight words
Kaitlyn Barber – golden sight words
Daniel Roberts – silver certificate for school banking (20 deposits)
Hayley Beasley – 80m Sprint, Age Champion
Hayley Beasley – Shot Put, Age Champion
Hayley Beasley – Long Jump, Age Champion
Lyddia Silk – pink sight words
Danni Lane – 10 school banking deposits
Michael Ward – working really hard at Soundwaves. Congratulations!
Sharron McConnell – showing great reading strategies. Congratulations!
Shaeleigh Waterford – great rhyming in poetry.

Leighton Blanch – AWESOME work with division and multiplication. Well done!

Our new English unit is focusing on Poetry. We have spent the last couple of weeks exploring new poems and the features of poems. We’ve been spending some time looking at rhyming words and creating some new verses for an existing poem. Here are some of the verses we came up with.

Did you ever see a cow
Take a bow?
Down by the bay.

Did you ever see a snake
Bake a cake?
Did you ever see a shark
Eating bark?
Down by the bay.

During Maths we have been exploring patterning, talking about growing patterns, repeating elements of a pattern and how to continue a pattern. We had lots of fun creating our own patterns using construction paper and paint. Pop into the classroom and you’ll see some of our patterns hanging about the place! We’ll also be spending some time focusing on our double facts as there is a few of us that still require some more practise at knowing these automatically.

K Block students had lots of fun last week during the Science Week activities. After each session there was lots of talk back in the classroom about what they had learnt and discovered. Thanks so much for this opportunity Mrs Steinhardt!

Just a friendly reminder that children need to bring their hat to school EVERY DAY as most days we spend some portion of the day outside. Some students are missing out on vital learning opportunities as they are excluded to ensure they are sun safe. Thanks for your support with this and please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly named. Sonja Steele and Fiona Gill
Chappy's Corner

Running up the paddock
I have returned from the annual Chaplain's conference at Alexandra Headland. Great time with speakers and workshops. But as well there was the Bush Dance night – Strip the Willow took me back a few years – and the Touch Football Competition.

Your Chappy got to run in three games but our team did not make the finals. On our score sheet we had two draws and one loss. The official score sheet said one draw and two losses. Not to worry – either way we did not qualify. (North Brisbane took the title)

I find touch to be a very fast game, the objective is to get a touch down without being touched. You run like mad and try to avoid the opposition players.

You never score if you don’t try; and to try you must not lose sight of the goal of touching down.

I find that a bit like life – keep the goal in sight, run like mad, and never ever give up. Think about it.

Cheers. Chappy

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P & C Ladies catering for the Cooinda Bull Sale—Well done ladies!!!
P&C was involved in the catering of the Cooinda Santa Gertrudis Bull Sale on Friday 23 August 2013. This was once again a very successful fundraising event for our school’s P&C raising approximately $570. Special thanks go to the following people who volunteered their help on the day and/or provided items of homebake.

- Debbie Barnes
- Felicity Blanch
- Carol Britton
- Colleen Humphrey
- Tammy Kinna
- Jason Lane

P&C would like to thank Cooinda Grazing once again for this fundraising opportunity.

Election Day Cake Stall

Once again the P&C will be holding a Cake Stall at the Election Day Polling Booth to be held in the school library Saturday 07 September 2013.

We are seeking donations of home baked goods which can be left at the office or dropped off at the stall on the day. If you are able to help in anyway please contact Christine Roberts - Phone 4168 9092.

Thank you for your continued support. P & C Committee

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Proston Scout Group
The Proston Scout Group held a very successful Street Stall and Raffle last Tuesday to raise funds and we would like to thank everyone who supported it.

The raffle will continue to run this week and will be drawn this Sunday 1st September. First prize is a large camp oven full of goodies and second prize is a drink set.

Tickets in these great prizes are $1 and are available from the Proston Golden Spurs Hotel, Proston News or by contacting Kristy Frahm (0429683121). Thank you for supporting Proston Scouts!

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Science Week

Last week was National Science Week (13-15 August). During the 3 days the science laboratory was opened up to allow students to experience all types of science activities.

Tuesday was Physics day with kite flying, electronics, robot making and constructing solar devices.

Wednesday was Biology with lambs brains, preserved specimens, and microscopes.

Thursday was Chemistry with liquid nitrogen, hydrogen bombs and chemical reactions. Many students took the opportunity to visit the lab and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Sophia Steinhardt (Coordinator)
As the theme for Book Week this year was “Read across the Universe”, students from Prep to Year 6 were invited to create their own rocket. We had some wonderful entries showing lots of skill and some very imaginative use of recyclable materials such as empty soft drink bottles and cardboard tubes.

Good use was also made of alfoil and some parents might like to check to see if they actually have any alfoil left in the kitchen.

Winners and place-getters were presented with prizes on parade this morning and they were:

Prep
1st Daniel Humphrey
2nd Darren Blanch
3rd Shaeleigh Waterford

Year 1/2
1st Corey McCullough
2nd Mitchell Fox
Tie for 3rd Leighton Blanch and Jai Munro

Year 3/4
1st Anikin Jones
2nd Summer Jones
3rd Jess Harrold

Prize winners for the colouring competition were as follows:

Prep Jake Harrold
Year 1/2 Jade Dalton
Year 3/4 Katelyn Wyles
Secondary Rosy Ridder & Krystal Dewey

The Book Week “Hunt the Text Challenge” was won by Jessica Taylor.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the competitions. Your efforts were terrific and they will be on display in the Library for all to see.

Katrina Hayward & Linda Rea
3/4 Update

This term in our Technology unit we have been investigating how to make toys that move. We have discussed and described many different types of materials and their properties. The students have also been building with lots of different types of materials. The children are very excited about the possibilities and much discussion and planning has been occurring in their own time. By the end of the term we hope to have made our own toys from a range of different materials and resources.

Art Workshop

On Sunday 18 August, a Matisse workshop was held in Proston, with five local students attending. The students learnt about the life and painting characteristics of the famous artist. Henri Matisse paints in a very distinct style using bold and patterned colours and the distinct black outline around his objects.

The students each produced two pieces of art and are all looking forward to the next round of Art Classes to be held in October.

A big thank you to the South Burnett Regional Council and Mr Pedley for supporting our local students. Barb Madden
Year 7 Kitchen Garden News

The Year 7’s have given the pizza oven a spring clean over the past 2 weeks and have attempted to use the pizza oven for the first time in a long time.

Mr Hams began proceedings by lighting the fire in first break on Tuesday to give the oven time to heat up to the appropriate temperature which was a bit of a hit and miss procedure, though it proved to be close as we only burnt one pizza base.

The Year 7’s began cutting up their ingredients such as parsley, garlic chives, onions, cherry tomatoes, shallots and basil all from our Kitchen Garden. They pressed their dough to the size and shape they required and applied their base sauces and their toppings.

At completion of our lesson, all students ended up with a tasty pizza which also included some tomato and barbeque sauce to base the pizza and cheese to top it off. A couple of pizza bases may have burnt a touch, though overall students ended up with a good first up sample of a gourmet pizza to take home and eat (many didn’t last the trip home).

The dough was kindly donated by Brumbies Bakery in Kingaroy fresh on Tuesday morning. It was picked up and delivered to the school by Mrs Welch for the students to use in the afternoon session. Thanks to Brumbies and Mrs Welch for their efforts.

The students reactions show that we will definitely be making use of the Pizza oven more often.

The verdict: How did it taste?
Ivana, Rebecca: Awesome, really tasted good!
Teagan, Madeline: Good.
Annabelle: It was good, the pizza bread cooked through really well!
Dean: Tasted like charcoal! I picked the top of and left the base. (Can’t win them all!) Mark Eisenmenger
From the Paddock

If it could only rain; how many of us are looking to the skies at the moment and hoping for a little moisture to green up the paddocks, I know we are at school. We are reducing the herd slowly, with Noel Chesterton’s three old girls heading home as our contract to use them as dams has finished.

I will personally miss them as I have had numerous discussions with them over a bale of hay. I have to also thank Noel for coming out to castrate the steers and tattoo the stud cattle, the students really enjoyed watching him work and dissecting the testicles in Science.

The Wondai Show is our next adventure and we are preparing a selection of cattle over the next fortnight, with clipping, washing, blow drying and constant brushing.

Some students are also preparing the vegetable patch with manure and rotary hoeing the strips to plant tomatoes. Thanks also goes to Ashley Cecil and Brian Smith for providing transport and help with dipping the cattle.

Till next Time, Sophia Steinhardt