Rural Pride!

Our Rural students put on a great display at the Wondai show this past weekend! Despite several of the students having very limited experience showing, they did the school and it's Rural program proud. The newest member of the team Brianna had her hands full with her cow, yet managed to put on an impressive display. Shane, one of the more experienced members, in a field of 14—21 year olds took out a fantastic second place finish!

Although not all students took out prizes, it was still great to see the students dressed up, and looking very smart in their show gear. A big congratulations to all students and a big thank you to Mrs. Steinhardt, Mr Hams and Mr Seiler for their time and effort with the students.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was great to see all of the parents visiting their children's teachers Tuesday afternoon. I really enjoyed walking around and visiting several rooms and listening in on success stories being shared with parents and teachers. Interviews are a great tool, for not only teachers to provide feedback on your child's progressions, but for you to offer feedback to your child's teachers.

Behaviour Framework Update

The behaviour framework has been tabled at the P&C meeting and has been voted on by the schools LCC. Both associations have responded very positively to the framework and work will begin in earnest to having the framework officially come online for the start of Term 4. You may hear of students talking about the 'PBS room' or 'detention' room.

At the moment "D Block" is being used to house students who have lost their playtimes due to poor behaviour choices in the classroom. As stated in previous newsletters, information will be circulated regarding the new framework when it is fully completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school.

Litter Bugs

Students have been given an incentive to clean up the school this week. Any student who finds 5 bits of rubbish will be given a penny. It has been remarkable to see all of the students getting together to fill up bags of rubbish from about the school yard.

A big well done to those students who have taken the time to clean up the school. It's looking great!

Ryan

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

Chenille Sjaardema – focused work during handwriting. Thank you!

Jade Dalton – AWESOME spelling results! Congratulations!

Toby Lane – entering the room quietly and getting straight into his work.

Thank you! Orange sight words

Nastassja Soanes – AWESOME spelling results! Congratulations! And Indigo Sight words

Billey Davies-Taylor – aqua and lime sight words

Mitchell Fox – volunteering to research more information on the eating habits of sharks

Corey McCullough – good participation in history discussions

Courtney Kruse – lovely neat handwriting. Well done! Red sight words

Jake Harrold – understanding head, body, tail letters. Golden and red sight words

Harrison Wieland – good participation in history lessons

Darren Blanch – red sight words

Lyddia Silk – purple sight words, aqua sight words

Dominic Malone – lime, lemon and aqua sight words

During literacy we’ve been talking about our sentences and how we can make them more interesting. We’ve decided if we add more adjectives (describing words!) to our writing it is more enjoyable for the reader. Students were given a noun (naming word!) and were asked to write an interesting sentence. Here is some of their work:

- The snapping crocodile ate a fish under the water.
- The leathery crocodile lived in a river.
- The rusty red tractor drove down to the river.
- The green tractor was controlled by the farmer.
- The fat farmer was eating a cooked fish in the eating room.
- The working farmer ploughed the paddock today.

We were lucky enough to have two visits from Fireman Lance and Fireman Lenny this fortnight. There was lots of discussion around good fires and bad fires, who to call in an emergency and the questions we might be asked, what we should do if there happened to be a fire and where we would meet. Some students still need a little more practise at remembering their phone number and address.

Our second visit was a lot more hands on and we got to climb through the fire truck and have a go at using the hose. Students were amazed at how heavy and hard it was to hold the hose just right. Thanks so much for coming to visit us Fireman Lance and Fireman Lenny!

We would to give a massive THANK YOU to those families that took the time to discuss their family history, as part of our fortnightly homework. We heard so many interesting stories and it was great to get to know each other that little bit better.

Fiona Gill and Sonia Steele
In August, students from Grade 7 to 10 went to the Gold Coast for school camp. During the three days and two nights we were away we had a full and fun packed schedule to keep us busy. We stayed at the Tallebudgera Beach School and the food was great.

We travelled by bus on Wednesday and visited GOMA, the Science Centre, Museum, shopping at the Queen Street Mall and managed to fit in a ride on the Brisbane Eye. By the end of the day we were all exhausted and ready to climb into our comfy beds. My favourite part of the day was definitely the Science Centre as it had fun “hands on” activities to keep us all amused.

Thursday was spent all day at Dreamworld. What an amazing day!!!! Many of us braved the scariest rides and had a great day with our friends. To make the day even better we finished it off by eating “all you can eat” at Pizza Hut……Yummo.

Our last day was spent shopping at Australia Fair spending all our money. Many bargains were found and lots of money spent. We then began the trek home to Proston. It certainly was a great three days.

Thank you to our teachers Miss Hayward, Ms Chan and Mr Fazakerly. They did a great job of supervising and joining in on our fun….they were great sports to put up with us all.

By Madeleine Waterford
Year 5/6

Parent teacher interviews were this week and it was great to see so many parents attend and be able to see what their children have been achieving this term at school. If you did not have the opportunity to catch up with me this week and would like to please give the school a call and we can arrange a time for you.

Students have been working hard analysing poems for our English unit and now understand why our national anthem was written and what all the terms mean. They even know there is more than one verse!!

5/6 students have been very busy completing an assessment task in science. They have had to create a space mission to a chosen planet. Research skills are being enhance and improved by researching and collecting real data to add to the magazine article outlining their space mission.

Mrs Waterford

2013 South Burnett Child Protection Week — The Joy Kite Award for Exceptional Practice with Families

Proston State School Representatives — Alison Chan & Jess Scanlan nominated Kathy Crane for the above award.

At a special dinner on Wednesday night Kathy was very surprised to find that not only had she been nominated but she won the award.

The award acknowledges the contribution of someone in direct practice, who has displayed excellence in the quality of their work with children, young people and families. The award recipient has shown that they can focus on the needs of their clients, work with exceptional technique, and achieve outcomes which enrich the lives of the people they work with.

Congratulations Kathy — the Proston Community really appreciate you!!

KITCHEN GARDEN

As part of the Technology component of Kitchen Garden we are creating decomposing pots. Decomposing pots are used to assist seedlings during planting so that root systems are not disturbed.

To do this we require some yoghurt containers or containers of a similar size. If you have any at home they would be greatly appreciated. They can be given to Mrs Waterford.

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. Please clearly label your cooking — including the ingredients. If you are able to help in anyway please contact Christine Roberts - Phone 4168 9092.
From the Paddock

On the weekend of 30 and 31 August, our students and the cattle headed off to the Wondai Show. This was the only show of the year and the students participated very well.

As a collective the students achieved 3rd in the schools category against high schools with many more students.

In the Junior Handling category Shane Carter placed second in the 14 to 21 year old class leading Harrison. A well done needs to go to Brianna and Graceanne who competed for the first time and had some interesting moments with their cattle.

Scott lead Harrison out for the Lead Steer category in the 320kg class achieving 3rd place.

All the other cattle performed well and received high commendations, but the quality of cattle at the show was exceptional.

We are very lucky to have the help of Brian and Matthew Smith in transporting the cattle and for advice on keeping/selling cattle. If it wasn't for them we would have been unable to attend the Wondai Show.

We have successfully sold 2 cows and calves as well as a bull calf. We have one more heifer calf to sell this year, this is Heidi, she will be up for tender with a minimum bid of $300. Hopefully we can get a good price for her.

Sophie Steinhardt
The team in their white coats

Scott and Harrison achieved a 3rd in the under 320kg Led Steer/Heifer class

Our 3 steers

Brianna and Gus

Heidi for Sale $300 ONO