Thank You - As mentioned on parade, I would like to thank the staff, students and wider community for making my transition to Proston State School a very smooth and enjoyable one. It has been great to meet everyone and hear all of the great things about the school and area and also listen to things that you think will make the school better. I am fortunate to have come into such a great school and community full of great teachers, eager students and involved parents.

I look forward to working with you next term as we continue to further the academic, physical and social horizons of our students. Have a great break, and we’ll see you Tuesday, October 8 2013.

New Parade Protocol - I am proud to announce that we will be introducing a new tradition during Proston State School’s Parade every Monday. While the school’s houses have their own war-cry, I thought a whole school war-cry would be a way the school could represent itself if we are attending certain events where we need to cheer on our fellow students. The war-cry will hopefully serve as a whole school motivator and a way kids can get excited and take pride in their school. At the closing of our parade on Monday the whole school will shout our war-cry out before dismissal ending our parade with a little school pride.

I put it to our school leaders to create a war-cry that would instil a sense of pride while also helping to ‘ hype’ up our students. They did a great job and I’m proud of the effort they put into creating the war-cry on such short notice. After their demonstration on Monday’s parade, the school leaders will now visit every classroom and teach our students the war-cry so we are set to yell it out on parade.

Below are the lyrics if you want to start helping your children with the words.

Proston War Cry

Proston, Proston, that’s our school,
To 10 we’re just that cool.
In green and gold we stand proud,
Hear our war cry, shout it loud!

We're smart, we're fast, we're capable,
We'll try our best to win it all.
We stand out from the crowd,
Hear our war cry, shout it loud!

Well done student leaders for creating a great war-cry. We look forward to hearing the whole school shouting it loud!

Behaviour Framework Update - The new framework will be taking effect starting Term Four. Staff have been fully briefed and understand the protocols surrounding the consequences stemming from the negative behaviours of students.

The documents of the framework will be posted on our school’s website over the holidays and attached to this newsletter is a further overview of what the framework will look like. If you have any questions please give me a call at the school to discuss these documents.

NAPLAN Results - Preliminary NAPLAN results have been released and while we haven’t received all the comprehensive data, a snap shot of results look positive. Early in Term Four a more comprehensive report on school progress will be released to parents and carers with generic data being made available to the broader school community.

Ryan Pedley (Acting Principal)
**Year 9 HPE**

This term in HPE the Year Nine students have embarked on a rather complex physical education unit about Psychology. The students have been learning everything from what parts make up their brains to how their brains work. They have completed activities to do with the nervous system, how their behaviour is influenced, types of learning and even how to train an animal!

Students have been very engaged and full of questions about how it all works and how it could be applied in different situations. Whether or not this new-found information will help our future student leaders become better learners remains to be seen. Let’s hope it does!

**Primary HPE**

This term in Primary HPE, students have been learning the great Aussie sport of Cricket. After fielding many questions at the beginning of the term about ‘Home Runs, Bases and Pitching’, the primary students are now talking in terms of ‘Runs, Wickets and Bowling’. I’m very proud to say the improvement in ability has been dramatic and effort levels very high.

I look forward to further developing some young cricketers of the future who hopefully can make their mark in the zone and district competitions next year!

Kyle Fazakerley (HPE Teacher)
This term has been great in the Kitchen Garden. We have produced lots of different foods and created some amazing meals. Some of the favourites being bruschetta, turnip and potato cakes, mystery salads, pumpkin pasta and many more.

Thank you to all of the volunteers we have had to help us out throughout the term, we really appreciate it!

We are still looking for more volunteers for next term so if you are able to help out in the kitchen or the garden please contact Nadine O’Sullivan, Katrina Hayward or Belinda Waterford at the school office. Thankyou! (Kitchen Garden Committee)
BSC

Coming Soon

Bakin' Shakin' n Chillin'

Yr. 10 Business Class is completing a business venture where they will be selling the following items. This will commence in Term 4.

Milkshakes $1.50
Cookies 3 for $1.00
Slushies $1

Year 5/6
Time has flown and we have reached the end of Term 3. Our 5/6 students have been working diligently completing various assessments this week.

We have also been working hard to produce our window display items to display and show off our hard work.

I would like to remind our students for the beginning of Term 4 the weather is warming up. It would be appreciated if all students could have a water bottle to use in class rather than having to go outside to use the water bubbler to get a drink during class time. I hope you all have a great break and stay safe. See you all next term.

(Belinda Waterford Year 5/6 Teacher)

Getting the point!

At several of the schools I visit you will find that the dive-bombers have arrived. Here you are walking or running across the playground or the oval, and the magpie swoops in and before you know it, you get the point! Magpie beak wounds can be very sore, and you soon learn to pay attention to them, even if it is only to defend yourself.

I wonder if we get the point in class, or is our attention so caught up in other things that we miss out on understanding the knowledge being imparted to us.

Or if you are older, ask yourself what is the point of life? Do I really get it?

Let’s focus on the main point of the game: that way others haven’t got to bash you over the head to get it.

Cheers Chappy

Timetables and curriculum changes
After much consultation with teachers regarding the best ways to support and extend our students with an engaging curriculum, we have had some reshuffling of the school timetable.

The main changes are:

- The Year 5/6s will get to experience Rural Studies with an hour a week at the farm
- The Year 7/8 class will be split into two classes for Maths
- The Year 7s will complete a term of Rural Studies to prepare them for Year 8 Rural
- The Year 8s will experience a term of Business Studies, to prepare them for subject selections next year
- The Year 7s and 8s will return to having a Music class and will complete a unit on music appreciation
- Some students will be receiving more one-on-one or small group support and extension lessons
- Year 3/4/5/6 Kitchen Garden classes have been moved to Fridays.

There has also been some shuffling of teachers in the secondary school, which will introduce some new and exciting elements to each class. Secondary students each received a copy of their Term 4 timetable today.

If you have any questions regarding the timetable or your child’s classes, please don’t hesitate to call me or your student’s teacher or Year Level Co-ordinator.

Kind regards, Alison Chan (H O C)
Greetings from K Block

This fortnight’s award winners:

- Kaitlyn Barber – red sight words
- Jake Harrold – blue sight words
- Billey Davies-Taylor – focused work during graphing. Well done! Lemon sight words
- Jacinta Kirwan – consistently following the school rules. Thank-you!
- Jaxon Walker – focused work during handwriting. Thank-you!
- Nastassja Soanes – orange and violet sight words
- Daniel Humphrey – red and blue sight words
- Darren Blanch – blue and green sight words
- Ollie Thomas – an AWESOME effort with his shadow puppet performance. Congratulations!
- Courtney Kruse – blue sight words
- Heavynn Skvaridlo – indigo sight words
- Lyddia Silk – lime sight words
- Hayley Beasley – golden sight words

During our Maths lessons this term we’ve been learning about our currency. We’ve been looking at the different values of our coins and the different ways we can represent the same value (equivalence). We’ve also been looking at the features of our coins, ridges on the circumference of each coin to enable visually impaired people to be able to ‘read’ their value, the different animals and people on our coins. Mrs Shelton was kind enough to bring her coin collection so we could see the different coins and notes from the ‘olden days’!

K Block has been very busy wrapping up their assessment pieces this week. We’ve been presenting our Technology/Drama unit, students putting on a puppet show in small groups. They’ve been working towards this over the term as well as presenting their Science talk. We’ve videoed their performances and we would like to extend a warm welcome to family members to come join us on Friday morning at 9:00 am to view these performances.

Once again, thanks to everyone for all your assistance and help this term. We wish you all a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4, Tuesday 8 October! Fiona Gill and Sonia Steele

Proston Post Office

New stock has arrived.
- Colourful cook books.
- Children’s books.
- Boxes of sticker books.
- Kids’ clocks and calendars arriving soon.
- Call in and have a look.

Julie Berry—Licensee

Musical Happenings - We have had a very busy term in Music throughout Term 3:

Students in Prep, Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed learning some of the names of the notes on the treble clef staff with "Freddie the Frog". These classes have also enjoyed learning a new song called "Fiddle Diddle Dee". Through this song we have done a class orchestration using untuned percussion instruments and performing simple ostinati while singing the song. Students have also engaged in learning a new song "Junkanoo" which will hopefully become a combined class canon presentation.

Students in Year 3/4 have been learning a new song called "Broomsticks" and performing simple ostinati with this tune, they have also engaged in performing simple ostinati with a recorded version of the theme from "The Lion King". Students have begun learning about rap music and have enjoyed learning a new song called "The Zombie Rap". We have also been learning about the form of modern songs and the instrumentation used in modern music.

The Year 5/6 class have all been learning about rap music and performing hip hop moves and beat boxing with rap music. Students have also been learning about the use of music within film and did a short musical presentation at the start of "Shrek 2". We have also been learning about plagiarism in music and how this is an issue. Students particularly enjoyed looking at the form of the piece "Musica Viva".

The choir group have enjoyed learning "Lean On Me" and are currently enjoying "Rock Around the Clock" and "Tears From Heaven". One student has even been beginning to play the drum kit while we sing these tunes. Students in the choir have just begun learning "Do You Wanna Dance/Blue Moon". A reminder to all choir students that you need to come to each choir lesson so that you can learn the songs. All the best in musical happenings, Fiona Chapman.
School Magazine

It is almost that time of year again where we look back and reflect on all of the many great achievements of the 2013 year at Proston State School by publishing a magazine for the school.

This year the magazine team will consist of a determined and committed Business Class that will be completing a unit of work titled “The PSS Magazine Publishing House” encompassing everything from interviewing, researching, photography, writing, art directing, editing, publishing, marketing, printing and advertising. At completion of the unit the team will have developed a quality magazine that will showcase the schools successes for the year of 2013 and add to the collection of historical evidence for future and past students to reflect upon.

The Magazine Front Cover Competition

The first step in creating this year’s magazine will be a competition open to all students in the school to create an artistic front cover design for the magazine. The winner will have the honour of having their work displayed on all printed publications of the 2013 Magazine and a framed copy of their design placed within the school.

Every year there are various international, national, state and local themes. Some of 2013’s themes are listed below:

The International Year of Statistics, United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation,
The International Year of Quinoa, Year of the Student, Year of the Writer, Year of the Hunter, Year of the Snake.

All themes have a place, though one that stands out to all Australians, Queenslanders and rural areas such as Proston and it would have to be the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation. If you are a climate change advocate or skeptic, we all must agree that fresh water will always be a vital part of our community and the conservation of it will become more important in the future due to climate variations, population growth and the ever increasing demands for water.

So this year’s front cover theme will be: WATER

Criteria to enter:
Design must capture the importance of Water in its design
Class or individual student entry
To create an eye catching design on A4 or A3 sized paper/card
Use of any medium or mixed medium (eg. Crayons, water colours, photos collage).
The competition will close week 4 of Term 4 (1st October 2013)

The competition will be judged by a select group of keen art critics involved within our school community. We are looking forward to seeing all of the creative designs and good luck to those that enter! Mr Eisenmenger - (Business Coordinator)

School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

School Tuckshop

Our Tuckshop has been going very well this year and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have been helping. It has been very much appreciated by the P & C.

I will not be continuing with tuckshop or school banking next year so if there is anybody interested in taking on these roles please let the P & C know.

Thanks, Carol Britton

Proston Community Playgroup Pie Drive

Proston Playgroup is having a Pie Drive. There is an order form attached to the newsletter if you would like to support the Playgroup.

Please hand in your orders and money to the School Office or if you have any further questions please phone Felicity Blanch 4168 9665.
From the Paddock

The rain this week has been very well received. This will give us a chance to work and plant the forage paddock as well as prepare the vegetable patch.

I have been so very proud of the students and the teachers/aides over the last couple of weeks, not only have we refurbished the green house, we now have a chook pen near completion. The chain wire is up and hopefully we will be able to stop both predators and cattle destroying the chooks/pen.

The three steers (Gus, Gilbert and GI) have also gone to market at JBS Dinmore. Their kill sheets had them at top price and hence top dollar. Their fat was at 5mm, butts in the A-C category and their Hot weights were between 300 and 340 kg. This is great news for the Rural program and for the students that have put so much time into making sure they are to market specifications. A few of the students were a little attached and the final farewells were quite emotional.

Thank you to Brian and Matthew Smith again for transporting and their advice. The tender for Heidi the heifer calf will be finalised after the holidays (10th of October), so if anyone wishes to put in a tender please hand to the office in writing.

Lets hope more rain falls over the holidays

Till next time, Sophia Steinhardt

Our steers

Final Farewells

28 mls of rain this week
We are now ready for planting after the holidays!!!