Welcome Back! - Welcome back students for term 4 of the 2013 school year. Time is flying and this term will be no exception. Many things are on the go as we count down to summer holidays.

One thing parents should note is that Report Cards will be going home 10 December. Parent teacher interviews are encouraged and there will be 3 days for parents to schedule a meeting with their teacher after the release of reports. If you would like to lock in a time please contact your child's teacher today to book in this meeting.

P&C School Support - I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C and the community for their tremendous amount of support which was showcased at the Mega Bowls event this past weekend. To this date, I have never been involved in such a fluidly run event. It was remarkable to see the larger part of the community out, coming together to raise much needed funds for the school’s Rural Program. A special mention needs to be made to Barb Madden, Rebecca Dunlop, Christine Roberts, Cindy Weaver and Jason Barber for all the leg work they put in collecting, calling for donations and lining up a great overall event. Without these people the evening would have been hard to pull off. A thank you to all of the local businesses and volunteers who supported us. It is refreshing to know that you embrace what we are doing at the school and are keen to support our continued improvement. Finally, a massive shout out to everyone who joined us on the evening. You all inevitably made the event a success. Myself and Sharlea enjoyed meeting all of you and it was a great affirmation for us regarding our decision to move to Proston. Thank you all again, and we look forward to your continuing support in the future.

NAPLAN Data - While the school saw an improvement trend across many facets of the NAPLAN test, one area the school leadership team acknowledges as a lesser strength were our spelling results. In response to these lower spelling scores the school has purchased the rights to pilot a new spelling program called Words Their Way. The pilot will take place in the primary sector for now and when sufficient results are gained will be unrolled throughout the school. Words Their Way focus on the phonemic development of words and chucking the words with the challenging digraphs. We will keep you posted on the success of the pilot.

SWPBS - Proston State School has been invited by the region to a SWPBS Tier II Readiness Meeting. The objective of the meeting is to determine whether Proston is ready to evolve it’s SWPBS program to the next level. In being invited to the Tier II meeting the school must have demonstrated certain elements within it’s program. All of the elements that have been achieved are cause for celebration as there are very few schools in the region that boast Tier II status. The elements that have been achieved are as follows:

1. Establishment with integrity of universal systems of support, including a 50%-70% reduction in overall office discipline referrals.
2. All students must have received instruction and practice opportunities in schoolwide, non-classroom, and classroom behavioural expectations.
3. Staff members receive team-based training in focussed behaviour assessment and support Well done staff and students in achieving this milestone!

Welcome to Pre-Preps - A warm welcome goes out to our Pre-Preps who will be joining us every Thursday until the end of the year. It is a wonderful way for our prospective Preppies to get a feel for their future environment. If you haven’t joined our fabulous K Block teachers for a Thursday pre-prep session please come in next week.

Regards Ryan (Act Principal)
Technology Unit

3/4 Project by Summer Jones

First 3/4 class planned our water or land toys. I built a water boat. I made it out of an egg carton and under the egg carton I put styrofoam and wrapped it up with aluminium foil. We then finished all our projects. Lastly we took them outside and tested them and nearly everyone succeeded. It was fun and everyone’s boats were really great.

Rhys Protheroe wrote:

First the 3/4 class had to plan their vehicles, then we made a labelled diagram (talk about boring) of our vehicles. We also got to name them and determine if they were land or water vehicles (I originally chose land but instead used a water vehicle).

3/4 Class Report by Josh Strauss

3/4 made land and water toys. Josh made a sail boat and it lasted two goes, everyone named their toys. Land toys had to go 1-5 meters and water toys had to go 1 metre and had to float.
Welcome back to Term 4 we are certainly flying through the year…..It will be Christmas in no time. This term we will be working on Forces & Light during our Science lessons, Chance and Data for the next few weeks in Maths and in English we have the opportunity to put together our own speeches. It will be a busy term also preparing our Grade Six students for their transition to Grade Seven next year.

Grade 5 and 6 students need to remember that our swimming day is still a Monday and they need to bring the correct attire each Monday. Physical Education is assessed and if students do not participate it will affect their grades. Students are also participating in Rural lessons on a Monday as well so it is very important that hats are not left at home.

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to class each day. Class time should not be interrupted for students needing to go to the bubblers to get themselves a drink during class time. If a student leaves the room each lesson for 5 minutes to get themselves a drink of water that takes up on average 25 minutes each day of lesson time. This is easily rectified by each student having a water bottle in class and them helping themselves to it during the day without leaving the class and missing out on important learning time.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Jade on a personal achievement. Jade has secured herself a job at a local coffee shop in Kingaroy working Saturdays. Well done Jade your hard work in maths and even Kitchen Garden skills have paid off for you. Keep up the good work but most importantly enjoy it!!!!!!

Belinda Waterford (Class Teacher)

P &C News

The ever popular Cake Stall was run by the P&C at the Election Polling Booth on Saturday 7 September 2013. Once again the stall was well supported and ‘sold out’ within the first couple of hours!!! Donations from both Proston and the Proston State School community of home bake items and preserves raised approximately $260. Special thanks go to the following people who volunteered their help on the day and/or provided items for sale.

Little Chef Bakery, Fruit & Veg
Carly Barnes
Felicity Blanch
Carol Britton
Fiona Gill
Ann Harrold
Christine Roberts
Sonia Steele

Wellness for Women after cancer

Next Session
Monday 28 October—10am to 12noon
To be held at
The Old Railway Building
PROSTON

Laughter Yoga

Introduction session
Monday 28 October — 1pm
Proston Library
For more information OR book
Kathy — 4168 9280 OR Margaret 4168 9103
This fortnight’s award winners

Nastassja Soanes – pink sight words
Lyddia Silk – lemon sight words
Ollie Thomas – lemon, pink, purple, aqua, lime and violet sight words
Hayley Beasley – red sight words
Darren Blanch – orange sight words
Jorja Silk – counting with confidence. Congratulations!
Lachlan Wilson – for his inquisitive mind and intelligent questions. Thank you!
Clay Skvaridlo – great work in his new group in rotations.
Shaeleigh Waterford – golden sight words

A big welcome back to everyone as we enter our final term of 2013! We are in the process of organising some transition sessions for the Year 2’s to ensure they have a seamless entry into Year 3 next year. It is a busy term so make sure you check your child’s folder regularly for notes.

This term in Art we will be doing a unit called ‘In the Gallery’ and the culminating activity will be the children drawing a self-portrait. If all goes according to plan, we hope to invite you all to a gallery showing later in the term.

This week in art students explored the medium of charcoal. There was much excitement in the room as they created wavy lines, straight lines, thick lines and thin lines. They even had a go at drawing the parts of the eye and around the eye! The only problem was, charcoal is a bit messy and it took a little while to get the stains off our hands!

Once again we’d like to extend a warm welcome to our Pre-prep kiddies. If your child (or someone you know has a child) is enrolling in Prep at PSS next year, feel free to join us for morning rotations on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Stay the whole morning (9.00 – 10.50) or just drop in for a little bit. You must stay with your child and this will help them feel more comfortable when they start school next year. Feel free to contact us through the office if you have any questions.

We look forward to working again with you all this term. Fiona Gill & Sonia Steele
MEGA BOWLS WRAP UP

Mega Bowls - held on the Saturday 12 October at the Proston Bowls Club was very successful! We raised over $10,000.00 which is an amazing effort in a little community like ours. Although there were a few key people doing the legwork for this fundraiser it was a really great community effort with many people donating prizes and cash, buying raffle tickets, playing bowls, coming along to spectate, bidding at the auction, eating burgers and drinking. All of these contributions made for a fun and very successful evening.

In the end the Bowling Green was full! We had 16 teams, some were very professional with shirts and all and some were thrown together at the last minute, meaning new friendships were formed. Due to the lack of knowledge, adherence to the true Bowling Green rules and possibly the warm conditions and flowing liquid, the usual scoring of points was not followed, so no winner could be truly determined. Therefore, a raffle of all teams was held - resulting in a win to the Proston State School Staff team, who took home some hardware kindly donated by Total Building Solutions and the runners up Stacey Frost’s awesome foursome who took home a backpack full of goodies donated by Bentleys accountants, Brisbane.

The multi-draw raffle consisting of 30 prizes allowed people a higher chance of winning something – prizes included iPod Nanos (donated by the westerman Family), Fuel vouchers (donated by Brad Cecil) Meat trays (donated by Rainbow beach meats and Kingaroy Butchery). A live auction was also held, with local agent Ian Newson providing us with his expert auctioneering skills. A number of sort after items attracted fierce bidding wars, these included – A paint Tin full of jelly beans – purchased by JB for kaitlyn, A lawn mower – purchased by Hec and a beautiful hand-made Kathy Duff silver bracelet bought by Trent Smith.

A chocolate trailer, expertly coordinated by Linda and GI Rea with the kind donations of chocolates and money from parents and staff at the school - Resulted in lots of fun trying to land a 50 cent coin on a block of chocolate – Miss Olivia Frahm and Miss Nicole Urban managed to win 4 Blocks each!

A special thanks to Nic Blanch for the use of his shop windows, Michal Hams for showing us some new dance moves and providing us with great music, Rainbow Beach Meats for donating the steak and sausages, Kerrie Dewy and helpers for feeding everyone and the Proston Bowls club for donating the green fees and allowing us to hold this event.

Overall we had lots of fun and raised a significant amount of money for our Rural and sports departments, allowing our children to excel further in these areas.

Thanks again to everyone who donated their money, prizes and time!

Proston State School P and C Association

Chappy’s Corner

The finishing Line

When you engage in the sport of athletics the sight you look for is the finishing line or the tape at the finishing line.

With that line in sight it is not the time to ease up and coast to the end. Rather it is time to summon up the reserves of energy and stamina and go for it. All good runners can hit the express button at this stage for a good finish.

When I was (much) younger we used to race in a one mile event. On the ovals I ran on that meant going around the oval four times and then having a quarter of a lap to go. Many races have been won or lost in that last quarter of a lap.

In church sports, in the Canterbury-Bankstown district I ran in the mile event. I led for the four laps only to be overtaken on the curve in that last quarter of a lap. Somewhere I found the get up and go, to get up and win. Training to finish well came into play. Talking after with my rival, he never practiced the finish whereas I did.

At school we are in the last term, the end is in sight. This is not a time to ease up, it is a time to muster up all of our energy and stamina in order to have a good and winning end. Have a good finish, guys!

World Teachers’ Day - Friday 25 October 2013

World Teachers’ Day recognises the important role teachers play in today’s world. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day is symbolic of the hard work done in classrooms and of hopes for our next generation.

Introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), it is a day on which students, parents and community members are encouraged to show their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

If parents or students would like to thank their teachers personally on World Teacher’s Day, teacher appreciation certificates are available to download and print from the Queensland College of Teachers website at http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/certificates.html.

For more information on World Teacher’s Day, visit http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/.

Alison Chan
Head of Curriculum

Hivesville Markets (Anniversary)
27 October 2013—7am
Stalls — Hot Food — Rides for Kids — Mini Auction - Multi Draw Raffle
Plus Much More
For more information call - 0459 493 511
The end of Term 3 saw students in Year 7/8 Science and Year 10 Science complete assessment pieces that involved some ingenuity and lateral thinking.

The year 7/8 class designed Rube Goldberg devices that demonstrated changes in energy. Some devices were very simple but effective, others were elaborate and exciting to watch with dominoes falling, balloons popping, lights being turned on and marbles travelling down many flights of ramps.

The year 10 students studied Car Physics with a focus on safety devices and how cars behave during crashes.

With this in mind we put aside the research task and decided to design a ‘vehicle’ that would protect 4 people (2 parents/large eggs and 2 offspring/bantam eggs). All in the class joined in including Mr Hams and myself; we used recycled material to make our safety car.

Speeds were measured using ticker timers and their safety rating was calculated at the end of each crash. We had survivors at low speed, but unfortunately the eggs got a little scrambled when the speeds increased.

It’s great to see the students enjoying science when they can see the practical side of things and simply have fun.

Sophie Steinhardt (Science Teacher)
Get Ready for Prep!

A Prep Information Session will be held at Proston State School Thursday November 7, 2013 from 9:00-10:50 am. Enrolment forms and other information will be provided on the day.

In addition, if your child is starting Prep at Proston State School next year, you are welcome to bring them along to our morning session each Thursday until December 5, 2013. Children will be able to join in classroom activities and get used to school routines.

“Get Ready for Prep” Sessions:
Time: 9:00-10:50 AM
Day: every Thursday until December 5
Parents must stay with their child/children. You are welcome to arrive later/leave earlier if you are busy.

We’d love to see you!

School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmite token.

The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Proston.
Carol Britton (P & C)

REMINDER:
COMPETITION for Front Cover of School Magazine
(PROSTON SS YEARBOOK 2013)
The theme for this year is WATER as it is the:
United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation

Competition Entry Requirements:
• Design must capture the importance of Water
• 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 (e.g. crayons, water colours, photos collage).
• The competition will close week 4 of term 4 (Friday 1 November 2013)

We already have some entries handed in so keep designing and you could still be lucky enough to have your design on the front cover of the Yearbook!!!
Mr Eisenmenger (Business Studies)

Tuckshop

Just a reminder that tuckshop is every Wednesday. Please have your orders in by 9am and if any parents would like to help by donating their time or even some mice or chocolate brownies.

Please contact Carol Britton - 4168 9563

Thankyou
This term has seen the introduction of SWPBS Student of Week awards. Every week, a student in each grade is awarded a certificate on parade for showing consistency or significant improvement following the 4 school rules: BE SAFE, BE CO-OPERATIVE, BE RESPECTFUL, AND BE A LEARNER. They and a friend are then invited to participate in special Friday lunch time activities – Ping Pong or a Wii games session. Congratulations our SWPBS award winners so far.

A. Chan (Head Of Curriculum)