Here to Stay

I am proud to inform all of our staff, students, parents and broader community that I will be staying at Proston State School as Principal for the next few years. I was informed by the department last Friday that I had been successful in the selection and recruitment process and accepted their offer of Principal of Proston State School.

Thank you to everyone who sent in your support leading up to the selection process. It was overwhelming and was quite humbling hearing of all the letters and phone calls that were made to support me in my application.

Thank You!

As the 2013 school year draws to a close there are a few people and organisations that need to be thanked for their massive efforts in making 2013 a great school year. 2013 was a very tumultuous year for Proston State School. The school saw many changes occur in its leadership. A new Principal, Head of Curriculum and the resignation of our hard working and well respected P&C President Barb Madden should have sent the school into a tail spin. However, despite these significant changes the school continued to make great strides and progressions in it delivery of our students education. This is a testament to the schools already established culture and its teachers’ efforts to see every student achieve, every day and in every classroom.

Proston State School Teachers, Teacher Aides, Administration and Cleaners are congratulated on the continued successes they have had in improving all of our students’ outcomes. We have seen improvement across all of our cohorts and this is due to the massive team effort. This improvement could not have been achieved without a caring, compassionate and hard working mentality that all our staff bring to the table every day.

Vital to the success and stability was the contributions made by our diligent P&C led by Barb Madden. Barb and the P&C executive need to be acknowledged for the tireless effort they put in, helping to raise money for our students. Their Mega Bowls event raised money which will be induced into our rural program to help stimulate and evolve an already excellent program. They have also been responsible for purchasing much needed curtains in our primary classrooms. Thank you again for all your efforts and the school looks forward to working with you again in 2014.

Thank you to the broader community for making the Pedley family feel so welcome in Proston. We have enjoyed our time here and look forward to the years ahead!

Have a happy and safe summer holidays, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Ryan Pedley (Principal)
Student of the Week

Prep: Shaeleigh Waterford, Year 1: Toby Lane, Year 2: Michael Ward, Year 3: Summer Jones, Year 4: Tom Roberts, Year 7: Leah King, Year 8 James Mutton, Year 9 Scott Johnstone.

Year 1: Riley Dunlop, Year 2: Mitchell Fox, Year 3: Sebastian Lopez, Year 5 Riley Bingham, Year 6: Lizzy Taylor, Year 8 Josh Dewey.
**Yearbook 2013**

The 2013 Yearbook has been completed!! Those that ordered a yearbook should be bringing them home.

A few final editing and printing problems slowed up the process a little bit, though we came through with a polished product that should give all those who have purchased a good memory of the year that was 2013.

The year 9 Business class should be proud of their efforts in production of the magazine, and deserve a pat on the back. Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to the compiling of articles and photos.

If people missed out and want to order a copy please contact the school. The cost of the colour edition is $10 and the black and white edition is $5.

Congratulations to Summer Jones for winning the front cover design competition.

**Mark Eisenmenger**

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**Year 3/4 Update**

During the last weeks of the term the 3/4 students have been investigating insulation and how to keep water chilled in a drink bottle when it is sitting out in the sun. Students designed an investigation to test their theories and last week we put this to the test.

Students created their bottle cooler and then conducted the experiment where they had to measure the temperature of the water every 15 minutes.

The students found that styrofoam, tin foil and cardboard were good insulators for their bottle with students who had used these materials finding that the temperature of the water only moved slightly.

It was a great way to finish the term.

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**Friday Night Fun for the family**

Come join us on Friday night

- Shops will be open and offering great discounts
- Main street will be blocked off from the traffic
- Jumping castle &
- Santa Claus for the children
- Market stalls
- Raffles

It will be a great evening for all the family so come and join us and have a fun night.

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**Christmas Decorations**

Donations of tinsel and other Christmas decorations to make our main street (Blake Street) look festive would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any decorations you no longer need, please leave them with Nick at NB Inspirations. Thank you and Merry Christmas!!
Greetings from K Block

- Heavynn Skvaridlo – an AWESOME result in PAT-M testing. Congratulations!
- Ollie Thomas – making better decisions in class. Well done!
- Mitchell Fox – an AWESOME result in PAT-M testing. Congratulations!
- Lorna Smith – a GREAT effort with narrative writing. Well done!
- Darren Blanch – pink sight words
- Michael Ward – green sight words
- Michael Ward – consistently being safe, respectful and co-operative at school
- Shaeleigh Waterford – trying her best and persevering in Maths
- Courtney Kruse – orange sight words

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us on Friday afternoon as we celebrated the culmination of our terms work. The students were very excited to show all the visitors their portraits, toys, snow globes and maps. They have worked hard on these all term.

Congratulations to all the students who achieved 200 pennies this term by following the school rules every day. They will be enjoying a much deserved celebration on Thursday afternoon.

This is Ms Steele’s last newsletter. We will all be very sorry to see her leave. She certainly adds a bit of liveliness and excitement to the classroom! Good luck, Ms Steele. We wish you all the best in your work next year.

It has been a joy teaching in K Block this year. The students have made so many gains in their reading and writing and learnt a lot in other areas. We hope everybody has a very safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in 2014. Ms Steele and Miss Gill

Farewell!!

G’day All - I just wanted to take the opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank-you to not just the families of Proston State School students but the wider community as well, for your support, assistance and friendship over the last four years.

I have enjoyed being a part of this community over the last four years and have made some friendships that will last a lifetime.

To my colleagues, I say thank you for all your support and assistance, friendship and fun. I take away many a good memory of my days at Proston State School and I wish you all the best in the years to come.

To the K Block team, thank you for making each day enjoyable and exciting. No two days are ever the same and for this I thank you. I will miss starting each day with you all. Sonia (Ms Steele)

Year 5/6

We have now reached the end of 2013. This year has been an amazing year with great achievements for both the students and myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and students of 5/6 class for the support that has been given to myself and my family.

My first year of teaching has been very rewarding and fun. I wish you all the very best over the holidays and hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all rejuvenated and excited about 2014.

Belinda Waterford

Health & Well being over the holidays

Holidays are mostly a very fun time, but sometimes they can be lonely, sad or stressful for kids, especially because normal routine changes, and daily connections with friends or staff members at school are no longer available. It can also be difficult to get help or advice for any mental or physical health issues because of some services being closed over the Christmas break.

Don’t forget the following ways you can get assistance over the holidays.

- All emergencies (police, fire or ambulance): Call 000
- Headspace: 1800 650 890
- Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Kingaroy Hospital: 4162 9200
- Murgon Hospital: 4169 9600
- Proston Clinic: 4168 9288

Have a great holiday!!!

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