Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. It was another watery start for us with many staff and students unable to make it through flooded and damaged roads to school. I do hope that everyone is gradually getting back on their feet and beginning to dry out.

We welcome all our new families to the Proston P-10 State School community and also our new teachers Mrs Belinda Waterford in Year 5/6 and Mr Mark Eisenmenger to our Secondary department. We also welcome Mrs Sophia Steinhardt back from her maternity leave. In 2013 we have a couple of changes with teachers moving to new areas. Ms Chan has returned to teaching English and SOSE, Miss Hayward has moved into the Junior Secondary area and Mrs Cook is working with our Students with Disabilities and Learning Difficulties.

Thank you to every family for making sure your children are wearing the correct uniform and are well equipped with books and stationery for the start of the school year. Every student needs that vital support from their families, parents and carers in order to focus on their learning and to achieve success. That’s a great start to the year.

2013 brings a stronger focus on teaching and learning in our school with the introduction of our Whole School Curriculum Framework and Assessment Schedule. This was a major curriculum development project in 2012 and has been commended by our Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Auditor as being an outstanding document: This now gives our teachers the guidance and structure they need to plan their units of learning and teaching.

Each term students will be setting personal goals with their class and subject teachers over the next couple of weeks. Together they will be working towards achieving these personal goals. Teachers will also be reflecting on the strategies used to work with students to ensure they are reaching their personal goals. We have the strong belief that every student can achieve.

Towards the end of 2012 we purchased 10 ipads and these are now available for teachers to use with our Students with Disabilities and will also be used by teachers for classroom learning.

This year we are able to issue all students in Years 9 and 10 with a student laptop. A letter will go home early next week to invite students and parents to an information session which will assist everyone to understand requirements for use of the laptops, obligations regarding the care of laptops and financial responsibilities. During this session existing contracts will have to be renewed and new contracts signed.

Sometime this semester we will also see the refurbishment of the Year 7 classroom in preparation for the Junior Secondary Flying Start Initiative. This classroom will have a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, furniture as well as extra data and power points. We will also look at trying to install new computers into this room.

We have the goal of ensuring we have just as many students attending school on Fridays as we have on any other school day. FRIDAY IS AS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENT LEARNING AS ANY OTHER SCHOOL DAY.

2013 is going to be an even greater year than 2012 as we continue to grow from strength to strength and we continue to work towards achieving our vision: EVERY DAY EVERY STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVING IN EVERY CLASSROOM.

Looking forward to catching you about the place — Ree
Welcome to 3/4 Class 2013!

My name is Nadine O’Sullivan and I am the Year 3/4 teacher. It is my second year at Proston and I am really looking forward to what this year will bring!

This term in 3/4 we are working on a number of different things. In English we are reading some Roald Dahl classics like ‘The Twits’, ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ and ‘Matilda’ and the children will be working towards completing an additional chapter for one of these books! We will also be looking at persuasive writing later in the term, with our focus being on writing in paragraphs using all sorts of descriptive language.

In Maths this term we are going back to basics. Revising our basic number facts and learning new number facts. We will be revising our knowledge on measurement, time, shape and space. Science is all about investigating living and non-living things and observing their features. We will be exploring the life cycles of animals and plants. The children will be creating certificates or bookmarks using Microsoft Word this term for their Technology unit. In Art we will be creating our own dance! Finally with the addition of History to the curriculum this year, we will be looking at celebrating and commemorating our history and looking at the different cultures of Australia. As you can see it’s going to be a very busy term!

If you have any questions or would like to talk with me please feel free to call or come and see me before or after school! I look forward to meeting all the new parents to the class and catching up with all those returning from last year!

Nadine O’Sullivan

HPE IN 2013

In HPE during Term one 2013 Students from Proston SS will be completing a number of different units of study.

Students in Year P-6 will be completing a program to do with water survival skills and basic swimming stroke progression depending on what year they are in. Remember we are always looking for parent helpers in the early years!

Students in Year 7/8 will be analysing developing their own nutrition habits and writing a plan to improve their healthy eating habits. Students will also be learning and practising different Indigenous games as well as a little swimming practice for the upcoming carnival.

Students in Year 9 are studying their own health and wellness. What is wellness you say? Well, it is not just the absence of disease but how you are faring in all areas of health including social, physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual. Year 9 will also be learning and playing the interesting sport of European Handball.

Year 10 students this year will be learning the stages of Human Development from Infancy to Old Age. During practical lessons they will be learning the ever increasingly popular sport of Water Polo.

Kyle Fazakerley

Proston State School—Swimming Carnival—2013

Our Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday 12 February commencing at 9am.

Year 10’s will be having a BBQ on the day. If you would like to order something please phone the school (07) 41694 333.

Come along and support our students as they strive to achieve for their Houses and also have a fun day.

One of our little champions last year

Year 7/8 Report — Fun times ahead for year 7 and 8 this term in English/SOSE and Art!!

This term the Year 7 and 8 students are going to be engaging in some really fun activities across all subjects.

For the next 5 weeks, in English lessons, students will be looking at how young people are represented in news media. In reading lessons, they will be looking at making predictions about a text and determining what is important information in a text. In Spelling, they will be working through their own personalised Spelling Journals.

In SOSE (Studies of Society and the Environment) they have started their new History Unit. This Unit looks at the role of historians and archaeologists and how they use artefacts and known historical information to gather information about the past.

In Art, students will be doing a printmaking unit. They will be creating mono prints, a monogram using their initials and also creating linoleum cut prints. I’m looking forward to seeing all students creative sides shine through in this unit.

Lots of fun to be had for the 7 and 8 students this term!

Katrina Hayward
We would like to thank our parents and community members for their support during our collection of Woolworths docket last year. We have purchased a lounge suite, coffee table, cushions and parachutes with the number of points we earned. As you can see by these photos the children are enjoying these items immensely, you will have to pop into the Library and see them. They are great!

**Kitchen Garden Update**

This year’s Kitchen Garden program will start running in week 4. We have already started classroom learning around safety in the kitchen and garden to refresh the old faces and for the new students to gain an understanding of the program before heading into the kitchen or garden.

This year Katrina Hayward is the Garden Specialist continuing her great work producing excellent produce with the students and I, Nadine O’Sullivan will continue to be the Kitchen Specialist. If you would like to volunteer your time and come in and help on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 10.50, please call Katrina or I and we can give you more information. New faces are always welcome!

**Student Leader Induction Ceremony**

Our Student Leader Induction Ceremony is being held next Monday 11 February.

We look forward to seeing our new Student Leaders showing great leadership in our school community.

Proud parents will be watching on as our students are invested into their new positions. Congratulations to you all!
Greetings from K Block

This week’s award winners

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G’day all and welcome back to another year in K Block. We extend a warm welcome to all our families and encourage you to come in for a visit to see how our classroom works. We’ll also be sending a note home looking for parent volunteers to assist in the classroom! (It’s a nice way for you to have a better understanding of how the classroom operates and classroom expectations. It also makes your child feel extra special to see you in their classroom!)

We extend a huge welcome to our Preppies as they begin their school journey. There’s been lots of new information, routines and expectations for them to learn and by the end of the week their little minds and bodies are exhausted. Earlier this week we did a tour of the school grounds, discussing where we’re allowed to play and the school expectations.

We have been discussing the school rules, Be a Learner, Be Safe, Be Co-Operative and Be Respectful and how this looks in our school environment.

There’s been a lot of change in our specialist timetable and a bookmark will be sent home in the coming week (once everything has been finalised) for you to pop on the fridge to make your mornings easier.

As always, should you have any concerns with your child’s learning or have any questions, please contact the office to make an appointment to see us, or send us an email.

We look forward to getting to know all of you over the coming year and an engaging 2013.

Sonia Steele & Fiona Gill

Kids Club

- Kids Club commenced Thursday 7 February
- We look forward to seeing you there
- Come join in all the fun of KIDS CLUB

Gloria Smith & Sarah Alexander (Baptist Church)

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CWA LADIES

The Proston SES would like to give a special thank you to the ladies of the Proston CWA.

The quality of care given to those at the disaster relief centre was exceptional. Well done Val and the ladies.

Proston SES
Karen Bingham (Acting Deputy Group Leader)

Immunisation Forms—Year 8 & Year 10

Please return completed immunisation consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding these immunisations please call Nurse Kathy Crane 41689 288.

Kathy Crane (Proston Clinic Nurse)

School Tuckshop

The P & C would like to run the School Tuckshop again this year.

If anyone is interested in helping could you please phone Carol Britton (07) 41 689 563.

This is a great service to our students and staff and your help would be very much appreciated.

Carol Britton (Co-ordinator)