Hi Everyone,

Last night I had the pleasure of attending a meeting with parents and community members to discuss options for our Rural Studies program. It was most pleasing to see it so well supported and I feel confident that Rural Studies has a very promising future.

Following that was the P&C Meeting which was also very well attended. I encourage all parents to come along to these meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in our school library and contribute to the discussions about our students’ schooling.

In order to celebrate the successes of our school, we have established a display board in the office which is updated every two weeks. So far we have had displays from Student Leaders, Swimming Carnival, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and Science.

Another success we have to celebrate at Proston State School is our school website. I would like to thank Ms Fiona Gill for her hard work in the development of this great website and encourage you all to check it out. www.prostonss.eq.edu.au

As it is nearing the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2 after a restful holiday.

Warm regards, Ree

The School Rule for this Week is ‘Be Co-operative’
2013 ICAS INFORMATION

An opportunity exists for parents to nominate their child to complete in the ICAS assessments.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. ICAS are developed annually for primary and secondary school students in the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. These tests are administered by school staff and are run during school hours, however, parents do have to pay for their child to complete the assessment.

Year 2 students have the opportunity to sit the English ($8.80) and/or Maths ($8.80) ICAS. Students of Years 3 to 10 can sit Computer skills ($8.80), Science ($8.80), Writing ($18.70), Spelling ($12.10), English ($8.80) and/or Maths ($8.80).

There are many benefits in competing in these tests as they provide a wealth of information on your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

More information can be found at the following website – www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about

Nominations close on the 23rd April. If you are interested in your child participating in 1 or more of the ICAS assessments please contact Jessica McMahon at school or via email (jmcma115@eq.edu.au).

Mosquitoes & Insect Repellent

Following the recent significant rain events, the numbers of mosquitoes and similar biting insects seems to have increased. Many children and staff have been struggling with itchy and irritated bites as a result. The South Burnett Regional Council have also advised of the possible presence of dengue mosquitoes in the South Burnett region. We ask that parents and carers apply suitable insect repellent to your children before sending them to school to offer some protection against mosquito and other insect bites. We also encourage you to send a roll-on insect repellent to school with your child for further application during the day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is provided before school every morning and is available to all students. It is a great start to the day and ensures everyone goes to class ready to learn. To enable this worthwhile project to keep continuing, we are seeking donations of items such as bread, margarine, spreads (peanut butter, vegemite, jam, honey), milo and powdered milk. These items can be left at the school office.

We thank you for your support of Breakfast Club!

Every Day Counts

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance.

- All children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day.
- Attendance is closely monitored by school staff.
- Fridays’ are still a day of poor attendance at our school and we hope to work together with families to improve that.
- Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Our vision at Proston State School is EVERY STUDENT, LEARNING AND ACHIEVING IN EVERY CLASSROOM, EVERY DAY.

Proston Scout Group

Want fun, seek adventure, develop friendships, grow physically and spiritually? You can camp, abseil, go canoeing, bushwalking and learn bushcraft. Scouting is all that plus more!

Come and join us at the new Scout Den, Rodney St, Proston

Cub Scouts 7 - 11 years and Scouts 10 - 15 years

Mondays 5.30 - 7.00pm Ph: Zig or Sharon on 41689473

Congratulations Ian & the Carfoot Family

Ian Carfoot (past student of Proston State School and son of our groundsman, Mr Carfoot) recently graduated as a Constable with the Victorian Police force.

Ian, his wife Cathy and children (Imogen and Benji) are looking forward to moving to a new town for his first posting.
**Greetings from K Block**

- **This fortnight’s award winners:**
  - Toby Lane – working hard and consistently throughout the term
  - Daniel Roberts – lemon sight words and working and focusing on his ‘RAVES’ goals
  - Danni Lane – participating enthusiastically in all activities
  - Lydia Silk – working hard consistently throughout the term
  - Jade Dalton – orange sight words
  - Jaxon Walker – following the school rules and using the High 5. Well Done!
  - Hayley Beasley – working hard consistently throughout the term
  - Kayla Wills – consistently trying her best at all tasks. Thank you!
  - Michael Ward – improved spelling. Well Done!
  - Mitchell Fox – more productive work in writing. Congratulations!
  - Heavynn Skvaridlo – blue sight words

- We’d like to extend a warm welcome to all our friends and family to come along and watch us perform our Heel and Toe bush dance on Monday’s parade. We have been spending time each Monday practising and our culminating activity is performing on parade. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday.

- Thanks to everyone for their support with our technology assignment. After many questions and lots of conversations, we are on the way to success. These will be finished, in class, over the next week.

- Thanks to everyone for their support over the last term. It has been a crazy start to the year and hopefully next term will start more smoothly. We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and we hope the Easter Bunny finds you, wherever you are!

Fiona Gill and Sonia Steele

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### Proston State School P&C Assn News

- The Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft committee have kindly offered that the P&C run the Bar at their annual campdraft to be held on 20th and 21st April. This is a very worthwhile fundraising opportunity for our school and we are grateful to be able to do it. To enable the smooth running of the bar across the weekend we are seeking volunteers to help set-up on Friday afternoon, work behind the bar Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night, Sunday and also packing up Sunday afternoon. If you are able to volunteer at any stage across these days (even just for an hour) it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kristy Frahm on 0429683121 if you can help.
- Tuckshop - Homebakes are needed for Tuckshop (chocolate brownie slice, muffins etc). Please contact Carol on 41689563.
- The P&C have offered financial support to the Year 5/6 camp to Currimundi in May. This will reduce the cost of the camp for families and hopefully enable more students to attend. We hope they have a fantastic time!
- If you have any items for the P&C Agenda please email them to Rebecca (dunlop.santa@gmail.com)

Next meeting Wednesday 17th April at 7.00pm in the School Library. All welcome!

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### Proston State School Anzac Ceremony

- **Wednesday 24th April 2013**
  - 10.30am Service with Morning Tea to follow
  - All Welcome!
This week in Kitchen Garden we were busy baking for our street stall which is next Thursday. We made a big giant batch of biscuits and divided it into four. We then added different ingredients to each batch. We used golden syrup, coconut, choc chips, peanuts and peanut butter. The students (and adults) were very interested to see how these ingredients changed the colour, texture and taste of the biscuits. Please come and support the street stall next Thursday morning in town and hopefully you will get to try some of the great cooking that has been happening in the kitchen!

Kitchen/Garden team

Firstly a big thank you to all the parents that attended the parent teacher interviews. It was great to meet so many of you and put names to faces. I was also very pleased to be able to have so many positive things to say about the students in our class. It has been a great term getting to know all the 5/6 students (and the rest of the school).

I need to thank parents for being so patient with information regarding school camp for next term. A letter will be arriving home this week for your information with a more accurate cost. The school camp is at Currimundi Active Recreation Centre from 20th to 22nd May. This will be an extremely worthwhile experience for all of our children and we would love to have all of them attend. If you have any problems or concerns regarding this please don’t hesitate to give me a call.

In the classroom we have been working hard on persuasive text. Sorry parents but if they come home putting up a great argument for why they might want a pet pig it could be my fault!! This is preparing Grade 5’s for NAPLAN and extending Grade 6’s knowledge to create a great argument using their justification skills.

Have a great Easter break everyone and stay safe.

Mrs Waterford

Proston State School 2013 Show Display