Hi Everyone

We are off to a flying start and would like to welcome everyone back to a new school term! Welcome to our new families and students who have just enrolled this week, we really hope you enjoy your time here at our school.

It was good to catch up with some families at the P&C Meeting this week. During the meeting I shared some fantastic data that reflects our gradual progression towards continuing improvement. I will now include some school data in my principal’s report each month. This data is from our School Opinion Survey which was released to schools at the end of 2012. All staff, a random sample of parents (32 parents responded) and all students from years 4 to 7 are surveyed. Since 2010 the satisfaction in our school has been steadily improving. However in 2012 we see some huge improvements in our school.

This data is now closely aligned with other schools similar to ours (P10 rural/remote) and the majority of schools across the state.

Below is a summarised graph that reflects these improvements. If you would like to know more about this data, I am more than happy to meet with you to discuss this in greater detail. Just make an appointment with the girls in the front office.

Staff, Parent and Student Overall Satisfaction with our school 2008 to 2012

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Proston Campdraft is being held this weekend come and support our Year 10 students who will be selling soft drinks.

Proston State School Anzac Ceremony

Wednesday 24th April 2013

10.30am Service with Morning Tea to follow

All Welcome!

The School Rule for this Week is ‘Be A Learner’
Year 9 – 10 Art

Last term, Year 10 Art students learnt about Pop Art and famous pop artists.

They wrote biographies about an artist of their choice then created an artwork of their own in the famous artist’s style.

Most students chose Andy Warhol or Roy Lichtenstein, so during the recreation process we have seen screen printing, sketches, ben day dots and other interesting painting techniques.

They have created some very impressive artworks and will be able to bring them home next week, after their assessment date this week.

Well done — they look fantastic!!
Greetings from K Block

This fortnight's award winners

Jorja Silk – increased participation in Maths and English activities
Clay Skvaridlo – participating enthusiastically in lessons
Ollie Thomas – trying his best to write a text innovation for the ‘Pigeon’ book series
Dominic Malone – purple sight words
Toby Lane – blue sight words
Corey McCullough – lime sight words
Kayla Wills – purple and aqua sight words

Welcome back everybody, we hope everybody had a fantastic holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead!

Our English lessons this term will involve reading stories and writing reviews on these stories. We started the term with Crunch the Crocodile and the students have begun to think about why they liked or didn’t like the story (we tell the students that it’s ok not to like a story, they just have to be able to explain why they didn’t like it). You might like to question your child about the stories they are reading at home, to help them become comfortable and confident with explaining their opinions. Our assessment task at the end of the term will be publishing our reviews on Amazon, a website all about books. Relax, the children will not be able to be identified and it will give them the satisfaction of knowing that their opinion matters and they’ve published something!

Just a reminder that Wednesday is Tuckshop and Banking day. If you need a tuckshop menu, let us know and we’ll send one home. Also, if you’re interested in school banking (you are able to start banking for children not yet at school, it is not just for school age children) and need some information, we can send this as well.

Report cards will be sent home at the end of this semester, however, if you have any concerns with how your child is travelling at school, please contact us, via email or through the office, to organise a time to sit down and discuss any concerns you may have.

We look forward to working with you all again this term. See you at the Cross Country next Wednesday!

Fiona Gill and Sonia Steele

Chappy’s Corner

Remembering

As a society, there are days when we stop to remember and that are important to us as a nation. We stop to remember because there are things that we should never forget.

And one of those days is ANZAC Day. It is historically set 25 April, and celebrates the landing at Gallipoli, particularly at Anzac Cove. But Anzac Day is a day to remember other battles and actions. There was the Western Front in Europe; there were battles in the Middle East. World War I saw the formation of the forerunner of the R.A.A.F. The Navy was involved in Gallipoli (subs particularly); and we should never forget the contribution of the nursing sister in our armed forces.

World War II saw action in Europe, the Middle East, Papua New Guinea (remember Kokoda), Borneo and other Pacific Islands. After this there was the war in Korea (still a smouldering fuse) Malaya, Iran, and Afghanistan. Additionally Australia has been involved in peace keeping (Solomon Islands and East Timor for example) and in helping nations recover after natural disasters.

Before World War 1 there were the Boer Wars which started with state contributions that became a national involvement after federation. But also the Māori wars; and contribution in the Boxer Revolution and the Crimean War. Australia has a long history of fighting; defending; peace-keeping; and rescue operations.

And we should remember. We should always remember.— LEST WE FORGET

Cross Country

Our Cross Country is being held next Wednesday 24 April commencing at 12.45pm and finishing at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you on the day to cheer on our students who are striving to achieve for their houses. Kyle Fazakerley (Sports Co-ordinator)

Proston Campdraft

Our P & C Committee are operating the Bar at the Proston Campdraft this weekend so come along and watch the activities and enjoy some refreshments.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Street Stall

On Thursday 28 March we held a street stall to raise money for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The street stall was an amazing success! We had some fantastic baked goods cooked by the students as well as lovely donations made by various community members. We also sold some beautiful fresh produce from the school garden and we were grateful for donations of plants and vegetables as well.

Our Easter raffle was also very successful. Our 1st prize of an Easter basket was won by Mrs Barb Nott and 2nd prize of a Hot Chocolate machine went to Phil Lambert.

The street stall raised a staggering $633!! These funds will go towards buying additional ingredients for the kitchen and items for the garden such as mulch and setting up a new composting system.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that supported the street stall either through the purchase of goods and raffle tickets or through the donation of goods. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

Kitchen Garden Committee

Year 5/6

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a nice break and I have been pleased to see Year 5/6 students return to school safe and sound.

This term will be a busy term with NAPLAN, school camp and report cards due.

We look forward to a variety of learning opportunities focusing on matter in science, creating animations in English and even performing a dance for art.

Please don’t forget the deposit for school camp was due this week with the full amount required by the first week in May.

If you have not already returned the deposit and the permission slip please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding school camp please don’t hesitate to call.

Mrs Waterford

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

From Monday 8 April to 9 June staff and parents who shop at Woolworths can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet.

There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once completed, they can place their Points Sheet in the collection box, placed in the office at our school.

As was shown in the Newsletter last year we purchased a fantastic lounge suit and table for the younger students which is in the School Library. We also purchased parachutes and other items.

This program is very advantageous to our school and we look forward to your support with this program.

(You might have to ask the checkout assistant for your stickers as they quite often forget to give them to you.)

Thanks again for your support!!!!