A warm welcome is extended to new and returning students to Proston State School in 2014. It was great to see all of the new and returning faces on Tuesday.

All of the students looked rejuvenated and ready to go for an exciting 2014 school year. Many students on parade actually commented that break was too long!

While it is the same Proston State School we all know and love it certainly has a new positive and exciting feel to it this year. Teachers and teacher aides have come back to school rearing to go and are looking forward to providing the best education for your children as they can.

The school has several new and exciting things happening in 2014. Students, thanks to the P&C, have been equipped with a new diary, Junior/Secondary students are boasting newly designed shirts, school leaders are booked into several leadership conferences, rural improvements are underway and the school has two new local teachers who are keen to leave their footprint on Proston Students.

All in all, I am truly excited for the 2014 school year. I look forward to working with everyone to make this year a bumper year for Proston State School!
Proston Bits and Pieces

School Uniforms
It was great to see many of our students arrive on the first day of school dressed in the proper uniform as per the school’s uniform policy. There were however, a few students that arrived at school with excessive jewelry and makeup. Please refer to the 2014 Prospectus or the student diaries for the expectations of our school uniforms. If students show up with articles not listed in our uniform policy they will be asked to remove them, and if necessary, be given a second hand piece of clothing to wear for the day. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Farewell Mr. Fazakerley
Proston State School wishes Kyle Fazakerley best of luck in his new endeavor. Over the holidays Kyle was offered and accepted a job at Kimberley College in Brisbane. Kyle’s dedication and enthusiasm will not only be missed by the staff but the students as well!

School Diaries
The feedback so far from the students about the diaries are that they are, ‘awesome!’ Although it is only the first week, students seem to have integrated them fairly seamlessly into their school lives. Let’s keep the excitement rolling and correspondence going to ensure our students are getting maximum use from their new educational tool.

MRS. JONES
A WARM PROSTON WELCOME TO MRS. JONES WHO JOINS US IN THE PREP CLASSROOM. MRS. JONES BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO PROSTON HAVING HELD TEACHER AIDE POSITIONS BEFORE JOINING THE TEACHING RANKS. MRS. JONES HAS FIT IN VERY WELL SINCE JOINING US AND THE KIDS HAVE ENJOYED HER ENTHUSIASTIC AND FUN FILLED LESSONS!

MR. BLANCH
MR. BLANCH JOINS THE TEACHING RANKS AFTER GRADUATING FROM UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR. MANY PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE GREAT WORK NICK DOES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO NICK SHARING HIS PASSION AND COMMITMENT WITH HIS STUDENTS AND SCHOOL. WELCOME TO PROSTON STATE SCHOOL NICK!

HEAD OF CURRICULUM NEWS
IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION, THE WORD PEDAGOGY IS USED TO DESCRIBE THE METHODS AND PRACTICES OF TEACHING. IT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS BEING THE “ART AND SCIENCE OF TEACHING”. TWICE EVERY TERM THIS YEAR, YOU CAN EXPECT TO READ A SNIPPET ABOUT WHAT TEACHERS ARE DOING AT PROSTON IN THE WORLD OF PEDAGOGY.
THIS YEAR, WE ARE CONTINUING TO USE WARM UPS IN THE CLASSROOM. WARM UPS ARE FAST-PACED 5 – 20 MINUTE SESSIONS USED AT THE BEGINNING OF LESSONS. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT WARM UPS ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN THE LESSON, ACTIVATE THEIR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE, AND HELP THEM TO TRANSFER INFORMATION FROM SHORT-TERM TO LONG-TERM MEMORY.
UP UNTIL WEEK 5, TEACHERS ARE USING WARM UPS FOCUSED ON REVIEWING PRIOR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE. WARM UPS ARE ALREADY BEING USED EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AS CLASSES GET STUCK INTO THEIR BRAND NEW UNITS. SOME HAVE INVOLVED STUDENTS PARTICIPATING BY PROVIDING QUICK ANSWERS ON FLASH CARDS OR FLIP BOOKS, OR BY WRITING MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWERS ON MINI-WHITEBOARDS, MULTIPLICATION DRILLS, RECITING LETTER SOUNDS, COMPETITIONS, GAMES, CREATIVE BRAINSTORMING, AND HEAPS MORE.
OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, ASK YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT HOW THEY’VE BEEN REVIEWING WHAT THEY ALREADY KNOW IN THEIR WARM UPS. WE HOPE THEY CAN TELL YOU ABOUT LOTS OF ENGAGING ACTIVITIES!
UNTIL NEXT TIME,
ALISON CHAN (HEAD OF CURRICULUM)
New Look School Uniforms

**Uniform Change**
There has been a small change to the uniforms at Proston State School for 2014.

Aligning with the official introduction of Junior Secondary in 2015, Proston State School has implemented a change to the school shirt for students in this juncture (year 7,8 &9). This will mean that students in different stages of their educational journey will be able to have their own identity.

Year 10 students have the choice of wearing the standard primary school shirt or they can purchase a senior shirt through the school (not NB Inspirations). These senior shirts will have their name printed on them.

All primary and junior secondary shirts are available for purchase from NB Inspirations in Proston.

**Greetings from K Block!**
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Preppies and their families, as they begin their school journey here with us at Proston.

Welcome back to all our 1s and 2s. It’s great to have you back and the learning has already begun. We’ve all been really busy here in K Block. Our aides have been trying to get us organised, which can sometimes be a hard job!

The 1s and 2s have been busy learning out how to set out their books for Maths, handwriting, spelling and so on. The preps have been busy getting used to school life and finding their way around the school (and so has Mrs Jones!). We are all very excited about the new Homework Diaries!

We look forward to getting to know all of our new families. If there are any concerns please organise a time to meet with us.

Thanks for all your support and welcome back!

Fiona Gill and Susan Jones
Advertising in the Proston State School Newsletter

Proston State School is looking for local businesses to advertise within its newsletter.

For a small fee businesses can be assured that its advertising will be viewed by every family and employee that attends or works at the school, local councils and the broader communities of Proston and Hivesville.

Newsletters are sent home to every family at the school, mailed out to our local councillors and posted on the schools website fortnightly.

If you are interested in taking out an advertisement in our newsletter, please contact the school.

Any length of time or size of advertisement is available.

All proceeds go to reducing the cost of producing the newsletters for our students and the broader community.

Thanks in advance for considering this advertising opportunity.

Below:
Be sure to check out Karara State Schools Trail Bike Ride on their school website or call the school and talk to Kyle Low for more information.
Rated one of the best Trail Rides in the Darling Downs South West!