Semester One

Semester one has been a busy one at Proston State School. We have embarked on several new initiatives designed at improving our student outcomes. Teachers and Teacher Aides have worked tirelessly to improve the standard of educational delivery our students receive at Proston State School.

We have started to see a massive improvement in our spelling trends as we work to embed our Words Their Way Program. Our Proston community will enjoy access to a Kindy program, in partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education, which will improve student readiness and outcomes for Proston’s Prep program. Please find on the second page of the Newsletter a list of items that we would use in our new eKindy if you have a surplus, donations would be greatly appreciated.

Our school is partnering with USC and their MyTED team to give our year 3/4 exciting opportunities to explore future career aspirations. We are also continuing our partnerships with associate Universities throughout Queensland to offer our Year 10 students the ability to scope out future educational paths.

The school is also working at our SWPBS Tier 2 status which will see improved strategies targeting our more prevalent behaviour issues.

Thank you to the parents and community for working with the school to improve our Greater Proston Area students. Your dedication to the school and it’s various programming is vital in creating the best students we can at the school.

Report Cards are being posted out and you will be receiving them early next week. If you wish to speak to staff regarding these report cards please call and make an appointment to talk to them after the school holidays.

I wish all our students, staff and parents a happy and safe holiday and look forward to hearing about your adventures when we return to school for Term 3.

Regards Ryan
eKindy

If you have any of the items listed below that you would like to donate to our new eKindy - which will be operating after the holidays - please drop them up to the school as they would be greatly appreciated.

**Everyday Materials/recycled**

1. Wrapping paper
2. Catalogues (IGA, Woolworths, Aldi, etc.)
3. Magazines, Greeting cards
4. Cardboard boxes and packets (Small and big cereal boxes, tissue boxes, any other box that can be used for craft any size would be great)
5. Cardboard cylinders (cardboard roll from Glad wrap etc.)
6. Corrugated and plain card
7. Plastic bottles and containers
8. Polystyrene food trays (kindly wash before donating, thank you.)
9. Material scraps and pieces, Lace, ribbon, wool scraps

**Household objects**

1. Patty pans, Plastic straws
2. Toothpicks
3. Rice, penne pasta
4. Coloured streamers
5. Tapestry needles or bodkins
6. Paper plates (not waxed), String

**Old Toys**

1. Baby dolls/Teddy Bears
2. Cars/trucks/trains/train or car tracks
3. Dress ups (capes, princess dresses, pirate, doctor, nurse etc)
4. Musical instruments
5. Cash register
6. Pots/pans/plates
7. Telephone/mobile phone toys
8. Plastic toy food
9. Legos/Building blocks
10. Story books
11. Balls/Sports equip(age 3-5)
12. Shovels/buckets/funnels
13. Water troughs (kiddie ones)
14. Puzzles/Picture cards
15. Play dough moulding lids
16. Any other toys
Our Year 7 Food Studies class had a wonderful time in the kitchen last Thursday. We made mystery muffins, where the students were able to choose any ingredients they like to put into a basic muffin base. They did a wonderful job! In Science, we have been making balloon powered vehicles. It has been wonderful and Miss Walsh would like to thank everyone for bringing in some recyclable materials from home. Happy end of term and enjoy your holidays.

Jen Walsh (Food Studies Teacher)
Kitchen Garden

Sushi Competition

Last week we had our last Kitchen Garden lesson for the term! What better way to end the term than with a Master Chef Sushi Competition! It was lots of fun! All 4 teams created their own unique sushi and sauce. It was great fun, rolling the sushi, plating the sushi, eating the sushi and then voting on our favourite one!

It was a very close competition but the Spiced Sushi with Spiced Sauce from Iutin, Chardi, Mitchell and Jai won the competition in the end. Well done everyone!
Student Of The Week

Front Row:  Lily King, Elleana Caswell, Ben Rogers

Back Row:  Lachlan Wilson, Sebastian Lopez, Mitchell Fox, Riley Dunlop

Front Row:  Chenille Sjaardema, Jess Hayes, Rubilee Munro

Back Row:  Tyler Fuller, Jade Mann, Michael Ward, Brandon Caswell
This term in Art we have been studying Shaun Tan and many of his books. We were given the task by Shaun Tan himself to create a puppet that would fit in well with the book he illustrated, titled ‘The Arrival’.

Here is what we have created so far. For more information on what our class is doing please check out our blog! http://missosullivan56.edublogs.org
Technology
For Technology, students made a 3D map for the story “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. Mrs Jones and the Preps made a huge map to show the long wavy grass, the deep cold river, the thick oozy mud, the dark forest, the swirling whirling snowstorm and the narrow gloomy cave. Year 1s and 2s made smaller, individual 3D maps. We hope to have some on display in the newsagent window in Term 3.

K Block News
Students of the Week for Weeks: 9 10
Hayley Fox - Red and Blue sight words
Nikita Peacock - Trying her best in everything
Jayden Craig - Concentrating on his work in English rotations
Kayleigh King - Fast and accurate addition
Nastassja Soanes - Neat book work
Lorna Smith - Purple, Lime and Aqua sight words
Jorja Silk - Red and Blue sight words
Kavita Sjaardema - Gold sight words
Hayley Beasley - Purple sight words
Daniel Roberts - Neat book work

Art
Students had a lot of fun completing their masterpieces in Art this last fortnight. They used pastels, paint or collage to create an art work using colour and shapes. Some of them will be put on display in Wondai Art Gallery in August when Proston State School has an exhibit in “Kids Corner”.

Happy Holidays
The year 1s and 2s and Preps have been working hard this term. Mrs Jones and Miss Gill would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and hope everyone comes back safe and sound, ready to learn more in Term 3.
Farewell Mr Carfoot!!

Our Janitor/Groundsman Mr Steve Carfoot has made the BIG decision to leave us at Proston State School and enjoy retirement with his lovely wife Heather.

Steve played a major role in the establishment of the Rural Program at the Proston State School and this has continued to be such a positive program for our students. Heather was the Administration Officer here at Proston for 17 years before going to Taabinga State School in Kingaroy.

He has worked at Proston State School for 14 Years and he will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

Steve will be doing lots of travelling and visiting his children who are scattered around Queensland and Victoria. I can imagine he and Heather will be spending lots of time spoiling their grandchildren!

We wish Steve a fond farewell and as a parting gesture we are dedicating the eKindy Learning Centre to him with the unveiling of a “Brass Plaque” honouring his years of service to Education.

Staff gathered together Tuesday night at the Hivesville Hotel to wish Steve & Heather all the best for their Retirement years ahead. Congratulations to you both!!!