Proston State School students put on quite the show during the 2014 swimming carnival! The houses of Boyne and Stuart battled back and forth all day in what turned out to be one of the closest fiercest competition in recent memory. Boyne quickly leapt into the lead with strong swims from their younger athletes. Stuart however, came on strong through the early morning and afternoon and held a 70 point lead until mid afternoon when Boyne began to claw its way back. It came down to the relay’s to decide who would walk away with the victory. Although they fought hard, Stuart just didn’t have enough left in the tank to fend off the upstart Boyne Bulldogs. Boyne ended up victors on the day defeating Stuart 750-704.

It was said to be one of the loudest swimming carnivals in years and the respective house captains did a fantastic job pumping their teams up and spurring them on in the pool.

All students are to be commended on a job well done and all competitors exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the day.

Thank you to the P&C, Pool Staff and volunteers who helped on the day. Without all of your contributions the day would not have been the success it was.
Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school. It has been a great start to the year in 5/6. Students have been very focused and have been completing class work at such a high standard, following the bookworm policy, the 4 school rules and have also been using new strategies from their Well-being/SWPBS lessons. Please feel free to drop in and take a look at our classroom and at the students great work.

What a Start to 2014!

It was awesome to see the spirit on display last Friday at our swimming carnival. The school has welcomed all of the positive feedback received from students, parents and greater community. Community members have informed me they could hear the war-cry’s on the main street!

It was a solid effort all round and a great way to kick off the 2014 school year. Another massive round of thanks goes out to the teachers, parents and volunteers for all their help on the day!

School SMS Service

Thank you to everyone who has shown patience as we work out the kinks in our new SMS System. It has so far proven to be a worthy asset to the school and many people have commented that it is great to receive txt’s regarding absences and school events/notices.

Remember you can txt back on the same number which you receive the txt on. Thank you to the parents who are already doing this.

Please make sure when your child’s forms are sent into the school that you have updated you contact details so you can take advantage of this service.

Proston Kindy

I have been in consultation with the department with regards to re-starting a part-time kindy program at the school. It is imperative that students get exposure to a school environment before joining us in prep. Although we do have a great pre-prep program at Proston, it is simply not enough to prepare our new students for the rigours of a full time classroom environment.

The consultation is in the pre-emptive stages at the moment and it will be a massive effort to get the program back up and running. There is also no guarantee that we will be successful in our bid to re-start the kindy.

However, a large component that hinges on its success is the interest exhibited from the community. In short, numbers will determine if it is a viable option for Proston. The more interest, the more likelihood we have at securing a program.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the school as we will begin assessing the viability very shortly. Parents interested are encouraged to call, e-mail, send a note, or come in for a visit.

Student Investiture

Parents are reminded of the student investiture taking place Monday morning during our parade. Student leaders and house captains will be recognised in their roles and presented with their captains badges and student certificates.

The morning will kick off at 8:45am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Rural Works

Rural works will commence this week to clear fence lines and clean up our paddocks.

New fence lines have also been organised and construction will begin as soon as the dozers have done their work.

Thanks to the P&C for its continued support/funding of the rural program.
Year 3/4 Hits the Ground Running!

Our 3/4 class has settled in very well and have been working hard. Our focus in the classroom has been spelling and reading groups that have started this week.

They have been very successful with students enjoying the format. I have been very impressed by most of our class returning their homework and their diaries.

As the weather is still very warm it would be a great idea for all of our class to have a water bottle on their desks rather than leaving the room for a drink at the bubblers.

Sincerely,
Belinda Waterford
The year’s first sports carnival has come and gone in the blink of an eye and many are starting to dust off the running shoes for cross country training already.

Thanks to all parents and community supporters who helped out by cooking a BBQ lunch for the Meet & Greet, helped time events or came to support their children. The support of parents and community really makes an event worthwhile as every student loves to be able to show their parents how well they can swim and make them proud of their efforts.

The Day started a little behind time though we managed to get through all of the events with time to spare and have some free swims for students, so congratulations to staff for their efficiency and for students listening and responding so well.

Preps to year 2 students joined in for the early part of the day until first break and had fun competing in kickboard races and having a free swim to finish their morning. Lots of parents turned up to watch the K Block Crew.

I was very impressed with the sportsmanship and participation in and out of the pool this year with some great War Cries throughout the day to keep Stuart and Boyne competitors motivated as they competed.

Overall, a winner had to be announced. It was very close throughout the day and for this year:

**Boyne’s 750 points won over Stuart’s 705 points.**

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this year’s swimming carnival.

Well Done!

---

### Age Champions for the 2014 Swimming Carnival

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Eliza Humphrey</td>
<td>Riley Dunlop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Summer Jones</td>
<td>Nate Lane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Chloe Scanlan, Jess Harrold</td>
<td>Tyler Fuller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Jessi Campbell</td>
<td>Anikin Jones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Iutin Tetabo</td>
<td>Colby Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Leah King</td>
<td>Brodie Thompson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Ezrin Walker</td>
<td>Brandon Caswell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Years &amp; Older</td>
<td>Laticia Bryant</td>
<td>Charlie Boole</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Broken Records

This year also saw a number of records broken:

- Iutin Tetabo – 100 Medley – broke her 2013 record 1.33.21 new time 1.31.81
- Iutin Tetabo – 100m Freestyle – broke Daniel Welch’s 2009 record of 1.23.68 new time 1.16.87
- Iutin Tetabo – 50m Backstroke broke Jodie Anderson’s 1996 record of 43.78 new time 42.82
- Iutin Tetabo – 50m Butterfly broke Jodie Anderson’s 1995 record of 50.83 new time 43.72

Mark Eisenmenger (H&PE teacher)

---

**WOODCLUB**

Woodclub is on again Tuesday mornings during the first break. This year we hope to have a number of projects for the younger students to construct in the time available, we will have wood puzzles to play with and there will also be the free design using all sorts of the timber offcuts from secondary ITD classes (there are always lots of offcuts to use for students to make beautiful abstract artwork and place on the mantel piece at home… perhaps!)

Look forward to seeing you there kids! (Parents welcome anytime as well)

Mark Eisenmenger (ITD teacher)
PHOTOS FROM THE PAST TWO WEEKS

FROM THE TOP:
THE LITTLIES PREPARE TO JUMP INTO THE KICKBOARD COMPETITION.

JACK DUNLOP SHOWS OFF HIS FIRST PLACE FINISH!

BACKSTROKE COMPETITORS PREPARE TO PUSH OFF.

GRACEANN LENDS A HELPING HAND.

BRODIE AND BRANDON BATTLE IT OUT IN THE FREESTYLE.
PHOTOS FROM THE PAST TWO WEEKS

FROM THE TOP:
STUART GETS READY FOR ACTION!
STUART STUDENTS SOUND THE WAR-CRY AND ENCOURAGE THEIR ATHLETES!
BOYNE SETS UP CAMP READY FOR A BIG DAY.
MADELINE LENDS A HELPING HAND IN THE KICKBOARD
BOYNE SHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THEIR TEAMMATES IN THE FORM OF A WAR-CRY!
**FISHING COMPETITION**

A very big thank you to all those who volunteered at the fishing comp over the weekend. After getting off to a slow start it turned out to be a fantastic fundraiser for the Student Council. Initial estimates on profits are around $800.

This money will be used to support student camps and student learning throughout our school.

Sincerely,
Katrina Hayward

---

**K BLOCK UPDATE**

Greetings from K Block!

It has been a very busy start to the year and everyone in K Block is working hard

**Diaries**

It is great to see so many of our students returning their diaries everyday! It is proving to be a great communication tool. Year 1s and 2s have written important lessons like library and PE in their timetable at the back so they remember to bring their library books and swimming togs on the right days. We’ve had several notes from parents about absences or homework as well. We are still fine-tuning our system for handing out diaries and signing them at the end of the day, but I can reassure parents that we have the “checking for parent notes in the morning” part down pat!

**Rotations**

We have started literacy rotations for Year 1 and Year 2 (Preps will join us next term and have their own morning rotations at the moment). If you are available to come and help on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:20 am to 10:50 am we would love to see you! Activities you might be involved in include sight word games, reading circles, alphabet skills or listening to individual children read.

**Minute to Win It**

“Minute to Win It” is a fun, exciting activity on Friday afternoons. Students rotate between lots of cool games. It would be great to have some parent helpers for this too! It starts at about 2:00 pm and goes until almost 3:00.

**Names on Hats/Lunchboxes/Towels/Etc.**

We’d like to remind parents/guardians to please name your child’s belongings clearly and to check frequently to ensure names haven’t faded. This will help others to return your child’s belongings if they are lost.

**Students of the Week!**

Hayley Fox – Being a busy bee in class and completing set tasks

Nathaniel flick – Making a great start to the year by working hard

Kaitlyn Barber – Setting out work neatly

Lorna Smith – Helping new students settle in

Kayla Wills – Helping new students settle in

Clayton Newlands – Always focusing on his work and being a learner

Kavita Sjaardema – Fantastic work in spelling

Sharron McConnell – Fantastic work in spelling

Alivia Wieland – Working hard every day and completing set tasks.
In the next few weeks we will be starting a Morning Activities Program that will be available for students to have some structured health and fitness before class. It is aimed to replace the Active Afternoon Sports for this year as we missed out on funding at the end of last year. The intention is for students to try something new of the activities offered. Some of the initial ideas are a fitness circuit, aerobics, yoga, dance, specific sport skill development to name a few.

The days have not been identified yet though it is intended to be at least 2 days minimum per week from approximately 8am - 8.30am.

If you are interested in this and willing to help, please reply on the form below adding your support or even some other ideas you would like to add to our list.

Mark Eisenmenger (H&PE Teacher)

☐ I (Name) ______________________________ am interested to help out with Morning Activities Program.

☐ I can offer support on the morning(s) of: (circle) Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday