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Thank you to all the Parents, Students, Teachers, Teacher Aides and Support Staff for all your efforts on NAPLAN this past week. Teachers and Teacher Aides made every attempt to make students feel comfortable before and during the test.

Toasted ham and cheese sandwiches and warm milo was served before hand and I made sure the heaters were turned on early in the mornings.

The writing task was persuasive, much the same as past years, however this offered students a challenging task even with its familiarity.

Many students had caught a ‘change of season’ flu bug, but despite this students did a tremendous job throughout the week battling through with enthusiasm.

I am looking forward to seeing the results when they come out in the next few months.

NEW Windows
B Block began its window program today. The upstairs windows on the open and verandah sides will be replaced with tinted sliding windows. They will offer additional insulation and better climate control for the internal classrooms. B02 was installed today and they look great!

Year 6 Canberra Trip
The Barambah Cluster of schools are teaming up to offer our Year 6 students the chance to visit Canberra and the snow! From 2016 Year 6’s will have the chance to join other Year 6 students from the eight primary schools in our cluster on the trip.

Our inaugural trip 2016 will host approximately 80 students from the cluster and will take them to Government House and the ski fields. This will be an amazing opportunity for students to interact with other students in the area and make lasting friendships which could lead into their senior phase of schooling.

The large number of students travelling means we can take advantage of certain government incentives and discounts. Hopefully this will make the trip affordable for all of our students to attend.

Unfortunately, this means we will not be having a 5/6 camp. The Year 5’s will have to wait until year 6 for their big trip! More information as details are finalised.

Regards
Ryan Pedley (Principal)
Week 3:
Back Row:
James Mutton, Elly Skylar, Lachlan Doessel, Kyle Nowlan
Front Row:
Mikka Turner, Tyler Fuller, Jaxon Walker, Joshua Strauss, Kayleigh King, Elizabeth Kruse

Week 4:
Back Row:
Jade Mann, Kimberley Fisher, James Mutton
Middle Row:
Zara Henderson, Leighton Blanch, Brian Smith
Front Row:
Kelly Blanch, Kaitlyn Barber
Our Prep students have had another great two weeks of learning. We have had plenty of fun learning in all areas.

The students have been completing Visual Arts and I am impressed with the quality of Art that is being produced.

They have also been making a new insect for the world. This has been exciting for the students. Please remember to send in the resources that the students need to complete their projects.
What an interesting time we have had in our classroom. Students have been working on their STEM project and will soon be sending a letter home and collecting all their project bits and pieces for them to create a push pull toy.

We have also been working hard to complete our Poetry presentation and we will be reciting these on parade **Monday 25 May 2015**. We would like to invite all parents to come and see this assessment part of our poetry.

With the arrival of colder weather can you please ensure you have got your child’s first and last name on their jumper as we already have a small pile of jumpers that do not have names on them.

Year 1/2 Students joining in on one of our many community events - Well Done !!!
Greetings from Year 5/6

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The Year 5s sat their NAPLAN tests this week. I am very pleased with the way they tried their best in every test. They worked quietly, without fuss, letting other people concentrate on their work. Well done Year 5s!

Uniforms
With the colder weather, many students are coming to school with incorrect jumpers, long pants and undershirts. The Prospectus clearly states the required colours for each item of clothing. If students come to school with the incorrect uniform, they will be sent to the office and may be required to change into a borrowed item for the day.

Please ensure also that your students jumpers and long pants are CLEARLY named. There have also been many students forgetting to bring their hats. Proston is a sun-safe school and wide-brimmed hats are required for all outdoor activities, even in winter.

Homework
For homework, students are still expected to practise their spelling words each week, as well as do some times table practise. In class we are doing “Times Table Challenge” a couple of times a week. Students are able to bring their current Times Table Challenge sheet home to practise, or they can select a times table that they are having trouble with.

Prudence and Purpose
Each Monday we discuss the skill, wellbeing tip or character strength outlined in our diaries. Week 3’s character strength was prudence, and Week 4’s was purpose. If we are prudent, we think things through before acting, or we plan ahead to avoid problems. Having purpose is like having a goal to work towards. We discussed how famous Australians like Edith Cowan and Neville Bonner had a sense of purpose which involved helping disadvantaged groups. Ordinary people can have a sense of purpose too. It may be to develop a skill, or it may be to help neighbours or family members.

After joining us on our 5/6 camp Mr Pedley is seriously considering installing key pads somewhere in the school as a Vivo reward. Some students spent hours trying to crack the combinations on the vacant cabins, even though they could have just opened the sliding door and gone in there!
Year 5/6 Camp

Camp was GREAT!!! Despite the rain and wind and lots of activities being changed, we had a great time!

On arrival we quickly unpacked and went for a quick walk to the beach. Just as well we did, because it started to drizzle on the way back and that was about the last we saw of the sun! We found some rock pools and walked to the old shipwreck. Nearly all the students soaked their first set of clothes despite being told to only go ankle deep.

Back at camp, we did circus skills. We had some great jugglers in the group. Miss Gill had no luck at plate spinning. She got the plates with flat batteries that just wouldn’t spin.

We weren’t able to go canoeing or kayaking because of the wet weather and dangerous water conditions but we got to do fencing instead. The students had never done it before. Some were naturally talented. They enjoyed beating Miss Gill and Mr Pedley. Since returning to class, we have continued to practise “finger fencing” and “cucumber fencing”.

Other activities were kite making and ball games. We learnt a couple of different games that will be fun to play back at school, including ‘Pirates and Officers’ and ‘Golden Child’.

One unplanned activity was thong races. Despite being told repeatedly to stay out of the rain, the students went out in the rain and had stick races and thong races in the drains. Each free time session meant another set of wet clothes. They also explored the camp grounds in small groups.

The food was delicious. There weren’t many vegetables (that the students could see) and there was cake and ice cream for desserts. There were pancakes and eggs and bacon for breakfast. We had healthy fruit for morning tea. For afternoon tea there was more fruit as well as cakes. Supper was milo and biscuits or cake.

Before lights out in the evening and in between thong races, we got to watch movies. Mr Pedley bought his laptop and we were able to watch the Princess Bride, Bee Movie and Garfield. On the last morning, we had a movie on the big screen with popcorn.

Miss Gill and Mr Pedley received many compliments about our students’ behaviour from staff at the Camp and also from teachers with other schools at camp.

On Friday, the rain was very heavy along the coast. Mr Ardrey demonstrated great skill driving in the difficult conditions with wind, rain and crazy drivers. Thank you Mr Ardrey!
Kitchen Garden News

We are so glad the colder weather has slowed down the weeds! We might catch up with the weeding now!

This month we have planted beetroot, radishes, lettuce and broccoli. The peas and broad beans we planted late last term are growing well. Unfortunately the turnips mostly went to seed because of the very hot weather.

We are just beginning to harvest some tiny little carrots. We harvested lots of beans and pumpkins and might get some more before the cold weather sets in. I hope Mrs Waterford has plenty of recipes for pumpkins!

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**Book Fair**

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From June 1 to June 4

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**DISCO HI-FI FANTASY DRESS UP**

THURSDAY 28 MAY

6PM - 9PM

$5 Entry

(Includes Sausage Sandwich & Cordial)

Soft Drink & Glow Items on sale on the night (these will be shown to students on parade next Monday)

See You There!!!!