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Student Fees
Proston State School has always strived to keep student course fees and camps affordable. Secondary student course fees only go to cover raw materials used in their courses which the students often take home. Student camps remain affordable due to the massive subsidies students receive through the P&C, student council and school contributions. The school does not receive any additional money from the government to facilitate camp and elective fee paying courses.

A lack of student payment of camps and fee paying courses, as laid out in the school’s Prospectus, impacts the school’s ability to contribute to other curriculum and extra curricular activities. The school currently carries a debt of $9822.00 from past and current students that owe money for various fee paying courses and camps. The school can no longer afford to carry such balances.

From the start of Week 9 of Term 2 (May 15, 2015) all students who have attended but not paid for past and present school camps will not be invited or permitted to attend the school’s Award and/or Graduation ceremonies. All parents throughout the school year have been sent invoices with current amounts owing on their school account with another lot of invoices being sent before the end of term. As School Awards Night is several months away with graduation being further out, this should give parents ample opportunity to at least pay for their child’s camps.

From the start of 2016 the school will make it policy that any student with an outstanding balance on their account will not be permitted to borrow a laptop, attend Awards Night, attend Graduation Night, attend camp and any additional excursions planned by the school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this. Any questions regarding this policy shift can be directed to me.

Swimming Pool Upgrades
It’s looking more and more likely that the school will be getting an overhaul on its pool facility in time for the start of our new swimming season. EQ has stated that all piping will be replaced, pool apron replaced and a new sifter filtration system installed. These works will be approximately valued at over $90,000 and have our pool looking like new! If the pool upgrades go ahead the school would also like to refurbish the starting block area with a new shade structure to keep our swimmers sun safe. I will share information as it becomes available.

Regards Ryan
Student of the Week

Week 5:
Back Row:
Kyle Nowlan, Leah King, Cherish Marshall

Middle Row:
Brian Smith, Jaxon Walker, Kasey Lythgoe

Front Row:
Alana Doessel, Declan Cummings, Darren Blanch, Rubilee Munro, Brooke Nielsen

Week 6:
Back Row:
Elly Skylar, Michael Malone, Teri Lyndsay,

Middle Row:
Alana Doessel, Brendan Smith,

Front Row:
Jackson Palmer, Declan Puller, Chenille Sjaardema, Sharron Bunn'ey McConnell
K Block - Prep

Week six already, still heaps of learning happening in the class. We have been learning how to retell a favourite story and looking more closely at the characters, what they do and how they are feeling in the stories.

In Numeracy the students have been exploring location and direction. We have been using a grid mat and the students have been directing others to certain destinations. It is an excellent way to teach this concept to the students. Sue Jones

Rural Studies

Junior enjoying a snuggle with Rural Studies student Madeleine Waterford.

Someone has been a little spoilt I think.
This term has been exciting with poetry in the classroom. We have all written our very own poem and performed a poem on Parade. Here are a few poems from the class.

**Sharks**
The shark made a mark on the rock,
The rock was found in a lock,
The lock tied a frog to a log and the shark ate the frog.

*by Jack Dunlop*

**Owls**
Who, Who went the owl,
Moo Moo went the cow,
How, how went the owl
When it asked for a towel.

*by Jorja Silk*

**The Rainbow**
The rainbow went away,
It went to the bay,
It ate the hay,
It went outside on a sunny day

*by Reese Hamilton*

**Music**
Music I use it, it’s fun in the sun,
I run with a stereo and listen to the fairyo,
I dance, I prance all day long,
Country music makes me munchie, Rock makes me flock on the dock.
I am done with music but I still use it.

*by Courtney Kruse*

On June 9 we will be going for a walk to the town library to read “This is the mud” by Kathryn Apel.

The blog is going slowly this Term however there are things being added to so check it out [http://prostonstars.classtell.com](http://prostonstars.classtell.com).

Could any parent helpers who wish to do a little bit of support in the classroom please come in and see me. Have a great week.

*Traci Holland.*
Greetings from Year 5/6

History
In History we have been learning about change in the 20th Century in Australia from the point of view of particular groups such as migrants, women and indigenous people. You can support this learning at home by discussing how society has changed from when you were young, or encouraging older friends and relatives to do so.

Maths
Many students have chosen Times Table Challenge improvement as one of their RAVES goal. Each level of Times Table Challenge focuses on a range of times tables. Students are encouraged to take their current level home to practise. A sheet was sent home at the beginning of the year with activities to practise times tables. Being able to instantly recall times table facts assists students with more complicated tasks including estimation, fractions, and multiplication of larger numbers.

Stationery
Some students will soon be bringing home notes with extra stationery requirements because they have used up / lost / destroyed their own supplies. Please buy these requirements when you next go shopping - I don’t expect anyone to make a special trip to town for a sharpener.

Diaries
It is fantastic to have so many diaries coming in each day. We haven’t had 100 % of diaries yet, but I’m sure it will happen soon! Thank you to parents who take the time to sign each day or week, even if there is nothing to report. Fiona Gill

9/10 Food Studies
This semester the year 9/10 Food Studies class have been looking at Food for Special Needs incorporating diets for health, lifestyle and culture and religion. This week the students made delicious Asian food that included: sweet and sour pork, honey chicken, vegetarian pad thai and asian greens. We all got to share the meal together and indulge in some wonderful fare.
WOW!! We are half way through Term 2 already. Year 3/4 class have been working very hard on fractions this week and are doing a great job - although my pictures are not always the best - monsters and cats don’t always look like monsters and cats! Teaching students to think outside the box is often difficult but this class is most certainly on fire.

We have began our assessment task for English in which students are required to write a letter to Mr Pedley asking to have a special day to celebrate families. These discussion would be a great talking point at the dinner table to assist your child in this task.

This year Civics and Citizenship is a new content area this year and we have been discussing “What is a democratic society” and comparing different countries and their practices. Next is discussions and activities about how they can participate in their community.

As it is almost the middle of the year students are finding they are running out of supplies. It would be great if you could purchase some extra supplies such as glue, pencils and eraser to have on hand for when your child needs some more. Belinda Waterford

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**Proston P & C**

Unfortunately the P & C Tuckshop will temporarily not be operating on a Friday. This is due to lack of volunteers.

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact the school office or a member of the P & C Association.

Rebecca Dunlop - 0429 648 189
Tammy Kinna - 0408 120 155

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We would like to thank Proston Meals on Wheels for their kind donation. This donation has enabled us to purchase some new items for the Kitchen and Garden and also replace items that have worn out.

We also have Miss Julie who volunteers every Friday to work in the kitchen with our students. Miss Julie is amazing and we love having her assist in the kitchen. Without this great community support our Kitchen Garden program would most certainly be difficult to run. This program provides our students with great skills in both the garden and kitchen. If you would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact the school as we love to have community members see what our Year 3-6 students are capable of.
Student Council Disco

Our Student Council presented their Sci-fi Fantasy Dress-up Disco last Thursday. Students had a great time and there were some great costumes on show - especially Mrs Salter who arrived straight from the Starship Enterprise!!