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**P&C Association Meeting** will be the third Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in the school library. All welcome!

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**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**SPORTS CARNIVAL**

Proston State School’s new Sport Shed is finally complete. Thank you again to all the helpers who were vital in getting this project completed in time for our sports carnival next Thursday. The Shed looks terrific and is a big first step in our refurbishment and upgrade of the current oval. The shed will provide ample storage space for our gear as well as a large undercover area where outdoor classes can take place. Primary students will be able to use the undercover area during their lunch times for handball etc. It will also have bubblers attached, so our budding athletes can have access during their events. The next phase of our refurbishment will hopefully one day see lights installed as we continue to encourage not only school sporting opportunities but community ones as well.

**Swimming Pool Update**

Building and Asset Services has confirmed that the funding to refurbish our school pool has been approved. Early next week the tender will be awarded with works beginning shortly after. By the start of Term 4, in time for our swimming season, the pool will be looking like new. The scope of work that has been allocated is substantial and will allow our school pool to continue on well into the future. This is a significant investment made by Education Queensland as we continue to drive infrastructure improvements throughout the school. By the end of the 2015 school year we will have made close to $190,000 in upgrades/refurbishment’s to our facilities. This funding has come outside of our school budget, thus, not impacting on current programs and teacher allocations at a local level.

**QParents – Coming Soon!**

The school has been successful in it’s expression of interest regarding the acquisition of the QParents application. Please see newsletter issue 9 for more information on the program. Parents will have a letter sent home to them in the next couple weeks explaining how the program will be rolled out to the school.

**School Opinion Survey’s**

Despite my feedback regarding the ‘online only’ option for submitting School Opinion Survey’s in 2014 the department has decided to, again, only send us electronic options. I understand that not everyone has access to the internet and are unable to complete the survey at home, however, for those able it would be great to have your feedback on how the school is travelling.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**July**

- 29 Wondai Art Show
- 29 CWA Morning Tea & Presentation of prizes
- 30 Athletics Carnival

**August**

- 10 Ekka Holiday
- 17-21 Science Week
- 25 Book Week Dress Up Parade & Under 8’s Activities
- 28-29 Naidoc Activities

**September**

- 11 School Performance
- 19 School Holidays

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Please come and join us at our Athletics Carnival Thursday 30 July commencing 9am. There will be a BBQ available and home baked goodies. Good Luck Boyne & Stuart!!!

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**Earn & Learn Stickers** - Please send all Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers to the Office. Thank you.
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Selena Salter

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The school has also setup an iPad in the main office for those parents who are routinely at the school and want to take 5 minutes to complete the survey. I will also be wandering around on sports day with an iPad asking parents/carers if they would like to fill out the Survey. Please don’t run away when you see me coming for you...

With only 15% of our parent population filling out the survey last year, we would really like to increase this percentage of participation. If you can think of any way of boosting our numbers please let us know! The survey is completely anonymous and the results are taken very seriously as we are constantly looking for ways we can improve on the education we offer at the school. Regards Ryan

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Secondary Camp - 2015

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Selena Salter
K Block - Prep

It has been a great start to Term 3 in the Prep classroom. I am happy and impressed with the hard work the students have completed. All the students have worked to the best of their ability. Some photos of the highlights so far. Making words and sounding out in Literacy as well as patterns in Maths. Sue Jones

Music Room News

Starting this term, all Proston Primary students will be learning a song called “Gold”. Please let me warn you that this may slowly drive you mad! “Gold” is the Music: Count Us In 2015 song and the following is an overview about what this wonderful program is about:

“Music: Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Growing in reach and impact since 2007, MCUI exists to support teachers to deliver music in the classroom. Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country.

This year’s program song was written by a fantastic team of student songwriters, mentored by John Foreman OAM, Marcia Hines and songwriting mentor Tom Diesel”. Needless to say, you will hear more about this as the time draws near for the whole school presentation of the song. Regards Ginny Salmon
Welcome back for Term 3, Home work has been placed on one work sheet this term. Students have always practiced the work on the sheet the week before. So if there are any questions please come in and see me.

We have begun this term writing Cinquains, we have had some outstanding results. Congratulations to the students who chose to put their Cinquain in the newsletter.

“Be Brave “is what students are working on this semester. Building confidence and making mistakes is all part of learning we have banned “I can’t” in the classroom this term we choose to say instead “I’m learning and I need help Please”. Stay Safe. **Traci Holland**

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**K Block - Year 1/2**
We have had a busy start to the new term with new units. The Lorax has been the focus on our English unit - exploring different character perspectives. Students have had the opportunity to retell the story from the point of view of The Once-ler.

Money Money Money!!! Exciting lessons with the creation of “Waterford Treats” allowing students to purchase items from a shop and also play shopkeeper.

We have been using the latest craze of adult colouring in pages for stress relief to create some great items for the upcoming Wondai Art Gallery event. These will be great when they are completed.

The dates have been confirmed for our visit to the University of the Sunshine Coast and are as follows:
4/8/2015  USC come to visit Proston (parent afternoon)
5/8/2015  USC come to visit Proston
3/9/2015  Excursion to USC - parents welcome to come (WARNING - this may be too much fun for adults!!!!) There will be permission notes and information coming home within the next week to be signed and returned stop allow your child to participate.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
A note went home last term regarding the Premier’s Reading Challenge. In 2014, more than 77,000 students successfully completed the challenge reading 1.65 million books from over 700 schools. I am pleased that our students will be part of those numbers in 2015.

Students from Prep to grade 4 need to read 20 books and grades 5 to 9 need to read 15 books. Students have until 28 August 2015 to complete this challenge. This is not a difficult task as students can include all books they read at school in their list. Once your child has achieved this please ensure they return the form to school so they can be awarded their certificate later in the year. If your child has misplaced their form please request another one from their

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**Athletics Carnival Support Student Council**

**Menu**

- When: Thursday 30th July
- Sausage in bread: $2.00
- Steak burger: $5.00
- Poppers: $1.50
- Water: $2.00
- Home bakes: from $0.50
- Tea and coffee: $1.00
Track & Field Carnival
This year our inter-house athletics carnival will be held this week (Thursday 30 July 2015), commencing at 9am. Students over the past two weeks and leading up to the event have been participating in pre-run events. The pre-run events conducted so far: discus, javelin, triple jump and the 1500 metre run. We look forward to seeing parents visiting on the day to support their children and their team. Students will be able to wear their true colours on the day, either the blue and yellow of the Brilliant Boyne or the red and black of the Super Stuart.

H&PE Term 3 - Primary School PE
This term students will be completing a variety of physical activities in primary PE classes. Following the Australian Curriculum and using the C2C unit format students will be participating in the following term 3 units after the Track and Field Carnival (Week 4):

Year Prep- Who wants to play?
In this unit students will demonstrate personal and social skills to include others and describe their feelings after participating in a range of active games.

Year 1/2- Catch me if you can.
In this unit, students will participate in simple tagging games, which incorporate the fundamental movement skills of dodging and running. They will propose a range of alternatives and test their effectiveness to solve movement challenges. They will demonstrate strategies to work in groups and play fairly during tagging games.

Year 3/4- Having a ball!
In this unit, students will perform the refined fundamental movement skills of throwing (overarm shoulder pass and chest pass) and catching and use them to solve movement challenges. They will apply strategies for working cooperatively and apply rules fairly.

Year 5/6- Built for B-Ball.
In this unit, students will explore and describe the key features of health related fitness and the significance of physical activity participation to health and well being in the context of basketball. In the next edition of the Proston Press will be an overview of the term 3 units for the Secondary school.

Wood Club
This term Wood Club will continue on Tuesdays in first break for primary students interested to come and test their designing skills.

Mark Eisenmenger
Greetings from Year 5/6

The Year 5/6 students have got off to a great start with learning. They have come back well rested from the winter break and are ready to learn!

English
In English we are studying Australian narrative poetry. This includes ballads like “Waltzing Matilda” and “The Man From Ironbark”. Students have been learning lots of old-fashioned Aussie slang and idioms. Surprisingly, some students didn’t know what a billy is! We have been acting out “The Man From Ironbark”. The students are very enthusiastic.

Science
In Science we are learning about the properties of light. We have learnt that when there is no light at all in a room that you cannot see anything, not even something white. We are hoping to do more experiments, including some in the Science Lab.

Arts/Technology
This term, students in Years 3-6 are combining for Art. They are learning or revising various art techniques. In Term 4, they will use one of these techniques as a basis for creating a major work of art using the technology planning process. So far they are having a lot of fun.

Hats
Please check that your student has a hat and brings it to school. Some students claim to have lost their hat and cannot participate in outdoor activities. Fiona Gill

Student of the Week

Week 10
Back Row:
Sara Dean, Michael Malone, Lachlan Doessel

Middle Row:
Kasey Lythgoe, Rhys Protheroe, Brooke Nielsen,

Front Row:
Roxie Nielsen, Miranda Strauss, Ollie Thomas, Myles Thomas