PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Attendance

Students attending school is everyone’s business and every day counts. You will notice some core flute boards in the school which display data showing how absenteeism affects your child’s schooling over 13 years of school. The boards are as displayed below. A shocking statistic that jumps out is that students that miss 3 days a week over their 13 years of school miss nearly 8 years of schooling throughout their academic careers.

Proston State School’s attendance is below the national standard and expectations of our region. Most notable in our data is the Monday and Friday absences. Understanding that long weekends happen occasionally it is unacceptable to ‘just have’ an extra day off from school. Your child’s academic performance can be dramatically affected by not showing up.

Proston State School has thousands of resources to help support home reading. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for material you can borrow to support reading at home.

Student NAPLAN Reports

Student APLAN Reports will be sent home today with students. While the school has made gains in some areas there is still a lot of work to be done. Please contact your child’s teacher or myself if you have any questions about the report or the results.
Home Reading
I recently returned from a trip up in Far North Queensland where I was invited to look at several high performing schools in that area. One common trend that was evident throughout, were the schools and communities commitment to reading. Their data indicated that children who read or were read to by their parents/carers consistently jumped up 4 PM Benchmark spots per term. It was very impressive to see. Knowing that every parent wants to see their child succeed, I would challenge you to read or have your child read to you for only 10 minutes a day. Perhaps before bedtime or after dinner. 10 minutes a day is equivalent to over 3/4 of a year of reading throughout your child’s 13 years of State School Education. Please see your child’s classroom teacher for material you can borrow to support reading at home. Regards Ryan

Week 4
Back Row:
Alana Doessel, Lachlan Doessel, Madeleine Waterford, Seneva McGhee, Sara Dean

Front Row:
Mercedeez Nielsen, Jack Dunlop, Kavita Sjaardeema

Week 3
Back Row:
Skye Palmer, James Mutton, Amber Bingham

Middle Row:
Riley Bingham, Rhys Protheroe, Sebastian Lopez

Front Row:
Elizabeth Kruse, Alivia Wieland, Roxie Nielsen, Lyddia Silk

Student Of the Week
**ITD/Woodclub News**

Students in year 7 will start their ITD journey this term and will have a number of projects to complete. Before students get into the workshop and start showing off their wood, metal and acrylic skill and designing they must complete a safety induction. The safety induction includes a contract for students and parents to sign in regards to appropriate behaviours and safety in the classroom. Students will then complete a variety of safety activities and lessons that will make them aware of tool, handheld and fixed machinery safety. Students will learn to use the correct PPE (personal protective equipment) for the correct activity.

There are two types of project students will learn. Firstly, they will complete a skill project. This type of project involves making an item that will look exactly as the plan shows and will look like it has been produced on a production line. The other type of project is using the design process. This process involves students using their own ideas to develop a plan to build their project from scratch. The following are possible projects for year 7 this semester:

- Wooden pencil case (Skill)
- Paper tidy tray (Skill)
- Acrylic key ring (Design)
- Wooden toy vehicle (Design)

**Year 9 &10 students** will start the semester with a new project for the ITD department called the ‘Birdhouse’. This is a mixed material skill project with some design aspect. During this unit students will continue to develop their skills in personal, tool and machine safety. Year 10 students will have the opportunity to attain more experience in a number of fixed machinery to complete the birdhouse project. Students will also complete the wooden saw stool skill project and if time permits students will be able to build a second saw stool to complete their set. These practical projects will allow students in year 9 and 10 in particular the opportunity to develop their wood and metal skills leading in to their senior schooling or trade introduction.

**Woodclub** this term will continue on Tuesdays in first break for primary students interested to come and test their designing skills. Mark Eisenmenger - ITD Teacher

**Rural Studies**

Units studied this term in Rural Studies are as follows:

- Year 7- Animal Handling (Chooks), Animal Anatomy
- Year 8- Animal Handling (Cattle), Breed Identification
- Year 9/10- Animal Handling (Cattle), Breeding & Genetics

I had the opportunity to be part of the Wide Bay Network meeting for agricultural teachers in Bundaberg last Thursday. It was hosted by Bundaberg Christian College and we had the opportunity to tour their agriculture area. We also visited the Bundaberg Agricultural Research Station and were given a detailed tour discussing the trials being conducted on the site particularly the Mandarin variety trials and stock plant development and also condensed fruit tree trials using lateral training of limbs to improve productivity in height and distance of tree placement. We were also given some sample millet seed and fertiliser to use in our nursery to develop our own experiments. Overall it was a great day and made some great contacts for our Rural Studies Program. Mark Eisenmenger (Rural Teacher)
Proston State School’s Drama Club is excited to present…

THRILLER

A breathtaking mystery/comedy mash-up, synced with some outlandish musical performances!

Your suspense ends: Friday, October 16th 7pm Town Hall

Proston-Drama School Drama Club

Seeking Props - For this years play we are seeking some props for our production at the end of Term 3. We would love donations to help build our prop department. We are seeking:

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Please take any donations to the Secondary Staffroom or the Office. Thanks Nic Blanch
K Block - Prep & Year 1/2

Prep & Year 1/2 have had a very busy time in the last two weeks including the CWA visit, The Ration Shed and our Athletics carnival. Students had a great time here are some pics.

Ration Shed Visit

Athletics Carnival-Go Preppies

CWA Presentation
Year 3/4

Our class has had an exciting week with the first visit and two lessons with Sandie from the University of the Sunshine Coast. Students have been learning about aspirations and making goals using various resources such as the movie The Wizard of Oz and Edwina the kangaroo (we get to see her on our visit). Notes have gone home with information about the MyTed project and permission notes that need to be returned for students to be able to participate.

As advised the excursion to the University of the Sunshine Coast is on Thursday 3rd September 2015. Parents are welcome to attend and participate. We will all be provided morning tea and lunch. The excursion is fully funded by the university.

This week students brains have been tested after some fun maths lessons with Mr Boyle in relation to proportion. Numbers lines have never been so long!!!! Can you please check with your children to ensure they have enough school supplies as a few students have run out of glue and pencils. Belinda Waterford

Year 5/6

What a busy fortnight it has been at the school!

Over 50s Presentation
Students from Prep to Year 6 entertained the Over 50s and their invited guests at a Christmas in July function. The Year 5/6s performed “The Man From Ironbark” which they have been studying in English this term. They also sang “Waltzing Matilda”, another Australian narrative poem that they have been studying. The Year 5/6s certainly enjoyed making beards, moustaches and other props! Miss Gill has received many comments about the enthusiastic performances of our “Man”, “barber” and other characters.

Ration Shed Visit
In History this year, the Year 5/6s have been studying the history of Australia from the time of the colonies up to the middle parts of the twentieth century. Throughout the unit we have studied the impact of European settlement and government policy on various groups including Aboriginal peoples. The visit to the Ration Shed in Cherbourg helped consolidate this learning. Students heard about how Aboriginal people in Cherbourg were not allowed to travel without a signed permit, and about how traditional food sources were replaced by rations of flour, tea and so on.

Athletics Carnival
The Year 5/6s had great success at the Athletics Carnival. Several students will be going on to the next level next week, representing our school in Nanango. Good luck everyone! Fiona Gill
A great day was had by all at our Athletics Carnival and Stuart won convincingly on the day. Our Age Champions are listed below. Well done to all of our students!!

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