Welcome Back!
Welcome to the 2016 school year! It’s great to be back at school welcoming staff, students and parents to a new year. Thanks to all of you who have made the start of 2016 a great one thus far. We have had a positive start to the year with lots of rain to make the school grounds look lovely and green. It has also been an eventful start with Mr Pedley needing to take some extended leave to visit his family in Canada. Mr Pedley will be returning during week 4 of the school term.

It has been very refreshing, as it always is, to see so many smiling faces walking through the school gates. The overall wellbeing of our students at Proston State School forms one of the main pillars of our school improvement agenda. We want every child to go home and be able to smile about something that happened to them that day at school. If they can’t, then we want to know how to make it happen. We are always striving to improve this great school and your feedback is valued and always welcomed. We are simply a phone call away and are always happy to meet and listen to you.

Welcome to our new staff
We have several new members of staff this year.

Mr Charles Neville – Mr Neville is a secondary teacher and his main subjects are ITD, Math and Science. He has a keen interest in science, technology and the arts. Mr Neville will be setting up an after school music program in the future.

Mrs Isabelle Seabrook – Mrs Seabrook is going to be teaching secondary art, food studies and literacy as well as the primary school library lessons. This term Mrs Seabrook is also assisting in the teaching of swimming with Miss Hall on Thursdays. She has an interest in the arts as well and I am sure this will come through in her library and art lessons.

Miss Jessica Hall – Miss Hall is replacing Mr Eisenmenger whilst he is on leave for Semester 1. Miss Hall will be taking HPE from prep to year 10. She will also be teaching secondary English, art and history. Miss Hall has a keen interest in dance and will hopefully be starting up a dance club later this term.

Miss Stacey Martin – Miss Martin has transferred in from Cherbourg State School. She will be teaching the year 3/4 primary class this year. She has taken on the challenge of kitchen garden with a vengeance and is excited about teaching in a new school.

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable start to the new year and we look forward to a productive and successful school year.

Regards,

Katrina Hayward
Students Of the Week

Week 2
Back Row: Madeleine Waterford, Alana Doessel, Elleana Caswell
Second Back Row: Riley Dunlop, Nicholas Urban, Sebastian Lopez
Middle Row: Nahtaya Mills, Polly Brown, Alivia Wieland, Darren Blanch
Front Row: Declan Cummings, Jude Salvador
Prep/One Busy Bee News

What a wonderful start we have had in 2016 Prep/One classroom. It has been great to see the new Preps learning and getting to know the teacher as well as other students.

Introducing the 9 new Prep students: 5 boys and four girls.

We also have 5 Grade ones in the class too. I look forward to teaching these students this year and it would be great to also get to know the families of these wonderful students.

Days to remember:
Monday is
Parade - all parents are welcome to attend.
Library Day - Please remember to bring library bag on this day.
Thursday is
PE - our togs and towel are needed on this day. Parent helpers are much appreciated if you can spare a hour. Please come and see me if you can help out.
Please remember that all students need their hats every day as the school as No Hat No Play policy.
Yours in Education,

Mrs Sue Jones
WELCOME BACK to 2016 Year 1 and Year 2.
As most of you are aware Swimming has started for Term 1 and our swimming day is in 2nd Lesson (9.50 to 10.50). Parent helpers are always welcome during swimming lessons.

What are we learning!
This term we are completing some interesting educational investigations.

Science - the unit is about water and how it is used in a community. We will be investigating the water cycle as well during this unit.

Technology - Spin it! - Design and technology is always fun, this term students will be investigating spinning toys, designing a spinning toy, creating their design and then testing it.

Health - Safety in the classroom - this term we will be developing our understanding of safety in the classroom and how to stay safe in the playground.

The Arts - This term students are developing skills in Drama, Mr Blanch will be working with our class for our Presenting Poetry Drama unit.

Literacy - Poetry - Students will learn how to present Poetry to an audience, we will be presenting different Poetry Performances throughout the term.

Mrs Traci Holland

Proston Playgroup

Hi my names is Trudy McDonald. I will be facilitating the Proston playgroup sponsored by Bushkids Qld for the under 5’s in the Proston and surrounding catchment area. I have a Diploma in Early Childhood which I completed when I was facilitating Family Day Care on the Sunshine Coast for nine years. I am currently in my 3rd year of a Bachelor of Social Work with Central Queensland University. I truly am passionate about children’s education and believe learning through play based activities allows young children to be themselves and find their own ability. This empowers children to have a go, to problem solve and understand what works and what may not sometimes. I work for BUSHkids and our funding has allowed myself to be available to many small schools in the South Burnett area. I am really excited to be a part of the Proston community by delivering a playgroup program for the 2016 year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any enquiries about the playgroup for the 2016 year. Our playgroup will be meeting every Wednesday from 9am to 11am at the Blake St Playgroup building, our playgroup is free to all families.

Cheers Trudy McDonald – Early Learning Facilitator for BUSHkids – 0428 202 609
Welcome back to 2016 and year 3/4. My name is Stacy Martin. I am the new 3/4 teacher and very excited to be here. The year is going well so far and everyone is engaged and working well. Great job 3/4 students! We have a lot happening this term with Kitchen/Garden kicking off with lots of weeding and planting happening. The year 3’s are also getting a taste of what it means to cook at school, and loving it.

In maths we are working really hard on our times tables, so parents can you please practice these with your kids at home. They are very important to their maths skills overall.

In English we are learning about narratives and how to write our own. The book we are studying is “The Twits”, by Roald Dahl. The story tells us about a cranky old couple that are constantly playing pranks on each other. The kids are finding it hilarious!

A little about me… My fiancé and I recently bought 400 acres in Hivesville and we love our property. My previous school was Cherbourg State School, which was challenging while also being rewarding. I am very excited to be at Proston SS. Everyone has been very welcoming and chatty. Please feel free to come and visit the 3/4 room if you would like to meet face to face or have any queries or questions. My door is always open.

Miss Stacy Martin.

Swimming Carnival
Student Council Sausage Sizzle

Sausage on bread $2.50
Bottled water $2.00
Popper juice $2.00

Orders will be taken on the day.
Year 5/6

The 5/6 class has come back to school for 2016 with a great attitude to learning. Lucky!!!! We have loads of work to complete.

We have started the term with ‘Earthquake Explorers’ in Science. Experiments with boiled eggs and modeling clay ...hmmm interesting!!

Our English unit revolves around reading and analysing short stories. Mission Impossible with Morris Gleitzman has been a big hit. I do believe we will be reading ‘The loaded dog’ next week.

We will begin our sewing for our Proston Show entries in week 3. YES .....we are using real sewing machines!!!! If you have any fabric at home that you don’t need please send it in.

If parents have any concerns please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat, call or email – bwate61@eq.edu.au.

Mrs Waterford

Kitchen

Our first week of Kitchen Garden has been very successful. The Year 3 students were all very excited to learn our safety rules in the Kitchen.

We had a great time making pumpkin scones. Students learned how to use a knife to cut with safely, boil pumpkin on a stovetop, mix ingredients and cook in an oven. The scones tasted so amazing with most students eating two scones each........even after telling me they don’t eat scones.

Thank you to Kim and Mersadeez for taking a group of students.
Food Studies and Library

School has begun with a flying start in the Food Studies area. Year 9-10 have made good use of their economical “make the most” of what you’ve got in the pantry and made very nice little entrée style hot cheese and tomato scrolls, suitable as a pre-dinner nibble. Well done Year 10 for inventing the recipe on your own. This was a great example of Food Product Development. Big congrats go to Year 7-8 Scone Makers! Lachlan Doessel, Brian Smith, Grace Kerlin, and Brooke Nielsen made scones that were worthy of the Nanango Bakery. I was very proud and just a bit jealous, as I cannot make scones (and I’ve been cooking for 20 years). There was also a great Food Product Development by Douglas Dench and Teri Lindsay which resulted in an over-worked scone dough being turned into a shortcrust pastry of a sort, and lining a muffin tray, and back filling with caramel soft centres. These little creatures turned out to taste like Pop Tarts! What a Hit! Well done guys!

In the Library, we have been getting ready for the Proston show! We have been reading “Don’t Wake the Baby!”, “Manukas Magical Garden” and “Fox Makes Friends” and making our own masks of some of the main characters. See below for the Mummy Elephant, Small Elephant and Baby Elephant. These girls all did a fabulous job, especially with some entertaining “trunk sneezes” which are as entertaining as a night at the movies! Well done girls.

Mrs Seabrook
Drama Club Sign-Up

In 2016 Drama Club will be running Wednesday 2nd Break and After-School on Thursday - the singing competition Drama students can participate in is still Friday morning, 1st Break. Notes will be sent out during Week 3 for after-school permission. All students are welcome to attend Drama Club’s Thursday activities. We are currently in the early stages of organising a FREE performance at the Town Hall close to the end of Term 1 to get the ball rolling.

Thanks,

Mr Blanch

Introducing Miss Hall

Being a new teacher from Canada comes with its challenges, but I’ve had a lovely welcoming to the Proston SS family by everyone -- staff, students and parents alike. I have Casual Relief Teaching experience from Melbourne and Brisbane, so now I’ve decided to conquer the country life. I’m excited to dive deeper into units such as the Renaissance with my 7/8 History class, Representations in News Media with my 7/8 English class, or school-wide Swim Lessons, especially on those hot Queensland days.

I’m also looking forward to see what the Swim Carnival 2016 has to offer. This year it will be held on Thursday, 18 February. We are looking for parent/guardian volunteers so please come talk to me if you are interested in attending and lending a hand. I know it will be a great time and everyone is welcome!

Miss Jessica Hall

Swimming Carnival - further information

Date Change: Thursday February 18th
Parents and family members are welcome to attend the swimming sizzle. If you are able to lend a hand with any jobs (e.g., timekeeping, cooking sausages, etc) we would love to hear from you!

Reminder about event eligibility:
Where an event has 25 metre and 50 metre options, students may only swim one of those options. The 25 metre events points are 5 (1st), 3 (2nd), 2 (3rd) and 1 (participation). The 50 metre events points are 10 (1st), 8 (2nd), 6 (3rd), 4 (4th) and 1 (participation).

Sun -safety dress code:
Proston State School is a sun-safe school. At the swimming carnival, students may swim in either a racing style one-piece or in a rash vest/t-shirt and swim shorts. No student will be permitted to swim in a bikini.