Back on Deck
Thank you to the staff of Proston State School with a special mention to Katrina Hayward who stepped up in my absence. They did a fantastic job while I was away and the school year has started off very smoothly.

Attendance
We are having a great year so far with attendance records above the regional average. Keep up the great work parents and a thanks to the teachers who keep their students engaged with vivid teaching spaces and pedagogies.

Swimming Carnival
Another big thanks to everyone for the organisation and running of our 2016 swimming carnival. It was great to see all of the students competing at a high level, supported by their peers from respective houses. Both houses put up a fight but in the end Boyne emerged victorious and again reclaimed the swimming title. I am confident Stuart will turn things around in the cross country carnival later this term.

Open Door Policy
Just a friendly reminder that we want to hear from you. If you have a suggestion on how we can make our school better and help our students achieve then please come in and see me. Or if you simply want to have a chat about education in general I am always keen to hear from you.

Regards
Ryan Pedley
Students Of the Week

Week 3
Back Row: Cody Beasley, Teri Lindsay, Skye Palmer
Middle Row: Jai Munro, Ollie Thomas, Ethan Jocelyn, Izak Wills
Front Row: Hayley Fox, Polly Brown, Kaitlyn Barber

Week 4
Back Row: Kimberley Fisher, Seneva McGhee, Colby Smith, Hayley Flint
Middle Row: Brian Smith, Lorna Smith, Mitchell Fox
Front Row: Milla Brown, Kelly Blanch, Kahlia Rose, Nikita Peacock, Kooper Cummings
Prep/One Busy Bee

What a wonderful 2 weeks we have had again. The students have been learning about stories and reflecting on them, as well as numbers and how we can make them in different ways. We have been looking at special places in Geography and exploring maps. In Science we have been investigating all about what our bodies and our pets need to survive and exploring our senses. We are about to start Jolly Phonics as well. The Preps are part of a busy bee reading club. It would be excellent to see more students participate as this is part of our learning journey. Keep reading Year Ones and learn your sight words.

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.
We need all different size boxes for geography so please start collecting and send them in. I would also like large margarine containers and yoghurt containers.

Yours in Education,
Mrs Sue Jones
We have been very busy in the Stars classroom! Students have been split into ability groups for Words their way and Stars and Cars. We are working hard learning how to form letters for writing and we are developing fine motor skills. We are also learning about water and how important it is to the world. We have been looking at how technology has changed over time. We are also learning new vocabulary across the subjects. Math has been interesting with a focus on number and quantity of number students are breaking down misconceptions and re-thinking and checking answers. I would like to invite all parents to visit the classroom for any lesson, so if you have a spare hour drop in and join the class.

We are always looking for helpers to come in and help us out with reading.

Please feel free to drop in for a chat if there is something you would like to discuss.

*Mrs Traci Holland*

Getting Playdough ready for spelling!

Stars handwriting! Practise of letter formation.
**Year 3/4**

We are now heading into Week 5 and things will start to get very busy with in-class work and the expectations on the students to start working towards assessment. All of the assessment in year 3/4 will happen in class time, with homework continuing to be practicing skills the students have already learnt in class. We are also heading into show season. The students in the 3/4 class have already started working on their displays for the Queen of Hearts theme. We will also be entering decorated biscuits and patty cakes with the students decorating them at school in Week 6. Please also make sure your child is still working on their times tables, as they are imperative to their success in maths.

Please feel free to come and visit any time, my door is always open.

*Miss Stacy Martin.*

**Year 5/6**

This fortnight has been particularly busy. The 5/6 students have been using eggs to visualise what happens to the earth during an earthquake……boiled eggs that is!!! “Federation, Federation, Federation” is the topic in history and students have learned why Henry Parkes is known as the Father of Federation and how both America and Britain influenced our laws and constitution today.

Just reminder to all students to bring hats to school every day and a drink bottle with water as the weather is so hot lately.

*Mrs Belinda Waterford*
Community Page

If you have a group with an upcoming or ongoing events, let the school know and we will endeavour to put it in our newsletter each fortnight.

P&C Meeting
P&C Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the School Library.
Everybody is welcome!

Proston Bowls Club
Wednesday Fun Nights
6:30 PM
Bowls!
Cards!
Chess!
Darts!
Lifts can be arranged within 5 km of town.
Phone 0418 132 844

Queen of Hearts Morning Tea
The Proston Show will be hosting a morning tea with a Queen of Hearts theme on Saturday, 27 February 2016 at Railway Park, starting at 9:00 am.
Create a Queen of Hearts themed mask or headwear to wear to morning tea for a gold coin donation.
Age groups: children under 14, Masks
Open 14 and over, Headwear
Use your imagination, be inspiring using any material to create your work of art.
Come along and join the fun!

Exciting Cross Country Program
Queensland Running’s Cross Country season commences on Saturday 5 March at Teralba Park, Mitchelton. The season runs from March until the end of July and is of great assistance to all students in preparing for school, district and regional cross country competitions.
Runs are conducted at various parks in and around Brisbane including Chermside, Toowong, Pine Rivers, Sandgate, Yeronga and more.For further enquiries, check the website www.queenslandrunning.com.au or call 0418 113 377

Proston Show Working Bee
A working bee will be held in preparation for the Proston Show at 8 am on Tuesday March 1.
Food Studies and Library

What a fantastic time we are having in the library preparing for the Proston Show Morning Tea! Please come and for a gold coin donation, support this worthy cause. The 3D animal masks have been made beautifully, well done library classes! Lots of great work being done as recognised by the latest library awards to Kaitlyn Barber, Alyssa Kriesch, Marnie Stanley, Elizabeth Kruse, Noah Palmer, Jack Dunlop, Monica Varga. Well done and congratulations! Keep up the great work in the library. Continuing good efforts in food technology too, the students are performing at a high level in practical lessons. Mrs Seabrook also has two working dog puppies free to a good home, kelpie cross border collie. Both parents are current cattle and sheep herders at Alice Creek and Booie.

Mrs Seabrook
Swimming Carnival

This year’s Swim Carnival was my favourite one EVER! And that’s not just because it was my first one ever. The weather could not have been more perfect, sausages sizzled, friends and family gathered, and there was some serious skill demonstrated by many of Proston State School’s finest. Swimmers showed off their butterflies, freestyles, backstrokes and breaststrokes like true pros during 25m, 50m, 100m and relays.

I was very impressed by the huge amount of team spirit shown throughout the whole day by both teams. As a member of Stuart, it hurts me a little to say this, but job well done to Boyne for leading the House score by a whopping 200 points!

Congratulations to all our Age Champions -- a well-deserved title for your hard work and dedication!

Age 8 Girls – Rubilee Munro
Age 8 Boys – Jack Dunlop
Age 9 Girls – Courtney Kruse
Age 9 Boys – Ollie Thomas
Age 10 Boys – Riley Dunlop
Age 11 Girls – Mersadeez Nielsen
Age 12 Boys – Aaron Nowlan
Age 13 Girls – Alana Doessel
Age 13 Boys – Nicholas Urban
Age 14 Girls – Stephanie Flint
Age 14 Boys – Lachlan Doessel
Age 15 Girls – Amber Bingham
Age 15 Boys – Kyle Nowlan

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success -- parent volunteers, family cheerleaders, all staff and especially, the participating students. You are all AWESOME and the Swim Carnival would not have been possible without you!

Now we should all be looking forward to the Cross-Country meet on March 24th. Details to follow.

Warm regards,

Jessica Hall (HPE Teacher)