Proston State School's Big 3!

Every year Proston State School sets goals and focus areas targeting where we want to improve. This year based on feedback from students, parents, staff and data gathered from a number of sources including School Opinion Surveys, NAPLAN, Words Their Way, Cars and Stars and PAT testing we have decided to focus on the next 3 areas.

1. **Relationships.** This is a broad focus area but one that underpins many facets of education. Students, parents, teachers, P&C, community volunteers and even the local community all influence how our kids learn. This is why we have always encouraged an open door policy to facilitate constant dialogue with all our key stakeholders. Students are our main game and we want to give them the best possible experience we can while at school. Keep your eye on the newsletters early in term two as we will be hosting year level curriculum meetings. These will give you all the information you need to follow along with your child’s education electronically at home and see what is up and coming.

2. **Good pedagogy in reading.** Pedagogy is how the teacher teaches. How they teach is specifically linked with improving student outcomes. With the school adopting programs such as Words Their Way, CARS and STARS and now Literacy Language Intervention it is important the teachers improve their pedagogy around these new programs to maximise the benefits for their students. We would encourage parents to come in and ask their teacher how they can support their child at home as we continue to consolidate those programs at school.

3. **Good pedagogy in numeracy.** Much the same can be said about good pedagogy in numeracy as was said about reading above. The school has started a new primary maths program called Back 2 Front maths. This program aims to target a students misconceptions about strategies which they may have developed in the earlier years. Teachers use data to inform their teaching in an effort to target those misconceptions and correct them.

These big 3 strategies among other things will be discussed when we host parent information nights in term 2.
Students Of the Week

Week 7
Back Row: Kim Fisher, Stephanie Flint, Lachlan Besson
Row 4: Joshua Strauss, Michael Ward, Jaxon Walker, Gracie Kerlin
Middle Row: Trinity Parfitt, Marnie Stanley, Kahlia Rose, Skye Palmer
Front Row: Alivia Wieland

Week 8
Back Row: Dylan Christie, Michael Malone, Lathan Wright
Middle Row: Alana Doessel, Blake Flint, Nahtaya Mills
Front Row: Alyssa Kriesch, Curtis McMaster, Nikita Peacock
Principal’s corner (continued)

P&C

The P&C is looking for new members to join its ranks and help with fundraising for our school and your kids! At the moment we do not have enough members to function, and are currently lacking an executive committee. We will be having an AGM early next term on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:30pm. Every cent of money raised goes directly to your kids at the school to enhance their educational experience. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

We are currently sitting at a 92.1% attendance rate across the school. That is up almost 4% from last year. Well done! I look forward to this trend continuing into term 2! So far the Preps are in the lead with a 95.8% average against the primary cohorts and Year 10s are just in the lead for the secondaries with a 95.7% average. There is still lots of school left for other cohorts to catch up and win the grand prize of a trip to Australia Zoo or Dream World. We are also now going to be taking any student with a 100% attendance throughout the year. So far there are 26 students with perfect attendance. If they keep it up they will be enjoying the trip as well!

X-Country

Cross country has been organised for next Thursday. Mr. Pedley is especially excited for the event since he has challenged the senior students to a race. Mr. Pedley stated he would willingly buy any secondary student a Coca Cola should they beat him in the 4000m race. It has been heard that Mr. Pedley has been training hard for the event and has run the full course twice without stopping… He could be hard to beat.

We look forward to Durong South SS attending and offering us that little bit of extra competition and of course the teachers at Proston SS look forward to beating the parents once more in our Tug O’ War challenge. See you there for a fun filled day!

Regards

Mr Ryan Pedley
Year 1/2 Star News

This week the Stars have been completing assessments. So far we have completed our Technology, History and one of our English assessments. We still have a few to go and we will be working right up until the cross country on Thursday. Thank you to all students who come along and give it their best effort every day.

We will be making Easter Baskets and hoping the Easter bunny stops in for a visit on Thursday! Start collecting! Next term we need milk bottle caps for wheels so please start collecting, washing and bringing in to add to the box.

The blog is up and running. You can find it at the following web address: http://prostonstars.classtel.com. Please check your child’s diary for the password. Our blog has lots of helpful videos to assist in learning. It also has a calendar of events that are coming up so check it out and find out what we have been learning about.

Mrs Traci Holland

Secondary students listening to Josh from "Character Builders" (read more on the last page)
Rural News

Our new Proston State School Show Team has had a successful start to the show season.
Proston Show
Madeleine Waterford got 3rd in her age group for Junior Handlers
Stephanie Flint and Madeleine Waterford got through to the final for Young Judges
Leo was 4th in the light weight steer competition
Dangora Gully Kai Kai got third in her age group
and Dangora Gully Kassidy got 2nd in her age group

Murgon Show
Madeleine Waterford won Prime Judging
Jade Mann was third in Prime Judging
Brian Smith was third in Stud Judging
Leo was 3rd in Middle Weight Steers
Storm was 3rd in Heavy Weight Steer

Miss Katrina Hayward

Show News

In other show news, many Proston State School students enjoyed success in the pavilion. They entered iced cupcakes and sewing items made in class, as well as other items prepared at home. The school display attracted many positive comments too.
Community Page

If you have a group with an upcoming or ongoing events, let the school know.

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!

P&C AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:30 PM in the school library.

Proston Bowls Club
Wednesday Fun Nights 6:30 PM
Bowls!
Cards!
Chess!
Darts!
Snacks and Bar available!
0418 132 844

Ice Cream Stall - Cross Country - $1
Help support the school and buy an ice cream cone at the cross country!
Food Studies and Library

Thank you to all the students who are continuing to leave great mini book reviews on the yellow wall of fame in the library! It’s worth vivos, so keep remembering to do this as you read and finish a new book. The students in years 3-6 are enjoying the audio and music CDs that go with many picture books published today. We are hoping to be able to get more of these kinds of books in the future, as they are such a hit with young readers! We continue to see excellent behaviour in the library at break times, as students participate in constructive and educational play.

Mrs Scabrook

Grip Leadership Conference - Secondary

On the 16th March, 2016 Seneva, Elleana and I joined other schools for a student leadership conference. We took a lot of things away from it like how to make meetings effective, how to make speeches dynamic and saying bye bye to bullying. They helped us as student leaders and the main thing I got out of it is when the presenter said “It doesn’t matter that you’re not a leader you still can make a difference within the school”. It was a good day out and we really enjoyed it.

#THANK YOU MRS SALTER FOR TAKING US.

Hayley Flint
Cross Country

Cross Country is nearly here and many students have been warming up their running skills. This will be a day of healthy competition amongst students...and Mr. Pedley! Please make sure all competitors bring a large water bottle and their hats. There will be fun activities, games and House Competitions throughout the day.

WHEN: Thursday 24 March, begins at 9am
   1st race – 14yo & older: 9.20am
   2nd race – 4–7yo: 10.05am
   3rd race – 11–13yo: 10.30am
   4th race – 8–10yo: 11.10am

All parents/guardians are welcome to come support your child(ren)!

Miss Jessica Hall
Sports Coordinator

Other Secondary News

On Monday 14 March, the Secondary cohort had a unique experience. They were fortunate enough to have a full day dedicated to Team Building by a company called Character Builders. The leader, Josh, did a fantastic job of allowing students to express themselves and he made some great observations about the skills and talents he witnessed. Students were forced to get out of their comfort zones, share stories, communicate with people who were not necessarily part of their friend group, and work together as a TEAM. Everyone got a lot out of this day – even the staff. As a result of this enriching experience, we can hopefully start to see a more unified and supportive Secondary cohort.