PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

School Review

If it wasn’t official before, it certainly is now! Proston State School is an awesome school! We have all heard Mr. Pedley say it countless times before but to have it affirmed by three independent School Reviewers, with a collective 85 years teaching and leadership experience between them, is certainly reassuring. In the twenty six page report the reviewers made affirmations, listed sources of evidence backing up their findings, and gave recommendations. The reviewers also acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that has gone into the school to get it where it is now over the past 4 years. I would like to thank all the staff, parents, students and community members for being a part of the process, and I don’t doubt you found it just as valuable as I did.

We will now use this report to frame our next body of work and improvement over the next four years. Our strategic plan will utilise feedback from the reviewers, school staff, student and parents to ensure everyone can take some ownership of their school and child’s education while at Proston. Please keep your eyes open for parent forum dates coming up soon where we will unpack the report together and ensure everyone is on the same page moving forward into the future.

In the meantime an important part of the feedback process is the School Opinion Survey which went home with students on Monday this week. Help us celebrate and acknowledge all the great things this school does! Understanding not everyone has access to internet at home, there is an iPad in the school office dedicated to parents to anonymously complete the survey.

Thank you again and, as always, look forward to working with you in the future.

Ryan Pedley
Principal
Week 2, Term 3:
Back Row: Seneva McGhee, Alivia Wieland, Gracie Kerlin
Front Row: Kellie Blanch, Trent McMaster

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!
It has been a busy start to the term! Students are looking forward to the Under 8s Day activities which will be held at the school on Thursday, 25 August from 8:45-10:50. This event is open to everyone in the community under the age of 8 (accompanied by a parent/carer). See the flyer below for more information!

Yours in education,

Mrs Sue Jones

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**Under 8s Day!**

**Where:** Proston State School

**Who:** Anybody aged 8 years or younger and their parents/carers

**Date:** Thursday 25th August 2016

**Time:** 8:45 am – 10:50 am

**BYO:** Picnic Lunch

**Come along and have fun:**

- Bubble Blowing
- Playdough
- Painting
- Obstacle course
- Parachute Games
- Face Painting and more!
This term we have been learning about fractions and measurement with Mr Boyle and Mrs Holland. It has been very interesting manipulating objects into halves, quarters and eighths. We have also been participating in new rotations for Literacy. Students are broken into small groups and complete an activity that is based on sight words, spelling, writing and reading. Next week we are hoping to start maker space. There will be several projects this term including creating a balance scale and designing an automatic plant watering device. A note will be out on Monday to invite all parents to join us for these exciting STEM projects.

This term See Saw will be available to parents. This program has an app or it can be accessed through a computer. See Saw is a great way for parents to see what their child is doing in the classroom. Your child will have access to iPads to take digital images, videos, notes and drawings. Using the See Saw app, students submit their work which is sent to their individualised page. It is an individualised portfolio your child puts together of work they have completed.

Link to See Saw app: [https://app.seesaw.me/s/545-159-422](https://app.seesaw.me/s/545-159-422)
Link to See Saw web page: [https://app.seesaw.me/#/login?role=parent](https://app.seesaw.me/#/login?role=parent)
Our blog is also still available: [http://prostonstars.classtel.com/](http://prostonstars.classtel.com/)

*Mrs Holland*
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. WOW! This year is flying by. I am down to one week to go before I am on maternity leave and we have Mrs Beth Stanley starting in class with us on Monday the 25th of July. I will still be at school for the week but having Mrs Stanley with us means the students will get the chance to know her and we will transition them from me as their teacher to being taught by her. Mrs Stanley will finish the year with the students and I will be back at school at the beginning of Term 2 next year. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to come and see me before I go on leave or see Beth when she takes over independently in week 4.

I have loved working with each and every one of your children and I look forward to seeing them when I come back next year. I do live permanently in the area so when I can I will come and visit and I know the students in the 3/4 class are itching to meet my little one when he or she arrives.

Thank you for your support this year and I look forward to being back on deck next year.

Thank you

Stacy Martin.

Year 10 English

Last term the Year 10 students read and analysed the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird". To consolidate their learning, they then decided to create their own version of Monopoly based on events and characters from the novel. As you can see, they had a lot of fun playing the game while trying to bankrupt each other. In the end, there was a clear winner with Madeleine Waterford taking the honours of To Kill a Mockingbird Monopoly champion (for now).

Selena Salter
Year 5/6

The first two weeks of term have been a busy time for the 5/6 students. We have had an explosive time learning about volcanoes and how the Earth works. We have been learning about percentages in Maths and recounts in English. Our Kitchen Garden has provided with vegetables for cooking on Fridays.

Please encourage your student to complete their homework and reading each day.

We wish the Year 6s luck on their Canberra trip next week!

Mrs Peta Clarke
Library News

This term we welcome Mrs Rachel Hancock to the Library who will be our Teacher Librarian for Term 3. Mrs Hancock also teaches at Cloyna State School. Library day for all primary classes is now Tuesday.

Also during this term we will be celebrating Book Week, which runs from 22-26 August and is a celebration of the beautiful books produced by Australian Authors and Illustrators during the last year. Over the next 6 weeks we will be sharing some of the short-listed books with students in their Library lessons and engaging in some art activities connected to the books.

Our annual Book Week Dress-up Parade will be held on Tuesday 23 August commencing at 8.45am so plenty of time to start planning that special costume. We look forward to seeing you there.

9/10 Science

The grade 9/10 science class is seen here using an infra-red thermometer to measure the skin temperature. The class were studying how exercise affects the body systems in the process called homeostasis. The class would like to thank the Murgon Pharmacy for the donation of the thermometers for measuring the core temperature and the loan of the infra-red thermometer.

Mr Ray Chambers
**Sports News**

The BP Shield was held on Wednesday this week and from all reports students enjoyed the day. The combined Proston, Wondai and St Johns team worked well together and performed well above their weight in the winter sports on offer.

Upcoming Dates:
- SB Primary athletics trials 2&3 AUGUST (Nanango SS)
- SB Secondary athletics trials 26 AUGUST (Nanango SHS)
- Proston State School Athletics Carnival 11 August

Mr Mark Eisenmenger

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**Drama Presentation!**

Hello

A Spoofy Soapbox
A Performance
Presented by Proston State School Drama Club 2016

Proston Town Hall
7pm
Friday, August 5

$5 entry – Under 4’s free