School Attendance

School attendance is the single most influential factor in a child’s academic success. Missing school can have a massive impact on not only your child’s academics but their life in general. If a child has a 95% and above attendance rate, chances are they are achieving a minimum of a C grade, have reduced behaviour incidents and are more confident socially. Of course there are days when a child is legitimately ill or due to family circumstances can’t come to school. However, having random days off can be catastrophic.

Proston State School attendance data tells us that we average a 70% attendance rate for Friday and Mondays. On Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays we average 92%. This tells us a couple things. Either children are most likely to get sick right before and immediately after a weekend, or they just enjoy long weekends. Learning occurs on a Friday and Monday just like any other school day in the week. I know as an employer, if one of my employees only showed up to work 70% of the time on a Friday or Monday I would have a lot of questions for them.

As a school we aren’t only gunning for student outcomes in academics, we are preparing children for life. I am sure everyone has heard the expression, ‘you practice like you play’. School is a major part of that practice for life as we mirror community and societal expectations. As a parent of two very busy boys, I can’t imagine telling them (when they start playing sport), “Flynn I want you to play this game only putting in 70% of the effort”. Two things would most certainly happen. One, he would look at me funny and reply, “But Dad you always tell me to try my best, and 70% isn’t my best”, and two, the other children in the game giving 95-100% would overtake him. This isn’t too dissimilar to what I’m talking about with showing up at school. One expression which I’ve heard over and over again since my migration to Australia is, “You have to be in it to win it”, and if students don’t get to school they will be very challenged to “win it”.

Have a look at these pictures about how ‘one day of here and there’ can snowball by the time they exit school.

In an effort to explain all student absences from school, a text message will now be sent home to students who are not at school that day. If you have phoned the school’s absence line and left a message regarding your child’s absence, you will not receive a text message. If you get a text message from the school regarding your child’s absence, please make every effort to reply to the text explaining why they are away or phone the school.

Ryan Pedley
Students Of the Week

Week 6, Term 3:
Back Row: Hayley Flint, Lachlan Doessel, Michael Ward, Brewster Burfoot, Jack Dunlop
Front Row: Brooke Nielsen, Mersadeez Nielsen, Phoenix Watts, Darren Blanch, Declan Puller, Alyssa Kriesch

Week 5, Term 3:
Back Row: Kyle Nowlan, Brodey Thompson, Brian Smith
Middle Row: Kim Fisher, Doug Dench, Skye Palmer, Declan Cummings
Front Row: Peter Palmer, Ethan Jocelyn, Polly Brown, Kooper Cummings

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!
Prep/One Busy Bee News

Hello from the Prep/One classroom again. It has been a great fortnight and the students are gaining lots of knowledge as we complete our subjects. This week we went down to the hall for seniors’ week. The students said it was fun when they performed for the seniors. They were very excited.

Yours in education,

Mrs Sue Jones
We have started maker space on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. If you are available to come in and assist students feel free to drop in or come weekly. We had the pleasure of having Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Wieland (Thank you Rebecca and Jolie) in for our first maker space this week. They assisted the students in the planning stage of this term’s project. Once planning is over, students will move to the creative stage.

The students have been working hard in Mathematics to solve word problems using manipulative tools. The year 1s have been working in a small group and working through problems together using interesting tools to create an understanding of how to problem solve. The year 2s have been working in groups of 2 to complete tasks and prove they have the right answer using manipulatives.

On Thursday we headed to the Proston Town Hall to preform “I’m a Small Potato” and “With My Hand On My Heart”. Students were warmly received by the seniors and performed very well on stage.

Mrs Holland
Proston State School
HPE Department Raffle

All money raised will go towards new computer software to be used during all major school carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics).

Major Prize: K-SPORTS Table Tennis Table complete with net, 4 paddles and 2 boxes of balls. (Valued at over $400)
Second Prize: Table Tennis Net 2 paddles and box of balls.

Tickets will be available at the school office and also sent out in future Proston Press Publications for your chance to purchase.

Only $2.00 per entry into the draw

Drawn: End of Term 4.

Winners will be announced in the Proston Press and a call to your contact number on your ticket.

Good Luck!
DEAR PARENTS.....

My name is Natalie Mann, I have lived in Durong with my hubby for the last 4 years and have 2 children 13yrs and 3yrs. I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself as I am starting up a self defence program for kids in Proston and also Durong, and Jandowae. I am a trained and certified Sports Instructor with the Australian Sports Commission and a Black Belt Ranked Instructor, member and student of the Australian Jujitsu Federation. Graham White of Universal Jujitsu has been my Sensei for the last 8 years. I have also worked alongside QLD Police delivering Child Safety Awareness programs as well as independently co-ordinating and facilitating self-esteem and confidence building programs in schools throughout QLD.

The program on offer for your children, will be game and play based. It will teach them self-defence, it will teach them balance, agility, respect for themselves and others, self-control and self-discipline. It will help them to learn to fall safely and roll instinctively, when a situation calls for it. They will engage in activities, that will give them courage, teaching them about confidence, and honour, teaching them about respect.

Cost of the program is $12.50 per class with a sign up registration fee $70. Registration fees cover insurance for your child, and their uniform and grading belts. Payments can be paid by the term, or at each class attended. Discounts are offered for families with more than 1 child, and for families who pay in advance at the start of each term, please call me and we can tailor a package to suit your family.

Program begins 1st week of term 4. A free try out class is available TUESDAY 4th of OCTOBER, @ Proston State School between 3.15pm and 4.15pm for primary so your child can see if they might like to join the other Ninja & Dragon Warrior recruits. Secondary students try out is 4.15pm to 5.15pm Look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

Nat Mann
0448 689981
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| **In Case of Emergency Contact** |
| Please list any medical conditions your child may have. |
| Please list any previous or current injuries your child has experienced; e.g. broken wrist, sprained ankle... |
| Please list any fears or phobias your child may have. |
| Do you give consent for your child to attend after-school self defence classes at Proston State School? |
| YES | NO |
| Do you give consent for an Instructor to apply basic first aid to your child should an accident happen? |
| YES | NO |
| **Parent/Guardian Signature**    |
| **Method of $70 Registration Fee Payment** |
| CASH | FUNDS TRANSFER | CHEQUE |
| **Term Fees Upfront 20% Discount** |
| 10 weeks @ $10- per week = $100 due by 3rd week of term. |
| **Weekly Payments** |
| $12.50 per lesson each week. |
| **Family Discounts Available** |
| Please discuss with me if you have more than 1 child attending for your discounted rate. |
| **Please forward all electronic transfer payments to:-** |
| Natalie Mann t/a LITTLE DRAGONS |
| BSB- 734204 |
| ACCOUNT- 637663 |
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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**Australia! Story Country**

**Children's Book Week!**

**Dress-Up Parade**

*To celebrate Book Week 2016*

**Tuesday 23 August at 8.45am**

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

Prizes for each class as well as non-school age children and adults.

We look forward to seeing you there!
**Year 3/4**

This last fortnight, the students in Grade 3/4 have shown a great interest in their health unit. They have investigated health messages in the media, determined if they are valid sources of information and are now unpacking what strategies the media uses to promote certain food items that might not be as healthy as advertised. Students have started designing their own drink to advertise as a health drink and are using these strategies in their campaign to see how it happens in reality. Here is a sample of what the students have come up with already.

Thank you

*Mrs Beth Stanley*

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**Is Maths Bugging You?**

I was one of those people, until I watched Odd Squad. It is an educational show full of all the math answers that you need to know. It is about two agents, Olive and Otto, who solve odd maths questions, of course, with Miss O, Oscar, Dr. O and many of their friends.

When it comes to choosing the episode with the most help it depends what sort of help you need. The episode I found most helpful was episode 23 ‘Jinx’, where Oscar and Dr. O have to go and get Jimmy Jinx’s Jinx cube so they can stop all the agents speaking at the same time and same word as everyone else.

There are many characters you meet twice or more, like Poly Graph, Danny D and Coach Roberts, Delivery Devy, Baby Gininis and more!

Thanks for reading and I will have a new page in every newsletter.

Kind regards,

**Boss - (Blake)**
Community Corner

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!

DATE CLAIMER

CAR BOOT SALE

On again this year – Saturday 3rd September 2016.
Sites will be $5.00. Any items unsold are to be removed from premises. Start 8.00 am (set up by 7.30 am). A proposal has been made to have an auction, which would be at approx. 11.30 am. Again CWA will have a craft stall, and provide a morning tea for a cost of $2.00.

WHERE:
GROUNDS OF CWA ROOMS,
RODNEY STREET, PROSTON

(Contact Coral Graham, phone 0419 689 558 to book your site)

Open Week Celebration

Wednesday 7th September 2016 4 - 6 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Past, present and future Kindy kids, families and community members
Come and visit us at Kindy
Have a wander around our beautiful outdoor environment
Stay and play for a while
Or just pop in for a chat!

PlayNRL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Play NRL MOD CAMP (Age: 9-11 yr old boys) Cost: $295
Date: Starts Mon Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th September 2016
Junior NRL Mod camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Over 2 nights and 3 days.
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

PlayNRL INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP (Age: 12-15 yr old boys) Cost: $295
Date: Starts 2pm Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th September 2016
PlayNRL International Camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Over 2 nights and 3 days.
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

PlayNRL GIRLS ONLY DEVELOPMENT CAMP (Age: 10-16 yr old girls) Cost: $200
Date: Starts 9am Friday 30th September - Saturday 1st October 2016
PlayNRL Girls camp will be held at USQ Gatton Campus. Held over 1 nights and 2 days.
Price includes: Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: www.playnrl.com
On Friday the 5th of August, the Proston State School Drama Club held a performance night in the Proston Town Hall. The performance was a parody of popular TV talk-shows and included many local references, including Ballogie and Buchanan’s Lookout, not to mention some mock rivalry between Rural and Drama! The night was a great success, with many positive reviews! Many thanks to all of those that attended, or showed their support to the students and the school - all efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mr Blanch

Ekka Photos
**Sports News**

**Athletics Carnival**

The 2016 Athletics Carnival was completed last Thursday just in time as the rain started falling. Students participated in Track & Field events ranging from 60m to 400m, along with shot put, high jump and long jump. The pre-run events were the 1500m, 800m, discus, javelin and triple jump.

Students cheered hard and participated well for the entire day trying to push their teams over the line, but as always there could only be one winner. In the end it was a convincing win to Stuart with a total of 1837 points to Boyne’s 1688 points.

**Athletics Carnival Age Champions - 2016**

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**Sporting Schools (Secondary School Pilot Program)**

Students in years 7 to 10 are currently participating in an Australian Rugby Schools Program called VIVA 7s, a non-contact modified version of Rugby designed to maximise participation and also to entice students to the great game of Rugby. This is a program that coincides with a study being completed by Monash University dealing with participation in the middle to senior years of schooling (Youth Participation Project). Students, parents and teachers will all be involved in the research by completing voluntary surveys about different aspects of youth participation in sport.

Our school is being funded to participate in the program, which will not only improve our sport involvement and give students a fun program, it will also enable us to update all rugby related resources for our school.

Our Primary Sporting Schools program for the end of this term will be Netball and AFL during Friday afternoon sport.