PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

P&C Meeting

Our school’s P&C has donated tens of thousands of dollars to a multitude of school based programs and your children are front line recipients of their generosity. Their hard work and dedication to all children at the school is commendable. Unfortunately, our small group can no longer do it alone. We are requesting the community’s support to bolster our numbers and make sure the P&C can continue to support the children at Proston State School. It takes a minimal amount of time and the more volunteers we have the better. Many hands make light work!! Please join us next week on Wednesday, September 14th at 3:30 PM in the school’s library if you are willing and able to lend a hand to help our kids and make this great school even better!

New Basketball Court

The school will have the secondary basketball courts resurfaced in Term 4. We are hopeful that the new surface will give the secondary students a space to play basketball, futsul, netball and maybe even some old fashioned Canadian street hockey! Keep your eyes open for the work on the court which should start soon!

Secondary Camp

Secondary students, from all accounts, had an amazing time at camp on the Gold Coast. Many came back quite exhausted from all of the fun they had. Thanks goes to the teachers and teacher aide who travelled with the students and had to put up with late bedtimes and early mornings!

Ryan Pedley
Principal
Students Of the Week

Week 7, Term 3:
Back Row: Lachlan Doessel, Brodie Thompson, Brooke Nielsen
Front Row: Declan Cummings, Liam Oberle, Hayley Fox, Chloe Smith

Week 8, Term 3:
Sean Osborne, Riley Dunlop, Seth Cree, Summer Gilmore, Riley Besson, Rubilee Munro
The term is nearly finishing with only two weeks to go. The students have been looking at data and why we collect it. It has been exciting to see the students exploring this and how they interpret different things. The photos show our sandwich making and the students collecting data about it.

We have been doing dance in the Arts this term. The students are thoroughly enjoying this. If you have any children’s CDs of dance music could we please borrow them for the next two weeks?

Please remember NO Hat NO play rule at Proston. Lots of students are not bringing a hat every day. Please ensure your child has one every day in their bag or you are welcome to leave them at school.

School diaries need to come to school every day also. This is our communication method and it is an expectation of the school. Please ensure your child brings their diary each day.

If your child is absent from school, please phone the office to tell us the reason why. If this is impossible please send a note or write in the diary.

Yours in education,

Mrs Sue Jones
We have had some interesting developments with the meal worms. The students have seen the meal worms change from a worm into a pupa. It was a very exciting time in the classroom when the children discovered that the meal worms had transformed. The students are waiting with anticipation to see the next stage of the life cycle.

Maker Space has started with students designing and building watering cans this term. Parents and grandparents have attended the last few Thursday and Friday mornings. You are more than welcome to come along and assist us in our Maker Space challenge.

**Bullying (by Blake)**

Bullying is a BIG problem in our school and just about everyone you see has been bullied in some type of way. Here I have a graph about what bullies do in Proston. Next time I will have tips about how to deal with bullies.
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 14 September
3.30pm in the library

We would love to see some new faces become members to assist in supporting the P & C because without the assistance of the P & C there would not be as many educational and extracurricular programs implemented in our school. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings which are usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Proston Show Team EKKA results

In early August, members of the Proston State School Show Team headed to the Ekka with our school steers, Clyde and Leo. This was the first year the Proston Show Team has competed in the Steers competition and the School student competitions.

Jade Mann, Brian Smith and Stephanie Flint all represented our school beautifully. The first event on the schedule was the School Parader’s competition. In this competition students are judged on their ability to parade and present their animal to the judge. All 3 of our students were in the 13 -14 year age category with 130 other students. The competition was run in heats of 20 and Stephanie was first into to ring with Leo. Stephanie did an amazing job showing off her steer and managed to place in the top 2 and went through to the final. Jade was in next with Clyde. Jade too did a fantastic job parading Clyde and made it into the top 4 in her heat but missed out on the final and Brian also made it into the top 5 in his heat with Leo but didn’t make it through to the final.

The students had Junior Judging the next day in both team and individual events. Students had to judge three different pens of animals and try and get as close to the judge’s opinion as they could. Unfortunately our students didn’t see the animals the way the judge did and therefore did not get to speak to the crowd and the over judge.

On the final day of competition it was our steers turn to shine. There were over 500 steers entered in the steer competition and this was broken into various weight range competitions. Clyde was first into the ring in his 510 – 550 kg weight group. There were nearly 50 steers in this competition and our Clyde placed in his heat and made it through to the top 20. He did not place in the final but Jade did a fantastic job showing him off and dealt well with a very fidgety Clyde.

Leo was up next in his 551 – 590 kg class. There were over 30 steers in his weight class. Stephanie was first into the ring and did a fantastic job parading Leo for the judge. Initially we thought he was out of the running as the judge didn’t put him up in his first look. However, on the judge’s second look he put Leo forward into the top 15. He then competed in the final and managed to secure 8th place in a highly competitive field.

Both steers then headed off to the ‘Hook’ competition where neither performed well enough to secure any places but it certainly gives us something to work on for next year.

Overall our trip to the Ekka far exceeded any expectation we had and we look forward to doing it all over again in future years. It would not have been possible without the support of a few key people. So a massive thank you to Brian and Matthew Smith from Smithy’s transport for getting our cattle there safe and sound and to Riverina Stock Feeds for sponsoring our show team program.
Under Eights Day 2016

We had an awesome time during the Under Eights Day. A big thank you goes to the community Fire brigade, Ambulance, SES and the Bushkids Kindy.
We are very busy with assessment at the moment in Grade 3 and 4. Students are busily preparing their end of term projects for all key learning areas and revising their knowledge and understandings.

We are still managing to squeeze in some fun however, in the area of technology. This week our focus is on ways to keep safe when using technology. We have played the pulse game to demonstrate how information can spread quickly and vastly in a short period of time when online. Students were asked to send a pulse by passing it around a circle by squeezing the hand of the person beside them. They then needed to pass back to the student they received the squeeze from or on pass to another student to look at the spread of information.

We also explored what types of things on the internet we needed to either report to an adult or bin by moving to different sides of the classroom. We discussed how emails or ads could trick us into thinking we had won something even though we hadn’t entered a competition and how people we didn’t know could try to get information from us.

Finally we looked at how virus spread with children trying to pass by a line of virus. If they were tagged they then joined the virus line making it harder for the students to get through and not get tagged by the virus. This illustrated how virus spread when students were not being vigilant.

These resources were provided by the following government website, a great resource that can be used to teach your children about cyber safety:

https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/classroom-resources/cybersmart-access

Beth Stanley

Year 5/6

This term we have been learning about migrations and immigrants to Australia. The first people to migrate to Australia were the Indigenous Peoples, at least 60 000 years ago. Next, as far as we know, were the Macassars who came trading with the indigenous peoples. We have found that there were and are still many different peoples who have come to Australia over the last 200 years.

The Dutch, English, Italian, Greek and French began their migrations to Australia around this time. This first European migration is the basis for our modern society, along with migrations of Afghanis, Chinese, Pakistanis, Indians, South Africans, South and North Americans, New Zealanders, Canadians, Germans, peoples from the Southern Asian regions and many more from different parts of the world.

We have found that all of these people, no matter where they come from, have added the beauty of their own cultures to the vibrant and wonderful mix that is the culture of Australia, of which we are all extremely proud.

Mrs Susan Leacock
Anyone for Tennis?

Brad Boynton would like to hear from people interested in his idea of starting up a Tennis Group in Proston to play fixtures against other towns. This is an adult competition at this stage.

It will be called South Burnett Tennis Competition

If you are interested, contact the school office (4169 4333) and let Mrs Heit. She will pass on the information to Brad.
Dress-up Day Report

Wow! What a great response we had last Tuesday for our Dress-up Parade. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who supported our Book Week activity. It was wonderful to share the fun of dressing-up together. Thank you also to our judges Mrs Julie from the Town Library, Miss Hayward and Mr Pedley. They had a very difficult job choosing from all the great costumes. For details on prize winners, check the school website.

Several non-school age children also joined us in costume for the morning. All the children were so cute that they were all awarded a small prize. Thanks to those parents for taking the trouble to dress their little ones and join the fun. We loved having you.
During the term the Year 7-10s have been participating in the VIVA 7s Rugby program with presenter Daniel Birrell. He has been travelling from Brisbane to give students some basic rugby knowledge and engage students in the modified rugby program. We look forward to seeing VIVA 7s back in term 4.

Due to rain last week our Netball starts Wednesday and Friday this week and will run for the rest of the term on Friday afternoons from 2pm – 3pm. The AFL will be starting early next term.

SB Athletics

Last Friday Lachlan Doessel travelled to Nanango SHS for the SB Athletics Carnival. Lachlan competed in the 100m sprint and the 200m. Lachlan gained a credible 8th out of 16 runners in the 100m. Well done Lachlan for a great effort on the day!

Sports News

During Camp week a handful of students remained at school from the secondary department. Lessons were modified to suit the class sizes and to cover staffing. During this time students participated in an ITD Design Challenge. Their task was to create a rubber band powered vehicle that would travel the furtherest. Students worked through the planning and design stage and created a variety of vehicles that had varying degrees of success in distance gained. Mr Hams also made a prototype that was a great example for the class. When the vehicles had their trials, Logan Puller’s team prevailed followed by Elleana’s team. Distance recorded was approximately 2 metres of travel time. Mr Hams’ creation travelled almost 10 metres on the concrete. Great designing and well done to all students involved.

Technology Challenge