See You Around the Ridges

I write this article bittersweetly. I have been asked to take up the acting Principal role of Belgian Gardens State School in Townsville effective October 3rd. This was a very quick turnaround and was only contacted yesterday regarding the role. In consultation with the Assistant Regional Director – Ross Higgins, Katrina Hayward will act in the Principal role for the time being. Katrina has done a fantastic job in her role as Head of Curriculum and in her relieving roles while I have had to be away from the school. This will ensure a consistent transition as planning commences for 2017. I wish Katrina all the best and have complete confidence in her capabilities to lead the school.

Back filling Katrina’s role as Head of Curriculum will be Selena Salter. Selena has acted as the Secondary Coordinator over recent years and has also been identified as a high potential associate leader through the departments boutique program Take the Lead – Associate Leaders.

I want to thank the Proston School and community for being so welcoming to my family during our time here. Proston will always hold a special place in my heart as a place I’ve watched not only my children grow but our school grow as well. I am proud of every single one of the staff at this school who give your children their best day in and day out. Watching this school grow from when I first started has been a total team effort of everyone having a singular belief that every child can achieve.

As a Principal you often reflect on what you have accomplished and what your legacy has been. Well, I can reflect on the past 3 years and proudly say that I leave the school better than when I first arrived. The legacy I leave behind is one of improvement, fairness and maybe my enthusiasm for Gridiron which has rubbed off on a few students and families in the area...

I wish everyone the best and look forward to watching Proston State School continue its improvement trajectory and reach new heights in student performance.

Thank you again and I’ll hopefully ‘see you around the ridges’.

Ryan Pedley
Principal
Week 9, Term 3:
Back Row: Liam Wright, Colby Smith, Brodey Thompson, Stephanie Flint, Brian Smith, Ollie Thomas
Front Row: Dylan Flint, Nikita Peacock, Marnie Stanley, Curtis McMaster

Week 10, Term 3:
Back Row: Lachlan Doessel, Lathan Wright, Brooke Nielsen, Elleana Caswell
Middle Row: Mitchell Fox, Mersadeez Nielsen, Hayley Beasley
Front Row: Polly Brown, Preston Shanley
What a wonderful time we have had this term. This term the students have completed a lot of work and they all have worked really hard. I am proud of what the students have achieved so far. I hope you all have a great well deserved break and I look forward to working with you again next term.

Yours in education,

Mrs Sue Jones
We have had a very busy term with Maker Space and creating our watering cans. Not all of them are quite finished so students will test them and take them home early in Term 4.

I would like to thank the parents and grandparents that have come along to assist in this very interesting Maker Space. All students grew a plant and get to take it home and plant it today. They also got to see meal worms grow into beetles. It has been a very interesting process and the students have learnt about life cycles in a hands on process.

Look out for some interesting learning for term 4. We will be investigating, making and creating again.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. Stay safe and see you next term.

Mrs H
P&C News
The P & C held their monthly meeting Wednesday 14 September.
Firstly, we would like to welcome new members to the P & C who have volunteered their time, it was great to see new faces and hear fresh ideas.
In this meeting we covered Fundraising Activities which the P & C are planning for Term 4:
- Each month Mrs Heit in the office will be running a hundred dollar raffle. You can purchase your number from 1 – 100 for $2.00 for the chance to win $100.00 cash. This raffle is open to everyone students, staff, community members.
- November 12 - the P & C have volunteered to run the bar at a Social Dance being organised by the student council.
- Xmas Carnival December 3 – we will be organising activities for this event so watch out for news regarding this in coming newsletters.
- Xmas raffle
We will be looking for volunteers for these activities so please contact a P & C Executive member if you are able to help out in any way.
School Dress – due to circumstances out of our control we have been unable to get the dresses made locally we apologise for the inconvenience. We are still hoping to have a dress available but will be doing further research. We will have more information about the school dresses in coming newsletters.
It is also at this time that we would like to say farewell to Mr Pedley. Congratulations on receiving your new position. You have been a great inspiration to our students and a welcome support to the P and C. You have lead by example and in doing so have lifted the morale of Proston State School. You will be missed by us all. We wish you and your family all the very best on the next chapter of your life.

Tammy Kinna (P & C Secretary)

Year 3/4 News
Wow! What a term we have had in Grade 3 & 4. We have been very busy in the last few weeks finalising projects and completing assessment. The students have particularly enjoyed leaning about division and extending their understanding of this through Maths rotations. Students have participated in small groups playing games, solving problems and challenging their knowledge of division.
Today on our last day of term we are having a movie and popcorn in the middle session. This follows up discussions our class had in relation to attendance and about why coming to school everyday is important. We challenged ourselves to have over 90% of students here everyday in the last two weeks of term and the students certainly ensured that it happened! This is something that we will work on next term too. Students are aware that learning is incredibly important and that everyday counts.

Ms Beth Stanley
Sorry I’m 100% bully free

There’s many ways to deal with bullies but the most famous way is the High Five:

- Ignore
- Talk Friendly
- Talk Firmly
- Move Away
- Tell a Teacher

If that does not work there’s always Zen. Zen is an exercise which calms you down.

1. Sit down like you’re in class
2. Close your eyes
3. Cup your hands
4. Breathe in your hands
5. Put your hands on your lap and wait 1 minute then your done.

A lot of people do it including me but if that does not work then become popular then you can make friends with the bully.

by Blake (Year 6)
Hair Creation by Chels

New mobile business starting very soon! Cuts, colours and perms at great prices! Travel costs may apply.

For quotes or appointments call Chelsea Hedges on 0409211924

Crush For Sale

Proston State School has an older style crush up for tender.

PSS is selling this crush in ‘as is’ condition. The crush is in full working order and is only being sold because the school has purchased a new one. If you are interested in purchasing this crush you can submit your tender in one of the following ways:
- Email the amount you’re willing to pay and contact details to khayw29@eq.edu.au
- Send your tender and your contact details to Proston SS (94 Rodney Street, Proston)
- You can text your contact details and tender amount to 0457 530 680.

The crush is available to view at the school Ag. Department at any time. It is situated in the shed paddock to the right of the chicken coop.

PLEASE HAVE ALL TENDERS SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER.

The successful applicant will be advised on Monday the 26th of September.
The successful applicant will need to organise the transportation of the crush to its new location.

Community Corner
Kitchen Garden Photos