Welcome back to the 2017 school year! It is great to be back at school welcoming staff, students and parents to the new year. Thank you to everyone for making it a very refreshing and energised start to 2017. We have had a great start to the year with lots of new faces, 23 in fact, coming to Proston State School P–10 for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families. I hope you enjoy your time here at Proston State School as well as the greater Proston community. I would like to extend a special welcome to all our prep students who are at the very start of their school experience. I know there were many excited (and nervous) parents and students last week but I know they all had a fantastic time and have embraced school wholeheartedly.

I would also like to welcome a couple of new staff to Proston State School. Our new HPE teacher is Mr Joe Amery. He will be teaching primary and secondary PE classes as well as other secondary subjects. Miss Pip Linton is teaching our year 3/4 class this year. We also have Angel Bailey and Laura Allen joining our teacher aide team. We will once again be having a Meet and Greet event this year. This is an opportunity to come and meet the teaching and non-teaching staff at Proston State School P–10. It will be held at the Golden Spurs Hotel on February the 17th at 6pm.

The overall wellbeing of our students at Proston State School form one of the main pillars of our agenda. We want every child to go home and be able to smile about something that happened to them at school. If they can’t, then we want to know how we can make that happen. We are always striving to improve our great school and your feedback is valued and welcome. We are simply a phone call away and are always happy to meet and listen.

Kind regards,

Katrina Hayward
(Acting) Principal
The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. We are awaiting an update on the new school dress.

Tammy Kinna (P & C Secretary)

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**Wanted**

**Bikes Dead or Alive**

**Donations of old bicycles, bicycle parts, and components** for ITD unit being conducted in term 1.

If anyone in the community has any old, unused bicycles or bicycle parts lying around their property and want it to be given a new lease of life, please drop it in at the school ITD room (through the office).

We would appreciate anything that can be used to repair and maintain bicycles. (Frames, chains, wheel rims, tubes, tyres, brakes, handle bars, seats, bicycle specific tools, etc.

Our bicycle maintenance unit will give students the opportunity to become familiar with terminologies and components in maintenance and repair of bicycles.

Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Mark Eisenmenger
ITD teacher
Prep News

We welcome our new class for 2017. We have had a great time getting to know each other and fitting into the routine of being in a Prep class. We have already started our Prep curriculum lessons. Please ask your child what they have learnt today when they arrive home as this will help build the relationship between home and school.

Some parents have asked if homework will be coming home. At this stage of year there will be some home activities that need to be completed for the different subjects so please check your child’s folder. Also please check the diary everyday as this is our communication to parents. If you find a smiley face in the diary this means your child has had a good day. If not then you will have a note in it. It has been great getting to know the students and families and I look forward to working with you all this year.

Yours in education,

Mrs Sue Jones
Welcome to Year 1/2 for 2017.
Please log into the blog [http://prostonstars.classtell.com/](http://prostonstars.classtell.com/). It is a helpful place where students can continue learning in the home environment.

We have See Saw ([http://web.seesaw.me/](http://web.seesaw.me/)) up and running and we welcome you to log into your child’s Journal for 2017. In week 1, I sent home a log in sheet in the front of each child’s diary. When you login in, you will need their identifier to find their classroom and their journal. If you have misplaced it, please leave a note in the diary and I will send out another one.

Homework is based on reading and sight words this term. We have already started sending readers and sight word books home. If you have any questions please come in and see me. LLI students will only be required to complete LLI homework, not classroom homework as well. Parents are welcome to come in and share time in the classroom at any time.

Mrs Holland
5/6 Classroom

The 5/6 class is off to an excellent start with all of our work going great guns, we have just started learning about democracy in Australia in Civics & Citizenship. We are looking at fantasy stories in English and will be writing the first chapter of a fantasy story for assessment. Kitchen/Garden has started off well with the students thoroughly enjoying both the cooking and the gardening components. Year 6 camp is going ahead this year so when I know more information I will pass it along.

Homework started this week. Please assist your child to get this done. Homework is an expectation in high school and as such we need to get them used to doing it and submitting it on time, completed.

If you have any queries or questions please don’t hesitate to come and see me at school, call me at school or email me at sxmar2@eq.edu.au.

Thanks,

Stacy Martin.
5/6 Teacher
**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will be held every Friday. Flyers were sent home to each family and are also on the school website. Orders need to be written clearly on a paper bag clearly stating the student’s name, class, order and whether it is for 1st or 2nd break.

Also, each Tuesday at both breaks, Year 6 students are selling chocolate coated ice-creams for $1 to raise money for their Canberra Trip.

**P&C MultiDraw Raffle Winners**

1. Hamper - Cheryl McCormick
2. MP3 - Susan Mutton
3. $20 NB Inspirations Voucher - Karen Fisher
4. $20 Proston News Voucher - Sue Jones
5. Candle Robyn Blackwell
6. Partylite - Max McCormick
7. Decorations - Milla Brown
8. Crab tree - Harrison Wieland

**Rural**

Secondary students studying the rural elective are getting hands on experience conducting necessary tasks for the well-being of our successful cattle herd. The new crush that was purchased last year certainly makes the job easier for humans and less stressful for the cattle.
Be Informed!
Be Interested!
Be Involved!

In The ONE Event for EVERY One!
Proston Show 2017
The "Royal" Show of Country Shows!

SHOW DANCE
Saturday 25th February
7.30 pm Community Hall Proston
Entry Adults $10.00 Students $5.00

Dress to Impress & Kick up your Heels
In a Blast from the Past
50's Rock'n Roll Dance

Great Live Disco Music
Free Supper
Licensed Bar and Cold Drinks

Meet our Miss Showgirl and
Rural Ambassador entrants.
For more information ph 0423 612 971

Don't forget: Proston Show Day Saturday 11th March

BOONDOOMA DAM YELLOWBELLY
FISHING COMPETITION

Nominations accepted from Noon Fri!
$20 Seniors
$5 juniors
Food & Drinks
Booths Available

CASH & PRIZES
AVAILABLE TO AN
ESTIMATED VALUE
OF $30,000

COMPETITION:
Must have a Fishing
Permit. Camping &
Accommodation
Available at the Lake
Park 07 4644 2444

Gilled & Gutted Section

SENIORS
Prize money for each weigh-in period for the heaviest of each target species, plus trophy &
prize money for heaviest overall Yellowbelly &
Australian Bass.

BASS AND YELLOWBELLY - CATCH & RELEASE - AVAILABLE TO SENIORS & JUNIORS
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Science

Secondary students studying displacement conducted an “Egg Drop” experiment.