It is amazing to think that we are already in week 4 of the school term. It feels like
the students only came back yesterday. We have had a very positive start to the

Hot Weather

Even though it is summer, it has been incredibly hot for long stretches of time. We
encourage all parents to send their students with water bottles that can be refilled
throughout the day. Most of our teaching spaces are now air conditioned and
those that are not will hopefully be air conditioned by the end of this semester.
Please remember that our school has a ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’ policy so if your child
does not have a school hat please see the office and purchase a reversible school
hat or purchase a bottle green hat elsewhere.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be run next Friday. We encourage all parents to come
and cheer their children on and we encourage all students to participate and earn
points for their house. A program of events will be sent out this week. There will
be sausages on bread and hamburgers available on the day as well as juice poppers
and water bottles. All proceeds from the food and drink stall will go to Proston
State School Agricultural Department.

Proston Show Participation

The Proston Show is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday the 11th of
March. This year the show theme is Sunflowers. Students have been preparing
some items for the school display in library lessons and teachers are putting
together examples of student work for the display as well. We encourage all
students to put in additional entries. This may be in the form of baking, drawing
and photography amongst other things. If your child would like to enter something
into the show then you can contact the show society or the school for more
information. There are also additional show schedules available at the Post Office
and the News Agency down town and the school also has several copies.

Meet and Greet

The Meet and Greet event will be held on Friday the 17th of February (tonight).
This is an opportunity for members of the school community and the greater
Proston Community to come and meet many of the Proston State School staff. The
event starts at 6pm at the Golden Spurs Hotel. It would be great to see you there!

Kind regards,

Katrina Hayward
(Acting) Principal
Thank You!
Proston State School and the Kitchen Gardeners would like to thank Chris Blanch for his generous donation of mulch for the garden. We really appreciate your support.

Miss Linton, Miss Martin and the Kitchen Gardeners

P&C News
The P and C held our first meeting for the year last night and it was lovely to see some new faces. Tuckshop is going well and will continue to run every Friday. School dress order forms will be going out early next week. Our first fundraiser for the year is going to be a Lamington Drive. Order forms will be going home with students over the next week. Mrs Heit is running the One Hundred Board so come up to the office and purchase your tickets for $2 for the chance to win $100. Save the Date: 15 March 2017 - P and C AGM followed by the general meeting.

Tammy Kinna (P & C Secretary)
**Prep Busy Bee News**

Hi again from the Busy Bee classroom. We have had an exciting two weeks as we have started to have lessons in all the subjects. We have all been busy while we learn and complete set tasks. In maths we have been learning to sort and classify objects as well as counting and recognising numbers to five. In English we have been looking through story books and discovering what an imagination is as well as looking closely at our letters and sounds. We have started to write our Casey Caterpillar shapes for handwriting and the students are encouraged to write in their story writing books. On top of all this we are also doing Science and Geography and have completed our health unit. So all in all, the students need to be praised for their efforts in completing their subjects. Well done to my whole class!

Yours in education

*Mrs Sue Jones*

**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.

**Library**

To protect library books from lunchbox spillages, water bottles and other school bag misadventures, primary students require a library bag to borrow books from the library. Suitable library bags include shopping bags and old pillow cases as well as fancy bought ones. We are currently running an incentive program in the library. Students receive a sticker on the book return chart each week they borrow and return a library book.
Year 1/2 News

We have been exceptionally busy with Mathematics so far this term. Students have been learning about breaking numbers into their parts, addition and basic counting skills. Our math rotations are a very important part of maths. They allow students to practise what they have learnt and consolidate the information.

Students have also been learning about different spelling sounds and combinations. We have also been completing sight words in the classroom as part of our routine every day. Students are responding well and leaning valuable skills in writing as well.

The Parent Information letter should have come home this week. If it has not yet reached you, please feel free to leave me a note in the diary and I will staple a new one in for your convenience.

Mrs Holland

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The Wonders of Minecraft by Blake and the Junior Newsletter Team

Minecraft is one of the best games for engineering and art. Teachers can even add maths into it like give boundaries and make some buildings. People say it a game for beginners. Well, it is for everyone. If you do not like building there are enemies. One of them is the creeper which is a walking time bomb and also the treacherous Herobrine a Steve skin with no colour except white but the worst is the wither.
In English this term, the 3/4s have been busy learning all about persuasive texts. We have been investigating the types of language we can use to make us sound more persuasive and convince others of our opinion.

We have had a lot of fun with this unit so far, particularly engaging in some fun and silly debates such as ‘dogs are better than cats’, ‘motorbikes are better than horses’ and ‘lollies are better than chocolate’. We would like to share some of our persuasive paragraphs with you. For this task, the students have had to choose which side of the argument they agreed with, and write a paragraph to convince others of their opinion. Well done 3/4s!

**Dog are Better Than Cats (By Kaitlyn)**

Dogs are better than cats because they are way more playful than cats. Wonderful, adorable dogs can go with you everywhere and they are so magnificent you can do everything and anything with them. I believe that they are so adorable. That is why I believe dogs are better.

**Cats vs Dogs (By Ethan-lee)**

In my opinion I like dogs better than cats. I like dogs better than cats because dogs don't scratch as much as feral cats. Also you can't take those nasty cats as many places as beautiful dogs. Dogs are so much more fun to clean than cats because cats scratch you. That’s why I definitely think dogs are better than cats. PS dogs are so cute and cats go feral when they see dogs.

**DOGS VS CATS (By Hayley F)**

I believe cute marvellous adorable dogs are better than ugly, disgusting, horrific cats. I believe this because you are obviously allowed to take your dog to the beach and go camping. I bet you can’t do that with your cat? I think this because if it rains your cat will go crazy because cats hate water and if they go crazy they might scratch you and wake you up then it will keep you up all night long. Dogs like water, not like those ugly, disgusting, horrific cats. If your cat needs a bath then they will run away from you. That is why I believe dogs are better than ugly cats.

**Why Dogs Are Better Than Cats (By Courtney)**

I think strong dogs are better than weak cats because if some thieving, pickpocket person robbed you or broke into your house a silly, scaredy cat would just run and hide whereas a brave, strong and protective dog will stop them and take them down. **Plus an ignorant old cat doesn't like playing or having** fun but a magnificent and playful doggy would do anything for fun. Do you ever try to take your cat to your play area or swing set? Did it try to run back inside? I thought so. So now do you believe me, dogs truly are better than cats.
Dear Parents,

Wow! We are almost halfway through the term and everyone is working very hard. The first Year 6 camp meeting is on Monday the 20\textsuperscript{th} of February in the 5/6 room at 3.05pm. There is also a camp meeting at Murgon State School at 6.30pm on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February, which is compulsory for parents of students wishing to attend the camp in July.

Kitchen/Garden is moving along well with all students enjoying both components of the program. We will start working on assessment over the next few weeks so please make sure your child is at school everyday because absence can affect their grades.

Thanks,

\textit{Stacy Martin.}
**Student Investiture**

**Community Corner**

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“S0... You want to be a Judge at a country show” presented by retired Show Judge Cynthia Hatchett

Please join Cynthia to hear her tales of being a Judge at country shows. Cynthia was a show judge for over 25 years and judged at small regional shows and larger rural shows which included Toowoomba, Dalby and Gympie. Over the years Cynthia judged needlework, handicrafts, knitting, crochet and floral art. She also exhibited her own photography. Cynthia will talk of how she entered judging, what the judges are looking for in the soft crafts in particular and will also recount her many experiences at different shows.

Where: Proston Public Library  
When: Wednesday 22nd February  
Time: 10:00am

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Julie on 4168 9103.

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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
Proston State School Swimming Carnival

Next Friday the 24th of February is the Proston State School Swimming Carnival. Students are expected to meet at school by no later than 8:45am for parade, and will head over to the pool in their respective houses for a 9:00am start. The school will be selling barbeque food and drinks from 10am, inviting students to purchase food at the carnival or bring their own lunch. I look forward to seeing the Stuart Red Backs and Boyne Bulldogs in all their red & blue glory, for a fabulous day at the pool. Please read the Swimming Carnival note that will be sent home with students on Friday for further details.

Regards,

Mr Amery

Fishing Comp Fun

Our Year 10 students would like to thank all the staff and parents who helped them with their drink stall at the fishing competition on the weekend. Despite the hot weather, there were lots of Proston students and community members at the dam having a great time fishing or helping out with various community groups.