

# PROSTON STATE SCHOOL

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*P&C Association Meeting will be the third Wednesday of each month at 3.30pm in the school library. All welcome!*



## Principal (Acting)

Katrina Hayward

## HOC (Acting)

Mark Eisenmenger

## Administration

Sue Heit

## Uniform Shop

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## August

*5 Rally Club – burnouts*

*12 Eumundi markets, Relay for Life*

**14 Ekka Holiday**

*17 Round Table*

*17-20 Boondooma*

*Homestead "Scots in the Bush"*

*19 Heritage Trail Walk"*

**23 Book Week**

**Dress up Parade**

**24 Under 8s Day**

## September

*1 Wondai Show*

*9 Trivia Night, CWA, Covertly Fire Brigade*

*9 Show Society – Discount Shopping Trip*

(Dates in *italics* are community events)

## Principal's Report

### Leadership Changes Ahead

As the school community is aware, I have been acting in the role of Principal here at Proston State School since Mr Pedley left at the end of term 3 last year when he took on an Acting Principal role himself at Belgium Gardens State School in Townsville. Mr Pedley recently informed me that he has been successful in his recent application to become the substantive Principal at Belgium Gardens State School. This will mean that the permanent Principal role here at Proston SS will now be advertised and an interview process will take place.

I wish to advise everyone that I have made the decision not to apply for this position. I have made this decision not because I don't think I can do it but because I lack the desire to do it long term. I am very proud of the job I have done over the last (nearly) 12 months. I am also proud of some of the decisions I have made and how the outcomes achieved from these decisions have benefitted the students of Proston State School P - 10. I have no doubt that I could have been successful in the role long term. At the end of the day though, this is a job you really have to want to do and at this stage in my career I do not have that deep desire to be a principal fulltime and therefore I do not believe I would be the best person for the job.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the greater school community for their support over the last 12 months. I have greatly enjoyed interacting with parents and community members as the Acting Principal of Proston State School P – 10. I am not going anywhere....just returning to my role as Head Of Curriculum. This will give me more of an opportunity to continue to work on the momentum we have created over the last few years with regards to building teacher capacity and building on students' knowledge and understanding across the curriculum.

As soon as I know more about the incoming principal I will let everyone know.

Kind regards

*Katrina Hayward*

A/Principal

### Correction:

The Ekka public holiday is August 14, not August 7 as stated in the last newsletter.

## Students of the Week



## Prep News

We are well into the term once more. Before we know it will be the holidays once more. The students have already completed Geography and they have completed their first part of their English assessment. The students work really hard at completing their work.

Sight words and home readers will be coming this term with your child. Please complete these with your child and remember to please send them back every day so we can change the books and test the students on their sight words. This is important for the consistency of your child reading.

**No Hat No play rule:** If your child does not have a hat they cannot participate in outside activities or play. It is important that they have their hat at school every day. I have named hat pockets for students to leave their hats during the day. Students may also leave them there overnight so that they have them each day.

Jumpers need to be school colours. If your child is in a different colour jumper, they will be given a school one for the day. A couple of jumpers in the class have gone missing so could you please check to see if your child has the wrong one by mistake. If they have, could you please return to the school thanks.

Yours in education,  
*Mrs Sue Jones*



**REMINDER: Please return P&C Pie Drive Orders by Friday August 4 for delivery August 22**

## It's EKKA time again!!

Once again some members of the Proston State School Cattle Show team are off to the EKKA. Stephanie Flint, Jade Mann, Elleana Caswell and Grace Tallar (not pictured) will be representing our school and the greater Proston community at the EKKA. This year we are taking 4 stud heifers: Dangora Gully Lola, Dangora Gully Leia, Greenwood Park Vicki (aka Rosie) and Dance Westrnexpress (aka Mysti). The girls will be away for 8 days in total and will be participating in Junior Handling and Junior Judging events as well as the events for the animals. We will be keeping everyone posted via the Proston Connection Facebook page.



## 3/4 News: Exploring Our Local Community History

Last week, the 3/4s went on a 'historical walk' around Proston to learn more about the built features of our community and how these have changed over time. The students were excited to learn that the Proston Railway Station was active until 1993 and that the original station building still stands and is now the Proston Men's Shed. Did you know that sign post out the front of the Men's Shed is built using original pieces of the Proston train track? We also found out some interesting facts about the old butter factory, which opened around 1923. We learnt that the butter factory closed down in 1968, after a long period of drought, because there wasn't enough feed for the cows and they were not producing enough cream. It later became a stockfeed distributor, supplying cattle and pig feed around the district.

As part of our 'historical walk' we also dropped in to the 'Unlocking Proston' historical exhibition, in the main street.

It was a wonderful collection of photos, artefacts and stories about Proston's past and the students were able to make comparisons between Proston in the past and present. Mrs Rea and Mr Barrett kindly offered their time to show us around the exhibition and the 3/4s had lots of questions for Mrs Rea at the end - so a big thank you to them both for volunteering their time and knowledge!

Later in the term, the 3/4 students will be visiting the Ration Shed out at Cherbourg to learn more about the local Indigenous histories of our local area.



*Miss Linton*

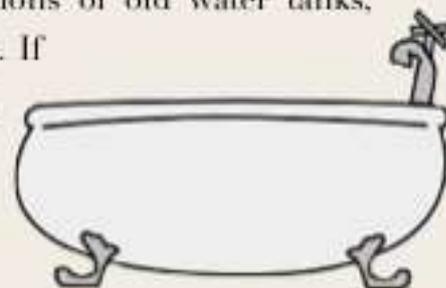


## Wanted! Old Bath tubs or tanks!

The Proston State School Kitchen Garden is seeking donations of old water tanks, troughs or bath tubs that can be converted into garden beds. If you think you have just the thing, please contact the school on (07) 4169 4333.

With thanks,

*Miss Linton, Miss Martin and the Kitchen Gardeners!*



## Year 6 Canberra Trip

The Year 6s had an awesome time in Canberra visiting Questacon, the Mint, the National Gallery, Parliament House, the War Memorial and the snow!



# Book Week Dress-up Parade

Wednesday  
23 August  
8:50am

This week's Book Week theme is "Escape to Everywhere". Come dressed up to match the theme, or as your favourite book character!



# Under 8s Day!



**Where:** Proston State School

**Who:** Anybody aged 8 years or younger and their parents/carers

**Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**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!



## Art

Students have done some wet felting. They had fun designing then rolling it. The best part was throwing the partly felted pieces and splattering soap bubbles everywhere.



## Chappy's Chat

Hi All,

I hope you are enjoying the sunny days and the cool weather we are having at the moment. At night time the skies are so clear that it makes for great star and planet spotting.

I am really enjoying working at Proston School and getting to know all the staff and students. At lunch times we have been playing organised games on the oval and Bull Rush is definitely their favourite game at the moment.

Last Friday we enjoyed a visit from the motivational band, Iron and Clay, at school. **IRON and CLAY** is an 'Australian, full-time professional motivational touring musical vocal band, with a purpose: to reach out and impact students with the motivation and inspiration to reach their potential and to empower them with a positive attitude to life.'

The students had a great time, singing and dancing along with the songs. One super talented student even rapped the School War cry, accompanied by Chas, beat boxing. Other students helped Chas write songs with their own peculiar sound effects! After the performance, the students loved mingling with the Band members, collecting signatures and chatting over lunch. Thank you so much, IRON and CLAY.

Next week I will be away at Chappy Conference, where we will have further training about current Youth and Family Issues and gathering resources that will be useful for my role as Chappy. I will be away for all of week 5.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in Week 6.



### CHAPPY IANELLE



## 2017 PSS Athletics Carnival

After a cold and frosty morning the red and blue armies were out in force! Both houses demonstrated fierce team spirit and competed valiantly throughout the day.

Brooke Nielsen (Boyne) & Iutin Tetabo (Stuart) were outstanding leaders throughout the carnival, chanting war cries and assisting students in their houses. The young and upcoming athletes of Stuart were the difference on the day with Stuart running away to a 300 point victory 2250-1951.

Once again it was great to see so many parents at the carnival supporting their children, and the excitement that generated. A huge thank you to all staff who assisted in running the events on the day, as well as the P & C and Rural Department for keeping everyone well fed.

The following students should be congratulated for achieving Age Champion:



| Girls | Student           | Girls | Student       |
|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------|
| 8yrs  | Mileah Dotta      | 8yrs  | Declan Puller |
| 9yrs  | Milla Brown       | 9yrs  | Phoenix Watts |
| 10yrs | Kaitlyn Barber    | 10yrs | Ollie Thomas  |
| 11yrs | Breanna Delsureto | 11yrs | Zavier Dotta  |
| 12yrs | Mersadeez Nielsen | 12yrs | Jett Dotta    |
| 13yrs | Chloe Scanlan     | 13yrs | Aaron Nowlan  |
| 14yrs | Brooke Nielsen    | 14yrs | Nic Urban     |
| 15yrs | Iutin Tetabo      | 15yrs | Kyle Nowlan   |



Good luck to all students going on to represent Proston SS at the SB Zone trials to be held at Taabinga (6-12yrs) & Nanango (13-15yrs).

Mr Amery

