Date Claimers

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 Camp runs from Thursday 10 March to Friday 11 March at Camp Kanga.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE AND FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY

Friday 11 March

The school’s aim is to raise $3500 for The Leukaemia Foundation. Please support this wonderful foundation.

P & C MEETING

March’s meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room beside the Administration office starting at 7pm. All welcome to attend!

Principal Perspective

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT HIGH SCHOOL

As we begin the academic year, it is timely to revisit a few key tips for parents that will ultimately assist their students with reaching their full learning potential during their time at Proserpine State High School. To begin, I would like to discuss the importance of you knowing your child’s study plan and helping them manage their study time.

The senior years of schooling are busy and challenging for all students. Success in the senior years requires students to develop successful organisational skills and study habits to manage the various demands of their academic and co-curricular program. Teachers closely monitor students during their school day and actively support the development of the essential skills for academic success. However, when students return home, we are not able to continue this monitoring and it is here that your involvement becomes critical to their success.

Be aware of your child’s study and assessment commitments. All students at Proserpine State High School have access to a semester study planner which details all their core learning and assessment requirements. These semester overviews are available for download from our school website. Your child should have a clear study plan that details time allocations for homework, assignment work and regular review/revision work for each of their subjects. The study plan your child develops should also detail time for their co-curricular and extra-curricular commitments. Maintaining a balanced lifestyle is essential in maximising achievement.

The amount of time that students spend on each subject and on the split between set homework, revision and assignments will vary and your child’s semester planner is crucial in identifying how their time must be organised. If you are unsure of what your child should be doing, or of what a good study plan consists of, I encourage you to contact your child’s year level coordinator, Guidance Officer or a member of our Student Support Services Team.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The new executive positions on 2016 P&C Association:

President: Sam Lane
Vice-President: Vacant
Treasurer: Julie MacDonald
Secretary: Tanya Bandow
Many thanks to the existing committee for their dedication to Proserpine State High School. Norm Veal, Kathy Reents and Jeremy Cooper have held positions on the P&C Association for many years and I have valued their contribution greatly over my time as principal.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

A considerable number of students at our school are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by parent-condoned absences. Data from last year identified a concerning decline in attendance across year levels and well below the targeted 95% attendance rate for the calendar year.

Once it was the case, that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever increasing number of excuses including:

- A day off for their birthday
- A day because relatives are visiting
- A day off to be with parents at home
- A day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- A day off to go shopping.

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school often is too great to bear for some parents. Every day a student is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time, this leaves gaping holes and their learning for individual subjects. After love and care the most important thing that we as parents can give our children is an education. Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issues please contact the school.

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Deputy’s Bits

I WANT TO HELP MY TEENAGER?

Student Diary (Learning Curve) topic to help parents - these articles are designed to enable parents to better support their child’s education.

Personal Timetable

Encouraging students to adopt reflective and organised approaches to their planning will cultivate in them independent can do and want to attitudes called growth mindsets

- personal timetables empower students to be in charge of what they need to do
- they are more mindful of what is happening right now

This self-regulation strength encourages students to take greater ownership of their learning progress

Working The Workstation

Extending students’ learning beyond the classroom, builds their independence, brain pathways and growth mindsets to learn alone

- one of these learning environments is at home
- a special place to study is highly desirable
- this area should be mainly used for that purpose.
- over time their brains will build patterns that associate that place with study, thus developing it as a habit and reducing barriers to getting started.
- plenty of colour in this area stimulates students’ brains

Many families find space a problem and a special study area very difficult to provide.

- in these cases, the best scenario is to create as many of the features for an efficient learning/ study area as possible
- well lit, quiet, warm and comfortable, a copy of their Personal Timetable and a Forward Planner on the wall
- well-resourced with stationery and a computer, away from distractions, especially TV, mobile phones and loud music; quiet rhythmic music can actually enhance learning.

Studying in front of the TV is a total waste of time, their brains’ attention cannot compete with the brightness, noise and movement on the screen. Studying in bed is
ineffective because the brain relates bed to sleep, not study.

“I do not seek, I find.” Pablo Picasso

Sports Section

SCHOOL GOAL POST PADS MISSING

Two round blue goal post pads (one 1800 high x 400 round and one 1800 high x 250 round) and one square green goal post pad have been removed/stolen from the posts on the school oval over the first month of school. This has occurred over weekends and is not only disappointing and results in the sporting fields being unsafe to allow play or competition to occur but they are very expensive to replace (approximately $300 each) and results in less money for other resources. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these valuable resources please return them to the school or contact the school to inform of their whereabouts and we will collect them. Thank you for your assistance.

2016 PROSSIE HIGH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday February 22, Proserpine State High School held its annual swimming carnival at the Proserpine Pool. The participation levels of all grades were exceedingly high, with the House Shield being hotly contested! It was great to see a large amount of participating swimmers on the day. The scores seemed to be reasonably close all day with Cook, Flinders, Kennedy and Oxley battling it out. However, after the relays the final results were in we ended up with Kennedy First on 764 points, Flinders Second on 637 points, Oxley Third on 542 points and Cook Fourth on 515 points.

Despite the tough conditions in the pouring rain there was still house spirit galore, with many students dressing up in their team colours and slip, slop, slapping on their hats, shirts, sunscreen and coloured zinc. The Sun Safety tent was busy all day too with many students taking advantage of the free sunscreen and scoring sun safety points for their house.

Well done to all students who participated on the day and scored points for their house!

Miss Kate Thomson
HPE Teacher

Introducing a New Teacher

My name is Simon Jeppesen and I’m the new Mathematics and IT teacher. I grew up in the Whitsunday area but started my teaching career in Toowoomba. For the last two years I have been living in Sweden and working as a commercial diver.

Thanks for the warm welcome to Proserpine State High School and I’m keen to start my full time classes in Term 2.

Assessment Schedule Changes

YEAR 7 HISTORY ASSIGNMENT

There has been a change of date for Year 7’s first History assignment from Week Beginning March 7 to Week Beginning March 14.

YEAR 8 ENGLISH PERSUASIVE (WRITTEN)

In an effort to provide the Year 8 students with more time to successfully complete their second English assessment task, we have decided to move the due date from April 29 (Week 3, Term 2) to May 6 (Week 4, Term 2).

YEAR 9 SCIENCE EXAM

The science exam which was scheduled for the first lesson next week (Week 6), will now be sat in their second lesson next week. This will not the change the due date of the second

12/13 Years Boys
1 Cameron Rusk
2 Jack Dwyer

14 Years Girls
1 Piper O’Grady
2 Brianna Ganter

14 Years Boys
1 Seamus Telford
2 Nick Becker

15 Years Girls
1 Alicia Adam
2 Amy Hungerford

15 Years Boys
1 Howard McDonald
2 Jack Handley

16 Years Girls
1 Emma Hogan
2 Heidi Moore

16 Years Boys
1 Josh Colborne
2 Aden Spence

OPEN Girls
1 Grace McDonald
2 Sarah Milne

OPEN Boys
1 Kai O’Donnell
2 Luke Borghardt

Congratulations to all Age Champions!

12/13 Years Girls 1 Kasey Hogan
assessment. All students will be informed of this in their classes this week.

YEAR 12 PVM ASSIGNMENT
The due date is 4 March 2016 NOT 14 March which is on the Assignment Schedule.
Please mark these changes to your Assessment Schedule.

eLearning Update
SOFTWARE AVAILABLE FOR HOME USE
Education Queensland has provided some software programs that can be installed on home computers (see below). Information and access to these programs are available through the “Learning Place” Via the link below. A student login is required and the conditions of use in the home environment are outlined.

https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au/Pages/Default.aspx
These programs are not to be installed on school issued devices.

EXCLUSIVE SECURITY OFFER
Symantec offers the Norton Security anti-virus product to state school students for use on one of your devices at home. The product can be used with Windows, Mac, Android or iOS devices. Open for more information and how at:

https://students.learningplace.eq.edu.au/lp/Pages/default.aspx?cid=171661

FREE STUDENT ADVANTAGE MICROSOFT OFFICE 201E SUITE
Install Office 365 Student Advantage package on your home computer. Open to read how to install on a home computer at:

Open to read how to install on a MAC at:

ACER SWITCH TABLET DEVICES (YEAR 7, 8, 9 AND 12)
These tablets have a range of viewing positions by altering the screen and keyboard. Great care must be taken when separating the tablet from the keyboard and reconnecting. This should be done on a flat surface like a desk or table and removed as demonstrated in the eLearning issuing lesson. There needs to be a purpose for separating the screen from the keyboard to modify the position.
It is the student’s responsibility to have the laptop fully charged ready for the school day. A number of students are coming to school with little or no battery power. Students are then not in a position to participate fully in curriculum activities requiring access to a device. It is not always possible or suitable to charge in the lesson. Power chargers are to stay at home. On occasion they can be borrowed from the resource centre

INSTALLING OR DOWNLOADING SOFTWARE
Make sure it is saved on data (D:) drive and check the installation/download meets copyright regulations. Only use trusted sources or websites to install, download or transfer information. Some students have added programs that have caused conflicts with the daily operation of the device. Be mindful any installation could clash with the programs already provided. Games and movies are not to be stored on the hard drive of the laptop.

USE LAPTOPS ON A HARD SURFACE
This provides stability and appropriate airflow. If the device is to be used on a soft surface (e.g. sofa, bed or carpet) this should only be for a short amount of time and periodically check the temperature underneath the laptop. Do not place the device in an area that may get very hot e.g. close to desk lamps. Additionally avoid exposing the laptop computer to direct sunlight dust, dirt, magnets, heavy shock or vibration.

An Update from the Coordinators
YEAR 7 COORDINATOR
Year 7 Camp at Camp Kanga
Thursday 10 March to Friday 11 March
Camp forms (including excursion form) were handed to Year 7 students last week. Spare forms can be collected from the office or from me in N Block. Camp forms and money are to be submitted to the school’s office.
Students will assemble at N Block prior to 8:45am then we will move to the canteen area at the front of the school in readiness for loading buses. Students participating in camp will not attend assembly on this day.
Those students who are not attending camp will attend school as normal. We will organise an alternative program for these students which will reflect some of the activities that we will do at camp.

Industry News
Congratulations to our students who were chosen as Wilmar Sugar Proserpine apprentices for 2016:
- Jack Larcombe - electrical apprentice
- Sam Young - fabrication apprentice
- Hunter Thrupp - diesel fitter apprentice
These three students completed numerous blocks of work experience in their chosen fields while at school, which greatly assisted them in their Wilmar applications. Keep listening for when the next Wilmar work experience dates are announced.

As we are now over half way through the term, quite a lot of students are getting organised for work experience in the Easter holidays. If you are interested please come and pick up an application form…..don’t leave it until the last minute or you may miss out.

Women in Navy Technical Trades Camp scheduled for March 29 - April 1 2016. Interested girls have until Thursday March 3 to submit their applications.

Defence Force Women in Navy Technical Trades Camp

The Defence Work Experience Program, Defence Force Recruiting (Specialist Recruitment Team Women) and HMAS Cairns are very pleased to offer the first Women in Navy Technical Trades Residential Camp in North Queensland.

The camp will be held from Tuesday March 29 to Friday April 1 2016 (first week of holidays).

The Women in Navy Technical Trades Camp will provide a hands-on and interactive experience for young women who are considering a career in Navy technical trades. Navy technical careers include Marine, Electronics and Aviation technicians.

Interested students can learn more about these jobs via the link below. The camp is open to female students in Years 10, 11 and 12 aged between 16–18 years of age. Successful participants must have passes in Year 10 English, Maths and Science and applicants will need to provide proof as part of the application process.


Based at HMAS Cairns, participants will be exposed to various sub-units at HMAS Cairns to gain knowledge and understanding of the range of technical trades available within Navy.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of hands-on tasks to showcase and develop technical and mechanical skills, damage control and communications. Students will also have the opportunity to engage with serving Navy sailors to learn more about the Navy lifestyle and with Defence Force Recruiting personnel to discuss pathways to various Navy careers.

This is a residential camp and participants will be accommodated at TS Endeavour, the Navy Cadets training facility located within HMAS Cairns. Successful students from outside of the Cairns area will need to organise and fund their own travel/transport to Cairns.

The successful young women will be supervised at all times by personnel from Defence Force Recruiting, Defence Work Experience Program and Royal Australian Navy. Accommodation and all meals will be provided.

If successful in your application you will need to complete a school work experience form.

Available school based traineeships

Boost Juice Airlie Beach – offering a Certificate III in Retail

Wanted – Awesome Brand New Team
Members required for Boost Juice Airlie Beach – opportunity also for traineeship program to complete Certificate III in Retail whilst earning money!! If you love life and are passionate about customer service this is the opportunity for you. You must be available after school and on weekends. Please apply instore or send an email to boostjuiceairliebeach@yahoo.com.au

Casual Positions Available

Barcelona Tapas Bar & Café – is looking for casual staff to do the breakfast shifts on Saturday and Sunday mornings. See me for more information.

Dominos Airlie Beach – is looking for casual staff 3 to 4 shifts per week. They are also looking for delivery drivers.

Zambrero Cannonvale – New restaurant in Cannonvale due to open on March 30 is looking for casual staff. See me for application form.

Please see me for more information on the positions available, school based traineeships & apprenticeships, or work experience.

From the Guidance Officer

STUDENT WELFARE

The Student Support Services Team have moved into their new building, the Student Advisory Centre.
Students can now access personal counselling and support from the Student Support Services Team in the new building. The team includes: Sharon Rudinski (Guidance Officer), Karen Dachs (School Based Health Nurse), Leanne Farr and Chris Lane (Behaviour Support Teachers), Arthur Gabey (Community Education Counsellor/Youth Support Coordinator) and Cass Holeczy (Student Welfare Officer).

The support staff can help students who are struggling with issues such as stress, friendships, loneliness, peer pressure, bullying, anxiety, depression, relationship problems, grief and other issues that are having an impact on the student’s wellbeing. The Student Support Services Team run a number of programs to assist students including the Drumbeat Program, Rock and Water Program and the Friends Program.

Please contact any of the Student Support Services Team if you have concerns about your child. Whilst we will always endeavour to support and assist, we might suggest that the student and family talk to another professional. For example, we might not have the expertise the student needs, or the student may prefer to see someone away from the school. If this is the case we will assist the student and family to find an appropriate service.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING

- Defence Force Recruiting will be visiting the school on Tuesday 8 March. The presentation starts at 1:15pm in the Lecture Theatre.
- The Options Career Bulletin (Career Options 2) is attached to this newsletter. This fortnightly resource has heaps of information on careers, courses, study and scholarships.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Health Matters

ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS SPINAL CURVATURE

The National Self-Assessment Program

What is scoliosis?

Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

What is the cause of scoliosis?

The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis.

We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or junk food.

Why is early detection important?

While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

What are the outward signs of scoliosis?

![Forward Bend Test](image)

How scoliosis is detected?

Apart from the outward signs with a teenager standing as illustrated, the reliable Forward Bend Test is used in the diagnosis of scoliosis. This simple visual examination requires the teenager to stand with the feet together and parallel and bending forward as far as she can go with the hands, palms facing each other, pointed between the two big toes. In scoliosis, one side of the upper chest (thoracic) region or the lower back (lumber) region will be more than 1cm higher than the other. The prominence is most often on the right side in the thoracic region. If the difference between the two sides is less than 1cm, it is highly unlikely that a significant curvature is present and the difference is simply due to asymmetrical growth of the two sides of the body. This is called asymmetry and is of no significance.

What about brothers and sisters?

Scoliosis tends to run in families. When a curve is detected in one member of the family, other children should also be examined by the family doctor. If there is a history of a blood relative, especially a female cousin, having been treated for scoliosis by brace wearing or surgery, then this strengthens the case for spinal examination as a regular health check between 10 and 13 years of age.
Scoliosis which requires treatment is far less common in boys than in girls. The ratio of boys to girls requiring treatment is about 1 to 10.

Is treatment successful?

Yes, modern methods produce excellent results when a curve is detected early. In most cases an inconspicuous spinal brace is worn. Surgery is needed in only 1 out of 3 cases which require treatment.

There is no scientific evidence that physical therapy (exercise programs) and spinal manipulation (chiropractic adjustment) will either correct a scoliosis or halt its progression.

What will happen if scoliosis is not treated?

The curve may increase unnoticed during the growing years. Moderate and severe curves may also increase in adult life. Some curves may increase with pregnancy. Severe pain, physical deformity and wear and tear arthritis may occur during middle life. Early detection is important for a healthy future.

How do you detect scoliosis?

Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds.

For further information concerning the above please contact me or your local GP/doctor.

THINK U KNOW FACT SHEET

Student Resource Scheme 2016

Have you paid your student’s resource scheme fees for 2016?

If you received a text message from the school last Tuesday and have not already made payment please do so as soon as possible

There are still a number of families who have not yet joined the Student Resource Scheme for 2016. This may be due to an oversight. Please check your records to ensure that payment has been made to enable your student to receive the many benefits of the scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to provide the best educational standards for all students at a minimal cost to families. The Student Resource Scheme funds are fully expended on student needs.

If there are special circumstances for the Student Resource Scheme fees remaining unpaid, the school needs to understand your situation. Please notify the Principal or Megan Drennan on 4945 0111. In order to be of assistance to families, good communication with the school is essential.

STUDENT ID CARDS will be available for collection soon, only for students who are up to date with Student Resource Scheme payments.

Seniors Out & About

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)

Earlier this year I attended Session A of the NYSF program for 12 days in January. While on session with 200 other students from across the country and overseas, I witnessed college life at Burgmann College at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. I was also fortunate enough to participate in several lab and site visits as well as debates, lectures and workshops. Some of the lab visits included visiting pathology, psychology and biology labs as well as ANU’s John Curtin School of Medical Research. There was also many social opportunities like the disco and formal dinners, and times where we enjoyed playing tourist and visiting places such as the War Memorial and the Telstra Tower.

The NYSF was an amazing experience and wouldn’t have been possible if it wasn’t for the wonderful Rotary Clubs across the country who continue to show their support by annually sponsoring the forum. I left the program with many new friends and a broader knowledge of the many careers within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related fields.

Miss Jessica Muller
Year 12 student
JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

The Summer School Program for Modern Languages seemed like a fantastic opportunity and I was pleasantly surprised when
I received an email to inform me of my acceptance. The program was filled with new content and taught us new ways of thinking about content we had already learnt prior to the course. It has already proved to be helpful within the first few weeks of Distance Education. I am extremely thankful that I was chosen to participate in this amazing opportunity, for the ability to meet other language students and for the insight into university life.

**Miss Amber-Rose Cowan**  
**Year 12 student**

The Townsville Summer School Program for Modern Languages was an amazing opportunity that I’m so grateful to have had the chance to attend. For five days, 9:30am to 1:30pm, Amber-Rose and I were a part of a Japanese class with other high school senior students. Each day was a different activity about Japanese language and culture. Highlights of our lessons were: learning and singing a Japanese song [きみをのせて] (kimi wo nosete or “Carrying You”); cooking a traditional Japanese meal お好み焼き (okonomiyaki, a savoury hot pancake) and designing our own Japanese-inspired fashions and displaying them in a show. We made a lot of new friends and this experience has really helped me feel more confident speaking Japanese with others.

**Miss Claudia Terry**  
**Year 12 student**

The Proserpine State High School Gavel Club is an incredibly fun and joyous learning environment to be a part of. Not only is it a great place to openly interact with fellow members, but it’s a great place to increase your self-confidence. The Gavel Club assist our members in becoming better public speakers by immersing them in fun speaking exercises.

There are many inter-club activities that have assisted our existing members in improving their public speaking and confidence, such as speeches and debates. Why not participate in round robin, where you are given 20 seconds to talk about any random thought that falls into your head or Table Topics, where you provide your most honest opinion about a certain issue.

The Gavel Club also aims to improve its member’s grammar and the way in which they speak. The last meetings’ word of the day was aeromancy. Bet you have no idea what that means. Moreover, Gavel Club has a variety of friendly characters (made up of every year level) with extreme enthusiasm that it would be impossible for anyone to feel out of place.

Of course, all this is voluntary. If you’d like to join Gavel Club to just watch, that’s okay. Just listen to what Poet Ralph Waldo Emmerson has to say, “All the great speakers were bad speakers at first.”

**Miss Isabella Ramoi**  
**Treasurer**

The school is participating in the Leukaemia Foundation’s “World’s Greatest Shave” again and we will be holding our event on **Friday 11 March**. This is a fund raiser to aid in research into a cure for Blood Cancer research including the diseases of Leukaemia, lymphomas and myeloma. The school has had a history of participating in this fundraiser as we have unfortunately had students, past students and relatives affected and lost to these diseases. We hope to raise $3500 this year.

Collections will be taken during care group or you can donate online via the link below, and sponsor the Proserpine State High School team. Also students can drop their spare change in buckets during the rounds at lunchtimes. Please support us!

http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/

**General Information**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

For the latest news and any important school alerts please ‘like’ the high school on Facebook. It is a key point of information regarding changes to school routine, upcoming events, good news stories, etc. at:

https://www.facebook.com/ProserpineSHS
NEILSRETT SIDE PANEL

School Calendar

The school calendar is up and running. Parents can check what is happening at the school by clicking on School Calendar. To view more details of an event, click on it or move your mouse over it and it will come up with more information (if there is more to the event). If you move further down the page and say your student is in Year 12 you can click on the purple ‘Year 12’ box and all the Year 12 items will show for you. Same applies to the other year levels.

REMINDER

All text books, library books and other resources from 2015 must be returned to the Resource Centre with an accompanying note clearly indicating the name of the returning student. It is vital that every effort is made to return the resources booked out to your student from last year so that you do not receive an invoice for outstanding items. These unreturned resources are depriving other students of their use in 2016.

STUDENTS FEELING SICK WHILST AT SCHOOL

We have recently had a number of incidents where parents have arrived at the school office looking for their child who have messaged them that they are sick and want to go home. The office staff had no knowledge of the student being sick nor is the student in sick bay under the care of a staff member.

In accordance with Education Department Duty of Care Policy for all students, we remind you to please instruct your child that if they are sick they MUST come to the school office and the office staff will phone and make arrangements with you for your child to be collected.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

The centre is open every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the Proserpine State High Resource Centre from 3pm until 4pm. This is an opportunity for students to work on homework, assignments or study. This is a free service offered by the school and there are teachers available for assistance if required. Late bus passes can be issued to the students who reside in Cannonvale, Airlie Beach or Jubilee Pocket.

For any further information please contact Marijke Kuypers, Master Teacher on 4945 0128 or mkuyp2@eq.edu.au

RECALL

Apple AC Wall Plug Adapters

Apple has advised that, in very rare cases, their two-prong Apple AC wall plug adapters may break and create a risk of electrical shock if touched. These wall plug adapters were shipped from 2003 to 2015 with Macbooks, iPads, iPhones, iPods, and were also included in the Apple World Travel Adapter Kit.

If you have an Apple device which was shipped during this period, you can return the recalled adapters by visiting an Apple store or Apple reseller near you for an exchange.

Competitions

2016 WHITSUNDAY VOICES SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2016 PETER DOHERTY STEM AWARDS

Awards valued at $5000 each are on offer in this year’s Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education. The Peter Doherty awards recognise students, teachers, schools (both state and non-state), volunteers, mentors and organisations who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland. STEM subjects are increasingly recognised as being vitally important for Queensland’s jobs of the future.

Awards are offered across the following six categories:

- Outstanding Senior STEM Student Awards
- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student Awards
- Outstanding Teacher of STEM Awards
- Outstanding STEM Support Officer Awards
- STEM Education Partnership Awards
- Outstanding School STEM Awards.

2016 marks the 13th year of the awards, named after Professor Peter Doherty, a Brisbane-born Nobel Prize-winning scientist who was educated at Indooroopilly State High School and the University of Queensland. Nominations are now open and close Monday 21 March, with winners to be announced at an awards presentation ceremony to be held on Friday 12 August.

Entries close 3pm Friday 27th May, 2016

See your English Teacher or Librarian for details and an Entry Form or check out the Whitsunday Voices website: http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/
Important Dates for March

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For the Proserpine District 12 years Sports Calendar and Whitsunday and Northern Sporting Calendar on the left side panel of the newsletter.

Community News

NILS – NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME

This is a no cost loan that gives low income families access to credit for household items, back to school costs, etc. There are several services in the area that provide NILS loans:

- Proserpine Community Centre looks after people living in postcodes 4799 – 4800
- Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre looks after people in the 4801-4802 postcodes.
- Carers Australia provides a NILS loan specifically for carers which lend more to cover the cost of medical equipment etc.
- And Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service look after NILS loans for people escaping domestic violence.

If you are want more information about the program follow the link below or phone the Proserpine Community Centre on 4945 5915 for assistance.


TUTORING

Does you student need tutoring in Years 7 to 12 English? Tutoring is available via email or Skype at a rate of $60 per hour. Please contact Bernard Laverty (previous Proserpine State High School teacher) on bclav0@eq.edu.au if you are interested.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Proserpine is in the process of answering yet another call from history, this time chronicling the lives of our local Second World War soldiers. Whitsunday Family History Group Inc, have received a grant for $17,000 in funding from round three of the Queensland Anzac Centenary Grants Program. Confirmation of this book for authors, Lyn Burke and Lloyd Fox, this time will be working with Whitsunday Family History Group Inc. We really want the community to come on board to come forward with their information on their relatives who served in World War II. We’ve got more than 700 soldiers who fought in WW2. It is going to take a lot of research and we need lots of HELP! If you’ve got photos or any information, stories we need YOU! You can get in touch with Bev Gordon at the Proserpine State School or take it to the Whitsunday Family History Group at the Proserpine Community Centre at 36 Gardenia Street Proserpine. If office is closed pop a note with your name and address on paper in the mail box and we will get back to you.

Thank you Bev Gordon
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Lyn Burke on 4947 2647 or mobile 0407 692 928 and please leave a message if unavailable.