



PROSERPINE
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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8 May 2017

Date Claimers

FUN RUN

Period 1 Friday 12 May

Can you complete the 4km run in under 30 minutes?

ALL students are expected to participate.

P & C MEETING

May's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 May** in the Student Advisory Centre Meeting Room beside the Administration office starting at 5pm. All welcome to attend!

'STAND UP' AGAINST BULLYING DAY

Friday 19 May is a Free Dress Day – Pink Theme

Students may wear PINK shirts on the day but must **NOT** wear singlets, midribs or anything with offensive images/writing. Normal school uniform rules apply (closed-in shoes, etc.).

Principal Perspective

THE ANZAC SPIRIT

I once again applaud the students at Proserpine State High School for their contribution to ensuring the ANZAC Spirit continues strong into the future.

The ANZAC marches were proudly attended by many students from Proserpine State High School. Student representation at the marches in Airlie Beach and Proserpine was again strong and demonstrated the community spirit we aim to embed in our students. I thank student for their attendance and contribution to this extremely important event.



Students marching at Proserpine



Students marching at Airlie Beach

PREMIER'S ANZAC PRIZE WINNER – BROOKLYN LADE

Our own Brooklyn Lade was amongst the eight Premier's ANZAC Prize 2017 winners who attended the ANZAC Day commemorations in France.

Brooklyn gives a personal insight into her experience in the article below:

Just 2 weeks ago I stood in Calvaire Cemetery. It has about 20 Australian soldiers buried here and because of its remote location, I was probably amongst one of the first Australians to ever visit here to pay my respects. This cemetery is special because here lie the Australian soldiers who survived the Great War until the 11th November 1918, the last day. They were amongst the few that saw it all from blood baths of Gallipoli and Fromelles to the infamous battle of Mt St Quentin. Their despicable luck brought them so close to the end, to safety, to home and loved ones, so close to a new life, only for any flicker of hope to be destroyed like the other 60,000 Australian soldiers who met the same fate.

To us here today, sitting in our school in complete safety, more than 100 years on, this is just a number. You don't realise the enormity of these numbers until you stroll through the countless rows of white headstones, until you read the moving words engraved on the epitaphs and stand over the grave of a soldier who is the same age as you. It just breaks your heart. Behind every headstone is a soldier, a father a mother, brother and sister, best friend, captain, lieutenant or even a stranger. The human tragedy that lives on in the now lush green fields of France is too painful for words to describe. I have never lost anybody close to me and I certainly don't understand the psychology of mourning over somebody you don't even know, but in that moment it felt as if I had lost so much.

The next day was ANZAC Day, a day I will remember for the rest of my life. Ever since I marched in my first ANZAC Day march, I tried to put myself in the shoes of the ANZACS. I tried to imagine what it would be like to hear the last post sound as you run head first into battle, knowing that your life could end at any moment. I never could imagine what that would be like, but now I can. As the last post sounded in Villers-Bretonneux, I closed my eyes and thought of everything I had learnt prior to that moment. I thought of the soldiers I had been commemorating, I thought about the stories of mateship, courage and sacrifice. I pictured the battle fields I had toured, the thousands of headstones I had seen, and I put myself in the shoes of the ANZACS. As I laid the wreath on behalf of Queensland, I felt incredibly proud to be an Australian, representing my nation half a world away. It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of a ceremony so significant to our nation's identity. It truly was an experience that changed my life and it wouldn't have been possible without the Premier's ANZAC Prize.

Touring through the battlefields of the western front in France and Belgium has changed my perspective on a lot of things. ANZAC Day for me now will never be the same and I have developed a whole new level of appreciation for not only Australian soldiers, but for every single man and woman who gave their life to the Great War. Along with these experiences, I have also made some amazing like-minded friends and had the time of my life. If you are in Years 8 to 11 and are interested in winning the trip of a lifetime, please come and talk to me or visit the Premier's ANZAC Prize website online.



ATTENDANCE

I continue to stress to parents the need to place attendance as a priority in their child's schooling. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons and creating gaps in specific subjects.

Three different letters regarding attendance are currently being distributed to parents.

- Letters outlining and offering support for long term illness or emergent reasons.
- Letters of concern regarding poor attendance.
- Formal breach notification for large absences (NOTICE ABOUT COMPULSORY SCHOOLING OBLIGATION – FAILURE TO ATTEND, Section 178(2) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006).

If you wish to discuss your child's absences further or letters that you may receive, please make contact with the relevant Year Coordinator, Deputy Principal or Principal.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents unable to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews last Thursday are encouraged to make contact with their child's teacher via email or through the office if they have any concerns. Appointments will be made where necessary for parents to speak with teachers or members of the leadership team at Proserpine State High School.

NAPLAN TESTS

2017 NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9 will be held from 9 – 11 May. We wish all our students the best over the three days. More information for parents can be found via the link below.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/>

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Deputy's Bits

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to Cyclone Debbie's weather conditions interrupting student's education at Proserpine State High School an updated version of the Assessment Schedules for Term 2 had to be reviewed for all years and will be handed out to students this week. Parents, if the school has your email address a copy would have been sent out to you. Assessment Schedules for all year levels are available on the school website and also to the left of the newsletter under **Assessment Schedules**.

Ms Marijke Kuypers
Acting Deputy Principal

What's Coming Up

'STAND UP' AGAINST BULLYING

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 17 March was the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. We are going to try again to have our Stand Up Against Bullying lunchtime activities on Friday 19 May.

The Junior and Senior Student Councils are having a **Pink Shirt Day** on **Friday 19 May** (no donation required) to show their support towards anti bullying.

The students from Mrs Bec Smith's Social & Community Studies class will be cutting up strips of paper for students to write their messages on during lunch time. All the strips will then be stapled together to make an unbreakable chain to show their support towards this worthy cause.

Leading up to this day, all care groups will be completing activities that explore what bullying looks like and strategies that can be used to deter bullying. They will also be designing posters to promote a stance against bullying and promote healthy relationships.

Please encourage your child to support this great initiative by wearing a pink shirt this Thursday.

Sports Section

FUN RUN

Period 1 on **Friday 12 May** will be the beginning of the 2017 Fun Run. Students from Cook, Flinders, Kennedy and Oxley will strive to complete the 4km course in less than 30 minutes. Every student is encouraged to participate with the Fun Run house trophy and age champion medallions up for grabs. The

first six competitors to cross the finish line will receive a permission form to travel to Collinsville for the Whitsunday District Cross Country which will be held on **Wednesday 17 May**.



eLearning Update

DO NOT VOID YOUR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE WARRANTY

All laptop devices are to be transported to, from and during school in their allocated case. As part of the accidental damage warranty agreement, there is no other option. Students who have their laptop at school without their case will have their device removed from them. Once the case is brought to school, the laptop will be returned. This may inconvenience some students as they will not have access to their device at home, however this procedure is to safeguard the laptop and help to ensure families only pay the excess and not the full cost of any repair if damage occurs. Students have been warned of this procedure and it is an expectation of students to bring their device and case every day.

Acer has guidelines regarding whether the device is repaired under accidental damage warranty. The attached document provides examples of incidents that would and would not be repaired under warranty. All claims have an excess charge dependent upon the year-level fleet. This is outlined on the repair form which is sent home with the student when damage has occurred.

NEW PRINTERS/COPIERS IN THE SCHOOL

Proserpine SHS has now moved to a print management system that will provide the school with many cost saving, environmental and other benefits. Students will send their print jobs to a "virtual copier" and under instruction from their teacher, collect their print outs from either the Resource Centre or B Block Teacher Aides room. Students will need to enter their Login ID and select the print job they would like released. Duplicate printing, printing to an incorrect printer and unclaimed print outs will no longer exist. A software program, Paper Cut, will be used to monitor student printer usage and in the future this program may be used to set quotas. Paper Cut automatically sets student printing to monochrome and duplex.



Student Support Services Team

THINK U KNOW

Think U Know Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and is proudly supported by the New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police,

Western Australia Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

There are two sections to this website, one for parents, carers and teachers and the other for young people 11-17 years old. For parents there is a section on how to 'Protect Your Devices', another on 'How to report' such things as cyberbully. For students they have a lot of help sections such as 'What can go wrong?', 'How can I help?' and more.

The item below comes out of the Fact Sheet section for parents:



What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to like and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?
Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?
Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?
Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the Profile option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the Edit Your Profile section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure Photos Are Private is in the On position and select Save.

What could be revealed through an image?
A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?
It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing Settings>Privacy>Locations and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the Camera app, access Settings and disable GPS tagging. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?
It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the Further Options icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the Block User option and when prompted by the dialog box, select Yes, I'm sure.

How can I delete my child's account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account. To delete an Instagram account log into the account at Instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click I'd like to delete my account in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.



germs on your hands, reducing the spread of infection.

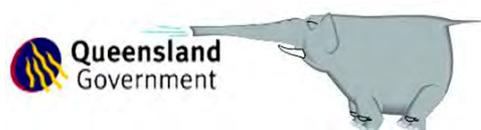
- Drop used tissues immediately into a rubbish bin and then wash your hands.
- If you do cough or sneeze into your hands, wash them immediately. Remember to turn away from others when you cough or sneeze.

High risk areas!

- Child care and schools
- Public transport
- Shopping centres
- Hospitals and doctor's surgeries.

By making WASH, WIPE, COVER a habit, you will reduce the risk of getting sick or passing infections on to others.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/flu>



THE IDEAL DAY



Student Support

KIDS YOGA



Teens classes 4pm Thursdays Bookings essential
Kids Yoga 6 week course Starts Wed 17th May 4pm Bookings essential
POP UP CLASSES Saturday 9am Everyone welcome

BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on studio news
www.facebook.com/theproserpineyogastudio

Student Advisory Centre

Health Matters

FUN RUN

During the Fun Run on **Friday May 12** please remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide the sun glasses on and don't forget your water.

COLDS



Under the right conditions, infectious droplets can remain in the air for some time.

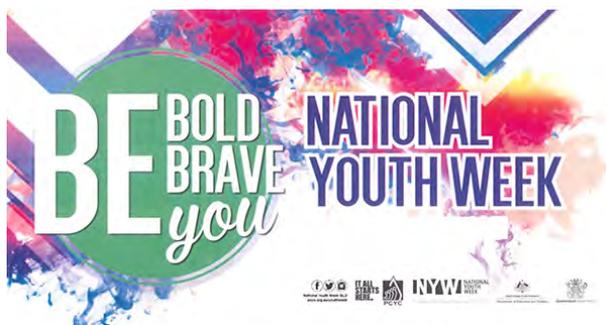
- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or your arm, not with your hands. This way you avoid getting

Enrol your children in a 6 week kid's yoga course! Join Anita on a Wednesday afternoon from 17 May to take your children on a journey through mindful play, breath awareness and relaxation techniques in a fun, social and non-competitive environment.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Bold Day Out

This is a FREE event for high school-aged children. Bookings are ESSENTIAL so please contact the number on the flyer.



Bold Day Out

Be Brave, Leave Your Comfort Zone!

One Day, Four workshops:

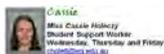
- (1) **When Life is Upside Down: Yoga & mindfulness foundations**
- (2) **Write On: Express yourself through written word**
- (3) **Punch it Out: Foundations of boxing/submissive wrestling**
- (4) **Acting Up: Basic acting principles & stage confidence**

9:30AM – 4:30PM, **Saturday 20th May, 2017**

Proserpine State High School

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, CONTACT:

Cassie Holeczy 0423 360 604



Student Resource Scheme 2017

TERM 2 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

As advertised in the Student Resource Scheme information package, term instalments are due for payment during the second week of term. Term 2 instalment was due for payment by **28 April 2017**. **Have you paid your term 2 resource scheme fees?**

For ease of management of the scheme for both school and students, prompt payment of term instalments would be appreciated.

If payment cannot be made at this time for financial reasons, please phone Megan Drennan (Administration Officer Finance) on 4945 0111 to discuss your payment plan.

Gavel Club

The Gavel Club (Public Speaking Club/Junior Toastmasters) is on every second Wednesday afternoon in C1 classroom.

The meetings start promptly at 3:15pm and conclude at around 5:15pm. Students that need to catch the service bus home are provided with a bus pass. They may leave the meeting early in order to catch the bus.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May.

All Proserpine State High School students are welcome.



General Information

HOMEWORK CENTRE

The centre is open every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon 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 to catch the 3:45pm bus can be issued to the students who reside in Cannonvale, Airlie Beach or Jubilee Pocket.

For any further information please contact Marijke Kuypers, Head of Department – Teaching & Learning on 4945 0153 or mkuyp2@eq.edu.au.

SKATE BOARDS AND SCOOTERS

The school now has lock up areas for skate boards and scooters. Students need to supply their own padlock to secure their property. The skate board area is located under the stairs of A Block to the left of the canteen whilst the scooter area is under the stairs to the right.

Parents, please have your child lock their boards or scooters up in these areas and not carry them around with them during school hours.

POWERBOARD RECALL

ELECTRICAL SAFETY RECALL

4 Outlet Powerboard

Brand **CLICK**, Model No: **CLKPB4A**
Item No:4331777



IDENTIFICATION:
Brand CLICK 4 Outlet Power Board, Model Number CLKPB4A
Marked Approval No: TUV021351EA
Batch code Identification: 09/16
Sold at BUNNINGS Warehouse from December 2016 to February 2017

DEFECT:
The plastic enclosure does not meet the flammability requirement of the applicable Australian Standard.

HAZARD: Risk of Fire

ACTION REQUIRED:
Customers should cease using this product and return to any Bunnings Store for a full refund

For further information

To locate your nearest Bunnings store, please call 1300 66 98 62 or go to www.bunnings.com.au

See www.productsafety.gov.au for Australian product recall information

Important Dates for Term 2

09/05	Senior Geography excursion
09-11/05	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN
12/05	School Cross Country period 1
15/05	Year 11 Aquatic Practices
17/05	P&C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room
18/05	Year 11 Aquatic Practices
19/05	Big Science Competition period 1 CANCELLED ; STYMIE (Stand Up to Bullying) and Pink Shirt Day (FREE DRESS)
22/05	Year 10/11 Grin & Tonic period 3; Year 12 Drama Grin & Tonic period 4; Newsletter out
23/05	Year 7 to 10 ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
24/05	Australian Schools History Competition period 1
25/05	Under 8s day – Year 11/12 Early Childhood Studies, Indigenous and science students to attend
26/05	Leadership Workshop period 2 to 4
30/05	ICAS Science competition period 1 DATE CHANGE
01/06	Year 12 Shakespeare Evening 7pm in the school hall
05/06	Newsletter out
08/06	Day 1 Transition Proserpine Primary students DATE CHANGE
14/06	Culminating Day period 2 & 3
15/06	Day 1 Transition Cannonvale, Bloomsbury and Island Primary students
15-20/06	Year 11/12 exams
19/06	Newsletter out
20-21/06	Year 12 QCS Practise tests ½ day each day
21/06	P&C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room
22/06	Care Carnival
23/06	Whitsunday Show Day Holiday
24/06-09/07	Winter School Holidays