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STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Date Claimers

### P & C MEETING

March's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 March** in the Student Advisory Centre Meeting Room beside the Administration office starting at 5pm. All welcome to attend!

### WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

**Friday 17 March 2017**

Nominated persons will have their hair either shaved or coloured to raise funds to aid research into a cure for blood cancers.

Funky Hair Friday will happen on the same day where students can come with funky hair and/or have their hair coloured by the student council.

Please support the school with this cause.....

## Principal Perspective

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Students elected by their peers have been presented with their student council representative badges on a whole school parade. Junior and senior student councils have made a commitment to advocate the student voice, make a positive difference to the daily lives of our students whilst at school. Congratulations to the students' elected and good luck for the year ahead.



*Year 7 Junior Student Council*



*Year 8 Junior Student Council*



*Year 9 Junior Student Council*

## 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 services team.

## INVESTING FOR SUCCESS FUNDING

The Investing for Success initiative is an agreement between state schools and the Department of Education, Training and Employment, to improve learning outcomes for Queensland students. The agreement targets the improvement of student performance in literacy and numeracy and encourages schools to engage with their communities to achieve the best results at a local level.

The guarantee is that every Queensland state school student will either:

- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their appropriate year level;
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Funding received through the Investing for Success initiative will be utilised to engage specialist educators in quality professional development experiences for teaching and non-teaching staff. Leading best practice in the area of reading, at an individual

and whole school level. Other programs targeted through this funding include:

- Increase teachers' repertoire of effective strategies for teaching text processing and reading comprehension across all learning areas.
- Embed the culture, processes and protocols of classroom observation and collaborative inquiry to support professional growth and encourage reflective practice in the teaching of reading.
- Provide focused and intensive teaching programs for students requiring additional support to demonstrate achievement against the year-level achievement standards.
- Monitor and review individual student reading data through regular cycles specific to the junior and senior school.

## 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. 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 in 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

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 and 12 students,

The Assessment Block that went out last week to Year 11 and 12 students addresses the expectations and attendance for actual exams, completion of assignments during this time, assessment catch up and required timelines. The Year 11 and 12 Exam Block Term 1 2017 can be viewed to the left of this newsletter under '**Assessment Schedules**'.

Information outlined to students includes:

- It is an assessment block – this means that all assessments including exams, modules and assignments are required to be up to date and be

completed as directed by the teacher and assessment schedules. If work/modules are to be done and they need assistance, students should be encouraged to come in and complete. The library will be available for students to work quietly throughout the block. If you have students in a VET subject (Certificate II and/or III) that are behind with work placement, it may also be worth organising this during the block time.



- There are no normal scheduled Year 11 and 12 classes from Monday 20 March to Thursday 23 March.
- All Year 11 and 12 students will be **required to be back at school on the Friday 24 March** and the following week with new units (or continuation of units) occurring.
- All students may have home study time (or be working on other assessment to be completed) when not attending for an exam or outstanding/incomplete assessment.
- **Full school uniform is required** while in attendance at school during this block.
- The Resource Centre has been allocated as a senior assessment area during this time – computers and quiet study areas can be accessed.

Should your student have an unavoidable reason on the day of an exam e.g. sick, please contact the office on the day to see what can be arranged.

Please help by further reinforcing these expectations.

**Mr David Gallagher**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Sports Section

### RUGBY LEAGUE

The Mackay and District Rugby League competition commenced on Wednesday March 1 where the U13 and Open Boys had byes and the U15 played Mercy in Mackay. Despite a solid performance, the U15's went down to Mercy 16–8. Lachlan Wake directed the team around well from fullback and had a strong game, while Ethan Lancaster was the standout in the forwards with strong running and defence.

In Round 2 Pioneer were unable to bring their U13 and U15 sides and will attempt to make those games up at a later stage while the Cane Country Tyres Open Boys' team started their season with a win over Pioneer. After leading 18–nil at half time, they fell off their defence and dropped plenty of ball in the first 15 minutes of the second half to let Pioneer close to 18–16. Luckily they found some composure in attack to score another 3 tries before conceding a late consolation try at fulltime to win 36–22. Ryan Wynne was particularly strong in attack scoring three tries in the centres while Taine Browne, Nick Schmidt, Cooper Dunn and Aden Spence all crossed the line. Jake Harrison was solid in both attack and defence while Joel Hoffmann organised and distributed well at five eight.



This week's games are in Mackay with the Opens and U15s playing Northern Beaches and U13s verses Mercy White.



## 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.

### IMPERO

A software program, Impero, is installed on student laptops to assist with the management of the school network and classes. The program assists the Computer Technician in providing technical support and software maintenance directly to the student's laptop. This program can be used to monitor the student's work and internet history while at school. The software also provides teachers with additional tools to facilitate their teaching and the learning experience for students. Impero will be used by a range of teachers and their classes for the remainder of the year.





## An Update from the Coordinators

### YEAR 7 COORDINATOR

#### Year Seven Camp 2017



Due to the large numbers of Year 7 students, camp this year was split into two groups. 93 excited students from 7ABCDE, and equally excited teachers, boarded the buses on Wednesday morning to head off to Camp Kanga for two action packed days of activities. Students participated in a variety of activities from raft building, anti-bullying, craft (making friendship bands), and team building activities to completing an obstacle course. The most popular activities were the ones where the students got to get wet as the weather was rather warm. The two night time activities of Commando Crawl and Minute to Win It activities were also very popular with all students participating enthusiastically, especially when lollies were on offer to the winning teams or individuals.

The following day, Thursday, saw another 75 excited students from 7FGHI join us at Camp Kanga, making a total of 168 students. The students in their core classes participated in a variety of outdoor, physical activities against other core classes. Activities included caterpillar races, tug-of-war, ball games, relays and other fun games. Lots of fun was had by all, especially the teachers who actively participated in most games. It was very welcome when a heavy rain shower drenched all of us, keeping us cool for the remainder of the activities.

After lunch, a tired 7ABCDE departed back to school, leaving 7FGHI to complete the same activities the other students had completed the previous day.

The focus of the camp is on getting to know other students, team building, cooperation and making connections with teachers and students. It was a very successful camp with positive feedback from the students. A big thank you to all of the students for participating so eagerly and actively in all camp activities. A special, huge thank you to the teachers who give up so much of their own time to make camp such a worthwhile experience for our students.



*Year 7 camp was awesome. The night activities were commando crawl and mock Olympics. My favourite activities were commando crawl and swimming in the river when participating in raft building. These activities were my favourites because in commando crawl we got to find lollies at night time.*

*In raft building, it was so hot and the water was nice and cool, plus the rapids were fun. Overall, good times were had by all.*

**By Jayme Farr**

*My favourite part of camp was doing commando crawl because I nearly made it to the other side every time. Raft building was also my favourite activity because after everyone had tested their rafts we got to swim in the rapids. The obstacle course was fun as well because it tested all our strengths.* **By James Tate**

*My favourite activity at Camp Kanga was the commando crawl at night. It was really fun because the teachers could never spot me and I found a huge pile of popping candy. I just wish the camp went for longer than one night. The raft building was also really fun because after our raft fell apart (it took less than four minutes) we were able to just swim around. Overall it was by far my favourite camp.* **By Jim Smith**



## Industry News

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Following last year's highly successful pilot activity, the Defence Work Experience Program, Defence Force Recruiting (Specialist Recruitment Team Women) and HMAS Cairns are very pleased to offer the next **Women in Navy Technical Trades Residential Camp** in North Queensland.

The camp will be held from **9-13 April 2017** (2nd week of school 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**.

The camp is open to female students in Years 10, 11 and 12 aged between 15–18 years of age. Successful participants must have passes in Year 10 English, mathematics and science and 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 the 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. Tours and demonstrations of Navy ships, facilities, resources, equipment etc. will also feature. 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.

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

**\*\*\*Successful applicants will need to organise and fund their own transport to and from Cairns, but there are no other associated costs.**

**Applications close 22 March.** Successful applicants will be sent detailed information about the Camp closer to the event.

See me in B4 for more information and a work experience form.

## SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

- **Reece Plumbing** has a fantastic opportunity for a student in Year 11 in 2017 to do a School Based Traineeship in Warehousing Operations. The qualification is a Certificate II and the student attends the work place one day per week in their school week and a half day on Saturday mornings. The role is a combination of Warehousing and Retail skills. The student needs to be outgoing, respectful, willing to work in a team environment with customer service being one of the main focal points and requirements of this workplace. Must be willing to shine in customer service and have a very strong work ethic with an interest in retail, warehousing and/or plumbing. Many of successful graduates are now working in full time positions at Reece or in Apprenticeships with customers. There are also trainees who have been quickly promoted and are in management positions doing very well in career roles in Reece. **Females are encouraged to apply.**
- **Boost Juice Airlie Beach** is looking for a Year 10 school based trainee to undertake a retail traineeship and accelerate your career!!
  1. Boost Juice pay for your training to undertake a Certificate III Retail Operations
  2. This training is great if you wish to become a Boost team leader in the future.
  3. THE training is supported by your school and you get to work at Boost Juice for 1 day per week (during school hours) plus the opportunity for extra hours on weekends.
  4. Your training consists of 1 training session per month (in your own time or at school).

If this sounds like you or you would like some more info, please contact Sarah on [boostjuiceairliebeach@yahoo.com.au](mailto:boostjuiceairliebeach@yahoo.com.au) with your current one page resume, or see me in B4.

## CASUAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Whitsunday Gold Coffee** has two casual positions available for Year 12 students to work weekends and holidays. The ideal candidates would also be interested in a gap year position next year.

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



## Student Support Services Team

### STYMIE

#### An Anti-Bullying Tool

Stymie allows bystanders to send anonymous notifications to Proserpine State High School about someone who they believe is being bullied or harmed.



The notification interface allows bystanders to upload evidence like screen shots of Facebook discussions, Snapchats, text messages or instant message conversations and an outline of the incident/s. The messages are automatically forwarded to the appropriate adult here at Proserpine State High School. The first conversation we have will be with the student who is experiencing harm - they will know they are not alone.

Proserpine State High School is committed to harnessing the power of bystanders to change the 'culture of acceptance' of bullying in our community; a problem even the government admits is endemic amongst our youth. Stymie complements Proserpine State High School's existing student well-being/pastoral care framework.

More information can be found via the links below:

<http://www.stymie.com.au/>

<http://www.facebook.com/stymie.au>

Rachel Downie, Director of Stymie spoke to students, teachers and parents at Proserpine State High School last week. Her parent session entitled Getting Your Techno Power Back details how parents can set guidelines for their child's use of technology in the home.

## BULLYING NO WAY

**is it BULLYING?**

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's

**RUDE**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's

**MEAN**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it – even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset – that's

**BULLYING**

Due to the activity Shave for a Cure on 17 March, we will be promoting Bullying No Way during Week 10.

## THINK U KNOW FACT SHEET

Fact sheet  
**CYBER SAFETY**  
top ten tips for youth

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The internet and mobile phones provide great ways to express yourself and communicate with others. It's important to make sure they're used responsibly so that everyone has an enjoyable online experience. It's all about respecting yourself and others.

1. Use a strong password, a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, eg P@\$\$w0rd!
2. Use secure web browsers, those with https at the start of the URL and a padlock or other indication that it is secure, when sharing sensitive information.
3. Update your operating system regularly and make sure you have antivirus software installed on your computer and other devices – phones too!
4. Avoid opening or responding to emails from people you do not know and aren't expecting – They could contain a virus or malicious software.
5. Don't give out private information over the internet or mobile phones about you, your family and friends. Also think about what information might be contained in photos you share.
6. Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust. When it comes to friends and followers online it is not a popularity contest!
7. Think before you post! Once you've pressed "Send" you can't get that back. Who might see that photo, video or comment? Where might it end up?
8. Make sure your social media accounts are set to private or friends only! Also make sure you check your privacy settings regularly as they can change without you knowing.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your permission before uploading or tagging you in a photo – Make sure you do the same!
10. Don't post inappropriate or illegal content – It is impossible to permanently delete digital content once it has been shared.

Most importantly, know where you can go for help! Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone. You can also contact:

- Reach Out: [www.reachout.com.au](http://www.reachout.com.au)
- Bullying, No Way!: [www.bullyingnoway.com.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au)
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800
- Youth Beyond Blue: [www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)
- The website, application or phone carrier that you were using at the time

For more information visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

## Student Advisory Centre

## From the Guidance Officer

### SENIOR OPTIONS BULLETIN

Go to the 'Senior Info' for **Career Options 3** on the side panel to the left of the newsletter for information pertaining to careers, university updates, scholarships, plus much more.



## Health Matters

### AVOIDING WINTER COLDS AND FLU

As we approach winter, it is timely to consider how best to avoid winter colds and flu.

Influenza, or flu, as it is commonly known, is a contagious disease caused by a virus and can affect the whole body. The infection:

- begins suddenly
- may last 5-10 days
- may keep you bedridden up to 5 days
- can disrupt school, work and holiday plans
- can result in serious complications in some high risk individuals.

Is it a cold or hay fever? All have similar symptoms but if you have a fever plus two of the following, it may be the flu.

- aches and pains
- headache
- cough
- sore throat

Flu is much more serious than the common cold and symptoms usually last for at least a week although it may take up to six (6) weeks to recover fully.

### Who is at risk?

Anyone can catch the flu. Being fit and healthy does not stop you from getting it. You can unknowingly infect others, as it takes 1-3 days for symptoms to appear. Flu is a highly contagious disease that spreads via:

- sneezing
- coughing
- touching contaminated objects and transferring germs to the respiratory system.

### What to do if you get the flu?

Go to bed, drink plenty of fluids and take pain relievers for head and muscle aches. Antibiotics are not effective against the flu. They are only helpful if you get a secondary infection, such as pneumonia.

### What can I do to be protected from a cold or flu?

- Hygiene is the key. Make sure you wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use alcohol-based



hand rubs to disinfect hands. This is the single most important step to preventing the spread of disease and staying healthy.

- Eat a healthy balanced diet. Make sure you eat plenty of fruit and vegetables. This boosts your immune system so you will be less likely to get sick.
- Drink at least 8 glasses of water/day.
- Exercise regularly – at least 30 minutes/day.
- Try to avoid contact with infected people. If you can't, then stand at least 1 meter away from them, don't stand directly opposite them.
- Make sure any tissues used, are immediately put into the waste bin. If you do handle a tissue, wash your hands.
- Use soap and water to keep surfaces such as door handles, bench tops, computer keyboards and phones clean.
- See your GP for the flu vaccination.



**Karen**  
Mrs Karen Dicks  
School Nurse / Health Nurse  
Monday, Tuesday and alternating  
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## Yarning Circle

### THE PATHFINDERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Pathfinder is a not for profit organisation funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to provide free birth certificates for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people aged between 0 to 21.

An estimated 300,000 Australians have not had their births registered and 500,000 do not have a birth certificate. As a consequence, many people struggle to fully participate in Australian society without this simple but vital document. They experience difficulty enrolling in schools and in accessing mainstream services, such as opening bank accounts, joining sporting clubs, voting, and applying for a job, a driver's licence or a passport.

<http://www.pathfinders.ngo/projects/aboriginal-birth-certificate-project/>

**See yah when I'm looking at yah.**



**Arthur**  
Mr Arthur Gabe  
Community Education Co-ordinator  
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## Student Resource Scheme 2017

### Have you paid your student's resource scheme fees for 2017?

If you received a text message from the school on 23 or 24 February 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 2017. 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.**

## World's Greatest Shave

The school is once again participating in the Leukaemia Foundation "World's Greatest Shave" on **Friday 17 March** as our major fundraiser in Term 1. This is a fund raiser to aid in research into a cure for Blood Cancers, 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. This year we are aiming to raise \$4000 - \$5000. Last year we were in the top 10 fundraisers for the Mackay/Whitsunday area with nearly \$3800 raised.

Mr Cox and Mr Sainsbury will be shaving their hair, while Miss Thomson and Miss Avery will be colouring their hair. They will be joined by Sharon Flynn (cleaner) and Edith Forse (former canteen convenor) and students, Beau Allen (Year 7), Isabella Barry-Ramoi (Year 12), Jack Dwyer (Year 8) and Banjo Groves (Year 8) in shaving their hair. The school will be participating in Funky Hair Friday where students come with Funky Hair or they have their hair coloured by student council as part of the "World's Greatest Shave".

Fundraising tally to date is \$1800 with 3 weeks remaining. All donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible and will receive receipts. You can donate online and select the Proserpine State High Team page and will receive a receipt.

<http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/>

Thank you to all students, teachers and parents who have donated so far. Remember if each student donates \$4 we will raise \$4200 and if they donate \$5 we would raise \$5250 to help research into blood cancers and support those people and their families during their treatment and fight against these diseases. Every little bit helps!



**Andrew**  
Mr Andrew Cox  
Head of Department  
Health and Physical Education  
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## Students Out & About

### PERFORMANCES AT ZONTA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BRUNCH

On Sunday 5 March at the International Women's Day Brunch held by the Whitsunday's \*Zonta group, six incredibly talented Proserpine State High School students performed for the attending women of the Whitsunday region.

Georgia Muller, Year 11 and Georgia Summerfield-Fallon, Year 12 who are both members of the school concert band, confidently commenced our performances with a woodwind duet, expressively playing an excerpt from *Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy* on flute and clarinet, respectively.

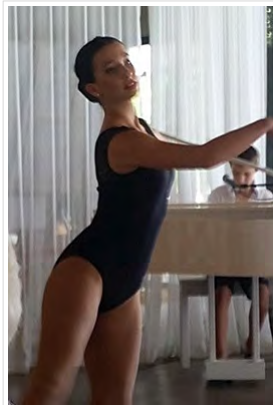


L-R: Georgia Summerfield-Fallon and Georgia Muller

Following the Georgia's, Amy Stockow, a Year 12 student, performed a graceful, dramatic ballet (choreographed entirely by herself) with Jim Smith, a Year 7 music student, accompanying her beautifully on the piano.



Amy Stockow



Jim Smith in the background on the piano

Finally, Holly Heitman and Jade Skinner, Year 11 music students, rounded off the entertainment with a medley of songs, *I Will Survive* by Gloria Gaynor and *Survivor* by *Destiny's Child*, accompanied by myself on the piano. Holly and Jade did the empowering songs justice with their passionate rendition.



L-R: Jade Skinner and Holly Heitman

The women of Zonta and their guests attending the brunch, held at Lure at Abell Point Marina thought the performances were extremely impressive and were amazed at the varied skill and talents of our students, as was I at the students' professionalism on the day. These students did our school, and me very proud.



### Ms Cathy Pukallus Music Teacher

\*Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

### LION'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Lions Youth of the Year Quest for 2017 attracted record participation from our students. Due to our high numbers of competitors, Georgia Summerfield-Fallon and Blake Farmer competed in the Whitsunday Lions Club Competition in February. Followed by Brendan Hoffman, Bree Jolley, Brooklyn Lade and Jessie Groom competing in the Proserpine Lions Club Competition in early March. All students involved were required to submit an application, attend an interview with a panel of judges, give two two-minute impromptu speeches on local, national or international affairs and present a prepared five minute speech. Topics addressed were *The Effects of Social Media* and *Who inspires you*.

All students are a credit to themselves and the school. They spoke eloquently and demonstrated a high level of intelligence in both their interviews and speeches. Bree Jolley was awarded the winner of the Proserpine Club Final and on Sunday she attended the Zone Final where she also won the Zone Final and the Public Speaking Award. Congratulations Bree and we wish you the best of luck at the upcoming Regional Competition!





*Georgia Summerfield-Fallon and Blake Farmer at the Whitsunday Lions Club Competition*

*(Photo courtesy of the Whitsunday Times.)*



*Jessie Groom, Brendan Hoffman, Brooklyn Lade and Bree Jolley*



*Bree Jolley Winner of the night*

## MOCKTAILS

On Friday, Year 12 students from Proserpine State High stepped onto a bus looking their finest to attend the annual Mocktails function at Mackay Entertainment Centre. Mocktails is a function held at the beginning of the senior year in which one thousand students from various schools in the Mackay and Whitsunday district come together to mingle, dance and show off their amazing talents. This year was the 25th anniversary of the Mocktails function, an event exclusive to this region.

The Year 12s loved the opportunity to see friends from other schools that they've competed with over the years in various sporting and cultural competitions. Many enjoyed the social evening with their peers and despite complaints of sore feet, the students of Proserpine High had impressive staying power on the dance floor.



Thank you Year 12! The school is very proud of the maturity, style and sophistication that you all exhibited on this evening.

Mr Philipson, Miss Amelia Hinschen and myself thoroughly enjoyed being your dates for the night!



## Uniform Store Update

The **NEW** black sport/day shorts are now available. Price \$35.

Uniform Store is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 to 10:30am.



## Gavel Club

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

Prospective members can come to a couple of meetings to decide whether it is right for them, and then parents are billed \$15 for the remainder of the term through the office.

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 15 March.**

All Proserpine State High School students are welcome.



## General Information

### HOMWORK 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](mailto:mkuyp2@eq.edu.au).

## WHITSUNDAY TRANSIT

### School Bus 17



#### School Bus 17

Dear Parent,

Effective Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the only students who will be allowed to travel on School Bus 17 will be those who have an eligibility under Queensland Transport regulations and have been issued with a bus 17 School Bus Pass by Whitsunday Transit.

This means that any students who have previously caught School Bus 17 to after school activities will no longer be able to do so after Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

This decision has not been made lightly and is in accordance with the following extracts from the Queensland Government website.  
<https://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/school-travel/getting-to-and-from-school>

"In many parts of Queensland, students may travel to and from school on designated school bus services where TransLink or qconnect services are unavailable."

"These school services provide government-funded travel for eligible School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) students to their nearest school. Eligible students may travel beyond their nearest school, only if there is room on the bus service for them. This travel is a private arrangement between the parent/guardian and the bus operator."

"School students who do not qualify for STAS assistance may also travel on designated school services at the discretion of the bus operator provided there is room on the bus. This travel is also a private arrangement between the parent/guardian and the bus operator."

If your child does not have a School Bus 17 Pass they will be denied travel from the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Parents of eligible students are requested to make sure that their children are in possession and show the driver their bus pass on all occasions.

Shane Bartlett

OPERATIONS  
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## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE ASSISTANCE



Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their student/s to school or to the route of a school bus. There are several types of conveyance allowance

available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Parents and guardians may obtain further information concerning eligibility by calling into the TransLink Office at Level 3, 44 Nelson Street Mackay or by telephoning our office on 4951 8673.

Application forms are available from the side panel of the school newsletter under "FORMS AND DOCUMENTS" or from the school office.

## TRIPLE P QUEENSLAND TEAM

Join our Facebook community for regular positive parenting updates.

### Teen Triple P Online – Now Available!

Whether you have younger kids or teenagers, how are you going with your family goals for 2017? Thousands are learning ways to make life happier and less stressful with Triple P Online. Now there's also Teen Triple P Online, and Queensland parents and carers can get started straight away, for free.

<http://login.bettermail.com.au/ch/4898/2dwjkzf/2443289/6ddc39xq6.html>

## The Survey Says...

Results from Queensland's biggest annual parenting survey came out last week, and they were fascinating! Parents are worried about issues such as unemployment, drug use and mental health: on the plus side, manners got a big thumbs up, with more than 98% of parents saying politeness was very important.

<http://login.bettermail.com.au/ch/4898/2dwjkzf/2545910/6ddc3145nh.html>

## Hear Corey Parker's Views On Parenting

In case you missed it, you can view the most recent digital edition of Triple P's lively parenting magazine, the *Tippaper*, (featuring a Corey Parker video, real life parenting stories and much more) online here . And there'll be a new one out very soon!

### \* Free Sessions Across Queensland \*

There are more than 90 free small and large group sessions currently listed on the Queensland Triple P parent website including Triple P Seminars, Group Triple P and Triple P Discussion Groups. They're being run all over the state, some for parents of under 12s and others are for parents of teenagers.

<http://login.bettermail.com.au/ch/4898/2dwjkzf/2478503/6ddc316qsh.html>

(Individual sessions are also available - more info on the website.)

## LOST PROPERTY

Students please check the lost property at the office as the stand is overflowing with items found lying around the school and left behind after the Swimming Carnival.

Parents if your student is missing anything at all, even jewellery, please have them or yourselves come to the office and have a look at the lost property stand or see the office staff.

Could parents and students please check all belongs (e.g. hats) to see if you may have an item which belongs to another student. All items should be named so that they can be returned to their owners.

## Important Dates for Term 1

Date	Event
15/03	P&C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room
17/03	World's Greatest Shave. Shaving and colouring done during the breaks. Students may come with funky hair and/or have their hair coloured.
20-23/03	Year 11 & 12 Exams
21/03	Year 9 Y2K Program; Period 1 and 3 swap for this day ONLY

Date	Event
22/03	Culminating Day period 2&3
27/03	Year 12 Indigenous students Virtual Reality Bus; Newsletter out
30/03	Bullying No Way
1/04-17/04	Easter Holidays

## Important Dates for Term 2

17/04	Easter Monday Holiday
18/04	Tuesday – Term 2 starts; Year 7 Immunization
19/04	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room</b>
21/04	Report cards emailed home
24/04	ANZAC Ceremony, 9am in the school hall; School band playing period 1 high school and period 2 & 3 primary school; Newsletter out
25/04	ANZAC Day Holiday
27/04	Geography Competition period 1; <b>Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3:15pm in the school hall</b>
01/05	Labour Day Holiday
02-05/05	Years 11/12 Interviews during lunchtimes
04-08/05	Junior/Senior Arts Cultural Tour to Melbourne
08/05	Year 11/12 Legal Studies excursion to the Court House period 1 & 2; Newsletter out
09/05	Senior Geography excursion
09-11/05	Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN
12/05	School Cross Country period 1
14-16/05	Year 12 Biology excursion
17/05	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room</b>
22/05	Year 10/11 Grin & Tonic period 2; Year 12 Grin & Tonic period 3; 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 students
26/05	Leadership Workshop period 2 to 4
30/05	ICAS Science competition
01/06	<b>Year 12 Shakespeare Evening</b>
05/06	Newsletter out
13/06	Day 1 Transition Proserpine Primary students
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	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 5pm in the Student Advisory Centre meeting room</b>
22/06	Care Carnival
23/06	Whitsunday Show Day Holiday
24/06-09/07	Winter School Holidays

## Community News

### IDRIVE

Round One is ready to start for this year for idrive. idrive is a defensive driving training program run here at Whitsunday Sporting Car club. idrive is available to anyone from the age of 12 to 17. Log book hours apply.

<http://www.rallywhitsunday.com/>





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WHEN: SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2017

WHERE: TONKER PARK RACEWAY LASCELLES DRIVE  
(AIRPORT ROAD) PROSERPINE

SIGN ON 8AM, DRIVING FROM 9 AM TO 12  
\$50 (CAR PROVIDED LOG BOOK HOURS APPLY)

**MUST HAVE ENCLOSED FOOTWEAR**  
**LIMITED NUMBERS PRE NOMINATIONS ESSENTIAL**  
JUNIORS AGES 12-17

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