3 February 2014

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Envelopes will be handed out this week and are to be returned to the photographer by your child/children on **Wednesday 5 February** as they line up for their photos to be taken. We ask parents to read all of the relevant information supplied and to also remember these simple rules:

- School group order envelopes are available at the school office on request.
- School ID cards are provided as part of your Student Resource Scheme at a later date.
- The school office does not carry change for the orders.
- Please don’t hesitate to contact Advanced Life Photography on 4725 0899 if you have any queries.

2014 IN THE SWIM CARNIVAL

**Held at the Proserpine Pool**

**MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY**

ALL students are to go straight to the pool. Buses will drop off and pick up students at the pool. Helpers to timekeep, judge, etc are needed.

If you are able to help, please contact the school on 4945 0111.

Don’t forget to “Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Wrap”.

Oh, and don’t forget the fun bit!

**P&C AGM MEETING**

**Invitation**

The Proserpine State High School Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 26 February** at 7pm in the school administration office common room. The general meeting will follow at 7:30pm. P&C meetings are normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except for school holidays or otherwise notified. The main aim of the P&C is to support students and their teachers to have the best learning experience whilst at Proserpine State High School.

Parents/Guardians and interested community members are invited to attend.

**WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break, ready for the challenges ahead in 2014. The year already presents itself as another year full of positive learning experiences and exciting educational activities. To our new families and new staff that are joining our school community, a special welcome, we entrust that your time at Proserpine State High School will be a rewarding experience. I would like to let parents know that I operate on an open door policy and welcome both parents and students to discuss any concerns or ideas that you may have. Opportunities to discuss school issues, concerns and positive student outcomes can be done by a number of communication means, including making an appointment through the office, via a phone call or email the.principal@proserpnshs.eq.edu.au.

I encourage parents to introduce themselves to their child/children’s teacher this term and to familiarise them with any specific needs they may have and what you as parents can do to increase learning outcomes. It is proven that open communication between parents and teachers assists in improving students learning outcomes.
ENROLMENTS

Our enrolment numbers are again strong in each year level for 2014. This is an excellent endorsement of what we are doing as a school, what we are achieving with our programs for all students and our partnerships with parents and the community. We have commenced the year with a total enrolment of approximately 910 students. Mrs Rogers, our Deputy Principal, is currently working on any required alterations to the timetable due to varying student numbers in individual cohorts and specific subjects. We will be working closely with any students who have been affected to identify options for them in line with their educational goals.

STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to the following staff members who have been appointed as permanent Heads of Department in their respective areas for the commencement of the school year.

- Ben Whybird - Industrial Design and Technology/Junior Secondary
- Jodi Gibson - Science

Also congratulations to the following staff who will be in Acting Head of Department positions throughout 2014.

- Corrine Raiteri - English
- Raema Allen - Special Education

Our Year Level Coordinators this year are:

- Year 8 - Mrs McHugh/Ms Raylene Rasmussen
- Year 9 - Mrs Jane Moran
- Year 10 - Mr Ian Bell
- Year 11 - Ms Marijke Kuypers
- Year 12 - Mrs Jenny Napier/Miss Erin Hinschen

UNIFORM

Can I start by acknowledging how impressive our students looked in their uniforms on the first day and thank parents for the effort they have made over the holidays to get their children ready for the 2014 school year. Our Year 8 students looked extraordinary and the number of students across all year levels in their formal uniform made a great impression for the start of a new year. I believe that wearing a uniform sets a strong foundation for success and builds habits that promote future employment opportunities.

On assembly I outlined to students the expectation of uniforms and their requirements. A detailed outline of the school uniform policy is in the student diary, as every student received their diary last week I encourage parents to read the policy and become familiar with the expectations. Besides clothing items, there is a particular attention on several other items which fall under the uniform banner including hair and make-up, jewellery and piercings. All additions and amendments of the Proserpine Uniform Policy have been ratified by the Parents and Citizens Association in 2013. We are working closely with students to rectify any breaches of uniform over the next week, however, following this period, consequences will be applied for incorrect uniform. In short, I spoke to the students regarding the following:

- Student must wear the school uniform as per the uniform policy.
- There is an expectation that students wear their formal uniform on Monday for whole school assembly.
- Combinations of formal and day uniform must not be mixed. For example, the formal shirt must not be worn with sport shorts or the equivalent. Sports shirts can only be worn during HPE lessons, sports carnivals and care carnivals.
- Jewellery, hair and make-up, piercings as per the diary.
- Shoes as per diary. A good start is NO high tops, slip-ons, fluoro or full coloured shoes

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Lynn Larkin and her amazing group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past weeks and last year to have uniforms fully available to our students.

Our greatest appreciation to the following people:

- Mrs Debbie Baxter
- Mrs Ann Porter
- Mrs Ethel Muller
- Mrs Vicki Chauntler
- Mrs Lesley Mathews
- Mrs Smantha Lane
- Darcy Larkin
- Hannah Larkin
- Lara Mathews
- Heidi Mathews
- Ashlee Chauntler
- Breana Chauntler

RESPECT

Since arriving I have continued to talk to students about the need for every member of our school community to demonstrate the value of RESPECT. In the past I have focussed on the issue of respectful language and positive relationships and demonstrated a zero tolerance for swearing. This approach will continue through 2014 however, it is pleasing to witness a huge reduction of students receiving serious consequences for this kind of behaviour.

On the first parade of 2014 I spoke to students regarding the need to respect their own learning and the learning of others. A “close enough is good enough” attitude will not produce their best or allow them to reach their fullest potential. Instead it is important to set personal goals, strive for our best, challenge ourselves and apply a positive approach to everything we do. Over the student free days teachers worked extensively on professional development activities that focused on the critical functions of teaching and engaging students in high impact
lessons. I look forward to witnessing the positive student outcomes which will be produced from this approach.

Blatant Refusal

In line with the message to students regarding the need to demonstrate respect for their learning and the learning of others is the introduction of our Blatant Refusal Policy in 2014. There will be increased focus on students who blatantly refuse to follow the reasonable directions of teachers and staff in the classroom, behaviour that interrupts teachers from their lesson delivery and stops others from learning. We will still enforce our Responsible Behaviour Management Plan however there will be a zero tolerance for a students’ inability to follow simple classroom expectations and as such will be escalated to Category 3 (suspension) on our RBM plan much faster than before. I strongly suggest parents discuss this renewed focus with their children to avoid any incidents and the inconvenience of having to come and collect their child throughout the day.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE IS COMPELLARY

At Proserpine State High School, student attendance and safety is of the highest priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school. The school expects parents/caregivers to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent. Our student absentee line is always listed on the top right corner of page 1 (Student Absentees: 4945 0160). Our attendance procedures will continue to inform parents/caregivers via an automated short mobile phone message (SMS) each time their child is away from school. Parents can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter’s name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

Late Arrivals/ Leaving Early

Any student that arrives late to school or is required to leave early requires parent/guardian permission prior on arrival/leaving via the administration office. This can be in the form of the parent/guardian reporting to the office, a phone call or a signed note. Each student granted permission to leave school early will be issued with an official Leave’s Pass and must sign out at the school office when leaving. Students leaving the school early must do so for appropriate reasons, the school will not support students leaving the school to get lunch from the shops. Police are aware that students are to have these passes on them and any student out of school without a note will be returned to school or home.

Pathway Students

Our school believes in supporting individual education plans for our senior students. As a result, we have a number of students that undertake school based traineeships/apprenticeships, TAFE or enrichment courses. Our expectation is that these pathways lessons are used for educational purpose (not spare time) and students are expected to self-direct themselves to use this given time affectively. All students on a pathway lesson are expected to report to the Resource Centre for these lessons. It is only when a signed parent/guardian permission note (required at the start of a new year) is provided to the office and approved by the Principal, that a student may arrive late/leave early, and only if the pathway lesson falls at the start and/or end of a school day.

MECC YOUTH AMBASSADOR IN 2014 – ISABELLE SILBERLING (attachment below)

Another outstanding achievement for one of our Proserpine State High School students being announced as a MECC Youth Ambassador in 2014. Isabelle Silberling has displayed an excellent commitment to her studies and The Arts discipline, being rewarded with an amazing opportunity. Congratulations Isabelle.
As we delve further into the year more experiences and chances will become available to all our students wishing to enhance their creative flair.

*Kellie Klupfel*

*Head of Department – Home Economics and Senior Schooling*

## Sports Section

The start of every year is always a busy time for school sports. So it is important that students get themselves organised early. They must listen to morning notices and attend all meetings for their sport. Meetings will be held for sign up and distribution of forms and information. If students miss the initial meeting then they have 2 days to see Mr Cox or Mr Wilson in SLC staffroom to sign up. Training and trials for school teams will be held, students must attend these or notify their coach. If they don’t they won’t be considered for selection. Any forms and money required for their sport must be returned to the office by the due date on the form (usually THREE school days prior to the trial taking place) as numbers for buses, etc must be finalised. An SMS reminder will be sent out to parents on the school SMS list for students who have not returned forms the day before they are due. If students still forget, they need to see Mr Wilson or Mr Cox on the due date. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the student missing out on the trials or school team. Any questions in regards to Whitsunday or NQ sports trials please call either Mr Wilson or Mr Cox on 49 450 111.

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### Distance Education

Currently we have students enrolled in Charters Towers and Brisbane Schools of Distance Education. This entails paying a fee (around $60 for Board subjects) to BSDE and being prepared to connect to the school via computer and telephone. Usually there are three lessons each week and it may require the student to give up one of their subjects at Proserpine State High School. A range of VET subjects are available in Year 10, 11 and 12.

Distance Education is not for every student as it does require that they are independent learners and self-disciplined. If you would like further information contact me via email ibell3@eq.edu.au, phone the school on 4945 0111 or access the Brisbane School of Distance Education website at http://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/wcms/.

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Some require enrolment pre-requisites.

Ian Bell
Distance Education Co-coordinator

eLearning Update

Our Resource Centre has had a very busy start to the year reissuing laptops to Years 9 to 12 students as soon as practical after payment is received by the school office. The process for distributing a device to a new student to the school takes a little longer and these students should receive the laptop on Monday, 3 February. A big thank you is due to these dedicated staff members, as this is only one of the many class resources being issued to students at the moment.

Laptops are provided primarily for educational purposes as they are a learning tool. While some personal use is acceptable, the main guideline for use is under teacher’s instruction or parent/guardian’s permission ensuring compliance with the conditions of the computer network agreement and student laptop charter. Please take some time to decide how you wish to manage the use of this device in your home and discuss these expectations with your son/daughter.

Students need to get into the habit of conducting regular backups (copying) of their hard drive. This can be done making a copy to an external hard disk drive, USB memory stick or copying school files back to the student’s home drive on the server. The loss of data including classwork, assignments and personal files can be very stressful. A weekly backup is highly recommended or more regularly at vital stages of assignment writing. Similarly, a good way to start the school year is to make a copy of last year’s data and clear out the D: hard drive. Subject folders should be established reflecting the student’s timetable.

All students need to pay particular attention to the care and treatment of their school bag as well as other’s belongings. Every student must assume each bag contains a laptop and must act responsibly at all times. If the laptop is damaged, accidentally or wilfully, a cost can be incurred. Laptops/school bags should never be left unattended. When students attend practical lessons including HPE and Manual Arts, the laptop can be kept safe in a locker. Our Year 8s will be allocated a locker and students in Years 9 to 12 can arrange for a locker space by approaching the Resource Centre staff. This is a free service.

Week 3 will involve laptop induction workshops for our Year 8 students. Later in the week students will be involved in practical, hands on sessions where students are also scheduled to receive their laptop. Further skills training will occur in week 5. Workshops will cover a wide range of topics to help support them with their device. New students to the school can also join one of these sessions. This can be arranged with the Resource Centre staff. Workshop topics include:

- Care of self and body
- Use of the laptop at school
- Responsibility and security
- Data backup/file copying
- Identification and personalisation
- Accessing technical support
- Reporting faults
- Care and cleaning
- Use of the laptop at home
- Internet usage
- Software and downloads
- Complying with copyright
- Hard drive – a game and movie free zone!
- Auditing
- Signed agreements

For parent or student enquiries, the following people can be contacted:

General enquiries – Leisa Telford
Finance enquiries – Megan Drennan
Technical assistance – Technical Support Staff based in the resource centre before school and at lunchtimes
Overall program enquiries – Deb Brown

TIP OF THE WEEK

Keep a shopping bag in the school backpack. This can be used to cover and protect the laptop from water if caught in seasonal weather!

Deb Brown
HOD Business & Technology

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

A warm welcome to Proserpine State High School for the new Year 8 students and their parents. It has been five school days since the beginning of the 2014 school year and we hope that during that time your son/daughter has settled into their Year 8 Core class and electives.

Thank you very much for supporting your child as they return to school. They look well-presented in their Proserpine State High School uniform and have the required resources to complete class work.

Organisation plays a significant role in a student’s success. The use of the school diary provides the student with a consistent...
space to record homework, assignments and events while the coloured plastic document wallets assists the student to keep subject materials in one location.

Some other helpful tips:

- keep a copy of the timetable at home as a reserve and to easily identify subjects for the next day or homework from the current day
- colour code subjects to match the plastic document wallets
- pack the school bag the night before (a task for your Year 8 son/daughter)
- check for any letters from teachers that may outline requirements or dates for practical activities.

Students have been provided homework since the commencement of the term. Your son/daughter should be completing 15 minutes of homework per subject per night or a total of 45 minutes in the week. Homework may take the form of completing classwork, revision, reading to prepare for the next lesson, etc. Parents are most welcome to assist their son/daughter with their homework. If difficulties arise please write a note in the diary for the class teacher.

Once again thank you for the positive start to the school year. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

Health Matters

Hi Everyone!

I’m Karen Dachs, the Proserpine State High School School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN). I can be found in the Student Advisory Centre on Monday, Tuesday and alternating Wednesdays. Please feel free to call me on 4945 0112 if you have any queries.

An outline of what I do

The SBYHN works with students and school community on issues that may affect the health and wellbeing of young people and the school community as a whole. This includes helping with curriculum, teaching and learning activities, providing health information and referral, supporting the development of the environment and school culture that supports health and wellbeing, and working with the community and other services.

The SBYHN can provide health and wellbeing information about:

- healthy eating and physical activity
- feeling unhappy or stressed
- relationships
- healthy skin
- personal and family problems
- growth and development
- sexual health
- smoking, alcohol and other drugs.

Confidentiality

Young people have a right to confidentiality when accessing health services. As a health service provider the SBYHN respects this but there are some things the nurse must refer or act upon.

In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents about health and wellbeing issues. I can support young people to do this.

Getting the best help for health

At times other services can provide more appropriate or further help or support for young people. The SBYHN will discuss the options for working with other services or linking young people with the right services.

The SBYHN does not provide

- treatment such as medications, injections, first aid
- physical examinations
- ongoing counselling for psychological problems.

Student appointments can be made to see me before or after school, or during breaks.

IMMUNISATION DATES 2014

The following are the dates for the 2014 school immunisations for Years 8 and 10 students. Consent/Information forms will be sent home with your child in the first week of February. Please read the information and discuss with your child.

NOTE: The Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV is now being offered to BOYS (previously this was only available to the girls through the School Immunisation Program). The consent forms cover the dates listed below for ALL immunisations for the year. Please return signed consent forms as soon as possible to the front office no later than 13 February. (There will be spare consent forms at the front office if needed!!!)

PLEASE NOTE: No Immunisations will be given on the day if the consent forms have not been signed.

Tuesday 18 February

Year 8 girls and boys – DTPa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]). Note the DTPa is being offered to year 8 this year instead of year 10.

Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (1 of 3)

Wednesday 19 February

Year 10 girls and boys – DTPa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]) Vaccination

Year 10 boys - Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (1 of 3)

Catch up vaccinations for the above will be available at the Proserpine Hospital Friday 21 February between the hours of 7:30am and 2:30pm.

Tuesday 29 April

Year 8 girls and boys – Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (2 of 3)
Wednesday 30 April
Year 10 boys - Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (2 of 3)
Catch up dTpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough])

Tuesday 19 August
Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (3 of 3)

Wednesday 20 August
Year 10 boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (3 of 3)

*Please Note: Since 1 May 2000, hepatitis B has been included in the National Immunisation Program for all infants. It is offered as a birth dose and also included as part of a combination vaccine given at 2, 4 and 6 months of age. This means that if your child was born on or after 1 May 2000, they may have already received hepatitis B vaccination and will not require hepatitis B in the school program. Please contact your doctor or the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 if you need to check your child’s records.

If your child is not here on these days and misses out on their vaccinations then you need to contact the hospital or make arrangements with your local doctor/GP to have these done.

For further information please contact me.

Cheers,
Karen Dachs,
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Monday, Tuesday and alternating Wednesday on 4945 0112 from 8am to 4pm

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Introducing New Teachers

Hi everyone!

I’m Adam Philipson and I am a first year teacher at Proserpine State High School, in the Business and SOSE Departments. I grew up in Proserpine and finished Year 12 at Proserpine High in 1995. A big shout out to my old teachers and the support staff from the early 90’s that are still here and being so supportive (I won’t mention any names).

Outside of school, my interests are soccer, cricket, basketball, golf, playing guitar and spending time with my three little kids. Thank you to all students and the staff for making my teaching experience very rewarding and I look forward to a great 2014.

Hello, my name is Jane Moran. I’m currently teaching English and History at Proserpine State High School and have been enjoying my new classes. I have also taken on the role as Year 9 Coordinator which will be challenging, but I am looking forward to learning many new things. Prior to Prossie, I taught at Glenden State School and am originally from the Sunshine Coast. I am really enjoying meeting new people and all that the Whitsunday area has to offer.

Hello there!

My name is Lisa Cameron and I am a new Mathematics and Science teacher. I taught at Toolooa State High in Gladstone for the last six years. Everyone at Proserpine State High has been very welcoming and I look forward to a good year.

Hi everyone, my name is Jodi Gibson and I am the new Science Head of Department. I grew up in Mackay and have worked at Tannum Sands and Mirani before coming here to Proserpine.

Thank you to all of the amazing staff who have welcomed me so warmly. I look forward to great year ahead.
Hi, My name is Kahlia Goodwin and I’m a new Year 8 English and Humanities teacher. I’m from Brisbane and have lived there all my life. I was very lucky to be offered the opportunity to move to the area and start my teaching career at Proserpine State High School. I arrived in Proserpine last Sunday afternoon so it has been very hectic. Everyone has been very kind and welcoming which is allowing me to feel supported and to settle in quickly. I’m looking forward to getting to know the staff and students and look forward to a rewarding and challenging year.

Canteen

The canteen ladies are looking forward to another busy year ahead with the reliable help of our wonderful volunteers.

Welcome to our new mums on our roster, we are very happy to have you. We still have a few spaces to fill on our roster so if there are any parents who have a few hours spare once a month we would love your help. We need a volunteer for a little lunch on a Monday and Tuesday and a Monday and Wednesday big lunch.

Streets Paddle Pop Lick a Prize Competition has finished and they have introduced a new school approved chocolate “shakey shake” icecream for $2.00.

A big congratulations to Wendy Davidson who won our “Volunteer of Term 4” 2013. Wendy won a $50 fuel voucher.

Our Summer Menu will continue this term with lots of healthy fruit, veg and salad options. This can be found in the side panel to the left of the newsletters.

Cheers from the canteen ladies...

General Information

DO YOU HAVE A TAX FILE NUMBER???

Secondary school students over 13 years of age, have the opportunity to obtain a tax file number through the school. Students complete a one-page application, which includes their name, address and date of birth. The school then certifies this information. Once the Taxation Office receives the application form, it will be processed within four weeks and the number will be mailed to the student’s postal address.

By applying through the school, original proof of identity documents do not need to be sent to the Taxation Office. You may wish to consider this service if your child does not have a tax file number and is interested in applying for a job over the school holidays.

For further information please contact the school or phone the Tax Office on 132 861. Students can obtain an application form from Mrs Brown in C Block staffroom.

Deb Brown| HOD Business & Technology

REMINDER

All text books, library books and other resources from 2013 must be returned to the school library 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 2014.

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

Up-date your student’s records

Return to the beginning of the newsletter and in the left side bar please open ‘Forms and Documents’, print out the appropriate form/forms, fill in and then return to it/them to the office. You are welcome to call into the office to have the changes made on the spot so you can be contacted when your student becomes unwell or in case of an emergency.

Change of Address and Medical Details

• Have you changed your address, phone number, email address, etc.?
• Have you changed jobs recently?
• Has your son/daughter’s medical details changed?

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Any ‘prescription medication’ should be left at the office in the original container provided by the pharmacy (clearly indicating dosage), along with a note from the student’s parents giving permission for the medication to be taken during school hours.
Parents please note that non-script items such as Panadol can be stored in the student’s own school bag and taken as required. Non-script items are not kept at the office.

**UNIFORM STORE**
As from Monday 3 February 2014, the Uniform Store reverts to normal opening times of 8:30am to 10:30am, Monday and Wednesday ONLY.

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NEW & USED New Style School Uniforms
for Sale

Girl’s uniforms
1 x day shirt size 10 excellent condition
2 x day shorts size 16 excellent condition (fit size 10/12)
1 x formal shorts size 12 in good condition
$15 each
Phone 0410 312 024

Community News

ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
CANNONVALE

The adolescent years come with many changes, and sometimes challenges. Emotions such as feeling down, moody, irritable, tense, angry or anxious may become more intense during this transition from childhood to early adulthood. While this is normal during the adolescent years, if these emotions persist over time or interfere with day to day life, it is best to address this early to prevent future distress and mental health problems.

Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) provides up to 12 free counselling sessions for young people (12 years+) with mild to moderate symptoms of distress. This service is provided locally in Cannonvale, is free for those with a low income and can be accessed with a GP referral. Adults and women that are experiencing stress in pregnancy or after the birth of their child, may also access this service by asking their GP for a referral.

If you are concerned about your mental health or someone in your care please talk to your GP about a referral to ATAPS.

For more information contact your GP or Ms Terri Cox, ATAPS Coordination and Liaison Officer for Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local on 4898 2700.
Guitar Lessons

Senior Leader available to teach Beginner to Advanced guitar lessons on Monday afternoons at Strathdickie.

With the following qualifications:
- 8th grade (equiv) Contemporary guitar, Honours
- 5th grade Classical guitar, Credit
- 4th grade Music Theory, Honours
- 2 years teaching experience

Able to teach Electric, Acoustic and Classical style guitar, with musical notation and/or tablature.

$20 /half hour; **First lesson FREE.**

Term commitment required.

**Byron:** 0459 533 854