Date Claimers

FUN RUN
Period 1 on Thursday 1 May
Can you complete the 4km run in under 30 minutes?
ALL students are expected to participate.

REPORT CARDS

Year 8-10 Report Cards
Student report cards will be emailed out to parents on Monday 28 May. If you have not provided the school office with an up-to-date email address please do so straight away so that it can be sent out to you.

Year 11-12 Report Cards
Reports cards for Years 11-12 were emailed out on the last day of Term 1 or during last week. If you have not received your student’s report card by email, please contact the school office to provide an up-to-date email address or to collect a hard copy.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 7 May
Interviews will be held between 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the school hall.
Parent Teacher Interviews – Booking Program sheet was sent out by an SMS text message during last week. This information is also available in the side panel under ‘FORMS AND DOCUMENTS’, Parent Teacher Interview instructions for parents 2014.

Please note that teachers may be contacted by email at any time during the year by contacting the school email address the.principal@proserpnshs.eq.edu.au.

Principal Perspective

ANZAC DAY
I am extremely proud of the students at Proserpine State High School for their contribution to ensuring the ANZAC spirit continues strong into the future. ANZAC Day formalities began with the laying of wreaths at our school cenotaph followed by our whole of school ANZAC DAY ceremony. Our School Captain, Logan Dachs spoke confidently as the Master of Ceremonies, while Vice School Captain, Isabelle Silberling delivered a key note address. The senior students were supported by the talented school band and choir, and finally the last post played superbly by our own Dan Townsend. I have to also acknowledge the impeccable behaviour of all our students in the audience. Our special guests Captain Daniel Nailer, Mr Jason Raiteri (President of Proserpine Ex-Services Club), Jacinta Kearns (Secretary of Proserpine Ex-Services Club), Arthur Hoswell (ex-services), Peter Jameljanenko (ex-services), Paul Ekin (ex-services), Jan Phillips (ex-services), Lizzy Balma (ex-services) and Pastor Wayne McHugh made mention of how respectfully the students conducted themselves. Special mention to Captain Daniel Nailer from Townsville for making the time to visit our school and addressing the students at the ceremony.

The ANZAC marches were also proudly attended by many students from Proserpine State High School. Student representation at the marches in Airlie Beach and Proserpine was again the highest seen for many years. I have received many positive comments from the community commenting on how professional the students were dressed in their formal uniform and how they represented the school with such pride. I thank students for their attendance and contribution to this extremely important event.

Overall our students demonstrated the values of respect, community and the ANZAC spirit. Values we proudly stand for within our school community at Proserpine State High School.
PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Booking information will be provided with report cards when they are emailed home on Monday 28 April. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews to build positive connections between parents and school. Education Queensland recently released the Parent and Community Engagement Framework which clearly outlines that strong relationships between the home and school lead to higher levels of student achievement. The Parent/Teacher Interviews are being conducted on Wednesday 7 May between 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the school hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

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. School data shows attendance across all year levels below the targeted 92% attendance rate for this calendar year.

Concerning are the statistics that show our current attendance rate of 88% for Term 1. More alarming is the fact that 16% of our students attended for only 80% or less of their schooling in Term 1 which over a year equates to missing a term of education. Although there are some explained reasons for prolonged absence many of these are unexplained and unacceptable. Close attention is being placed on these students and many parents have already received communication regarding our concern.

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 of 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 non-attendance please contact the school.

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Sports Section

FUN RUN

Period 1 on May 1 will be the beginning of the 2014 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 Friday May 9.

Sam Wilson
Sports Master

RUGBY LEAGUE

On Wednesday April 2 a group of enthusiastic students went to Mackay where the boys played in a 9s Competition which saw some very good football.

Year 9s played strong and close games winning against Sarina, unfortunately losing both games to Mercy College. Great effort by all players and definitely some talent was on show. Jack Kearns, Ben Cornish and Jake Harrison were voted players’ player.

Year 10s started the day with a convincing win against St Catherine’s. This was followed by a loss to Mercy 1 and another win against Mercy 2. The team did enough to make the finals but unfortunately lost to Mackay State High School. Kai O’Donnell received the players’ player for the tournament.

Several girls travelled down for the Cowboys Girls Challenge. The U15 girls played in a combined side with Mirani. As the day progressed their confidence and teamwork improved. Thalianna McAvoy was awarded player of the match.
The Open girls played in a combined side which proved a little challenging. The girls certainly did Proserpine proud with their abilities, Zenita making some hard tackles and Sarah making a few good breaks. Madlin Spruce showed great versatility and was offered a position in the Indigenous Allstars Squad (allowed four non-indigenous). Congratulations also to Laura Taylor and Aiakie Gabey who were selected in the Mackay U16 squad.

Mrs Leanne Farr
Rugby League Coordinator

CARE CARNIVAL
It was a fun filled day to cap off Term 1 at Proserpine High’s Care Carnival. Participation and enjoyment was displayed consistently throughout the day with the school littered in a sea of house colours.

Kennedy were successful in winning the overall Care Carnival Trophy, followed respectively by Oxley, Flinders and Cook. K6 and K7 took out joint individual honours followed by joint second place recipients F4 and O2.

The athleticism of students was admired, but took a backward seat to the sportsmanship, fairness and sun safety displayed by the majority of the school. A fun filled atmosphere has us eagerly anticipating next year’s Care Carnival.

eLearning Update

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS
Welcome back from a lovely two week holiday. The Year 8 students have settled back into an academic focus at Proserpine State High School and are ready for a busy ten week term.

Term 1 report cards have been issued and we hope that your son/daughter has worked to their potential by providing 100% effort and demonstrating appropriate behaviour. Sometimes Term 1 academic results may be influenced by making new friends, understanding new teachers, completing exams in a different manner to primary school. Please take these issues into account when viewing your child’s report. Parent-Teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday May 7 and this is an opportunity to meet with the teacher in developing an action plan for improvement.

The Behaviour and Effort Incentive Scheme uses the “effort” and “behaviour” results to award students with a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award depending on the number of Excellent, Very Good and Satisfactory results they have received in Effort and Behaviour. Gold Awards will be presented on the full School Assembly on Monday May 12. Silver and Bronze recipients will be presented on the Year 8 Assembly on Wednesday May 14.

Year 8 students will also receive their second immunization this coming week.

With the various public holidays taking place this term please check that your child has packed their school equipment for the correct day of the week.

Thanking you for your ongoing support of your child and their education. We look forward to meeting you at the Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 7th May.
Students of the week:

Term 2 Week 1: Laura Johnson–Bradley and Chloe McLean
Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

Industry News

WORK EXPERIENCE

34 students participated in work experience last term and once again fantastic feedback was received from employers. The fields that students chose to sample included mechanical, hairdressing, law enforcement, hospitality, electrical, pharmacy, legal, childcare, veterinary, live production & theatre and more. There were a few students who impressed their employers so much they were offered casual employment…well done!

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS & APPRENTICESHIPS (SATS)

SATS allow students to study for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), work for an employer, earn a wage, and train towards a recognised vocational qualification, while completing high school. Students have the opportunity to complete their traineeship while still at school, or if working towards an apprenticeship, converting to full time employment and continuing their training once they complete school.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been signed into a school based apprenticeship or traineeship:

- Sean McGill – Certificate II in Hospitality @ Sushi Hi
- Lachlan Scanlon – Certificate II in Hospitality @ Sushi Hi
- Chloe Van Bergen – Certificate III in Fitness @ Airlie Fitness
- Alex Rodgers – Certificate III in Electrotechnology @ Belmont Electrical
- Jack McDonald – Certificate III in Engineering Mechanical Trade – Diesel Fitting @ McDonald Murphy Earth Moving Equipment

For information on School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships or work experience, please see Mrs Jolley in B4, or phone 4945 0121.

Nicole Jolley
Senior Schooling & Industry Liaison Officer
**From the Guidance Officer**

**ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS**

Don’t miss out on the following scholarship applications and events:

- The Peter Doherty Awards for outstanding Senior Science students valued at $3000. **Closing date 2 May, 2014.** See under Competitions and Awards in this newsletter for more information.
- A five day conference with the Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF) for students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in investigating careers and pathways in the aerospace industry. In 2014 the AYAF will be hosted at the University of Queensland (UQ) from 30 June – 4 July, with day trips to other universities and industry locations.

Check out Senior Options on the side panel to the left of the newsletter as a new Career Option has been placed up with scholarships and career news that has come available.

**Sharon Rudinski**  
Guidance Officer  
Student Advisory Centre

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**Health Matters**

**SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS**

**TUESDAY 29 APRIL**

Years 8 boys and girls:
- Human Papillomavirus vaccination [HPV] (2 of 3)
- Varicella - Chicken Pox [zvz] (1 of 1)

**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL**

Year 10 boys:
- Human Papillomavirus vaccination [HPV] (2 of 3)
- Catch-up Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis - whooping cough [dTpa]

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

For further information, please contact me.

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**FUN RUN**

During the Fun Run on Thursday May 1 please remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide the sun glasses on and don’t forget your water.

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

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**Student Resource Scheme 2014**

**STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME – TERM 2**

As advertised in the Student Resource Scheme information package, term instalments are due for payment during the second week of term. Term 2 instalment is due for payment by 2 May 2014. **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.

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**Canteen**

Welcome back to Term 2.

Check out our new menu for Term 2 in the side panel of the newsletter or collect a paper copy from the canteen. We have some lovely changes to our menu for the cooler months ahead.

Congratulations to our Volunteer of Term 1, Di Lawlor and to Gill Dougherty and Logan Dachs for the best dressed customers on Care Carnival day. Well done!

*Cheers from the canteen ladies…*

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**Assessment Schedule Changes**

**YEAR 8 ENGLISH**

As a result of public holidays and school events, a number of Year 8 classes have lost class time to work on their latest assessment item which was due on April 28. Therefore, to ensure students have ample time for drafting and feedback, the due date for 8 English Task 2 – Indigenous Perspectives, has been extended to May 9.

If parents have any queries about this change please contact me.

*Mrs Corinne Raiteri*  
Acting HOD - English and LOTE
Uniform Store Update

Thank you to the generous families who have donated no longer required, new style uniforms to the school. These items have been added to our limited supply of uniforms available as an overnight loan to students in case of clothing malfunction at school. This practice has been introduced to support the school’s uniform policy and the ever improving standard of student presentation.

PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL JUMPERS

As previously advised only 200 pullover/jumpers have been ordered initially to gauge the student response. Delivery of our jumper order has been received and stock is now available for viewing and purchase from the Uniform Store.

Two styles have been endorsed by the P&C Association:

Option 1 UNISEX - Cotton/acrylic pullover
Option 2 UNISEX – Fleece – full zip

Both styles are black with the school logo embroidered on the left hand side chest. Price $45.

Mrs Lynn Larkin
Uniform Convenor

Competitions and Awards

2014 ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Students who are interested in sitting the 2014 ICAS Science Competition on Wednesday June 4 need to see Miss Gibson in F Block by May 2. All participants will receive a UNSW Certificate of Achievement for their student portfolios.

ARE YOU PROJECT SPR’S YOUNG FASHION STAR?

Senior design students have the chance to join fashion royalty including Project Runway Australia’s Julie Grbac in setting the style agenda for sun-safe fashion as part of Queensland Health’s Project SPF (stay pretty forever).

To enter, like Project SPF on Facebook, click on the Design Competition tab and upload an image of one sun safe garment designed by you. Tell us your inspiration and share your entry with family and friends. Entries close 30 April 2014.

Please open the attached flyer.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES

Do you take yourself to be the next Jane Austen or Suzanne Collins?

Well, get writing, as The Whitsunday Voices Short Story Competition is on again! The theme this year is “Eat My Words”. There are some great prizes on offer for all year levels. Entry forms are available from Mrs Raiteri in D Block staffroom. Entries close 19 May.

ATTEND ANZAC COVE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Queensland students now have a better chance to be involved in historic Anzac Day centenary commemorations in Gallipoli after the Queensland Government announced 30 extra places for the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize.

Seventy students will be selected to take up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in 2015 to travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front and attend the Anzac Centenary commemorations at Anzac Cove.

The 2015 competition opens this Anzac Day and Year 8-11 students will be required to submit an original 2-5 minute multimedia presentation about the Anzac tradition.

For ideas, students can view tour reports and footage from previous Premier’s Anzac Prize tour groups by visiting: http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/2013-tour.html.

Queensland’s centenary activities are documented on the Anzac Centenary website at: www.qld.gov.au/Anzac100.

PETER DOHERTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

The Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science and Science Education, which commenced in 2004, recognises students, teachers, support officers, schools, volunteers, mentors and organisations that have made outstanding and innovative contributions to science and science education in Queensland.

The award is named after Professor Peter Doherty, a Brisbane-born Nobel Prize-winning scientist who was educated at Indooroopilly State High School and the University of Queensland.

Award Conditions

Applicants may be nominated by themselves or by another person.

Eligibility conditions and selection criteria are listed on the application forms for each award. Previous Peter Doherty Award recipients are not eligible to apply.

Previous applicants may not reapply for the same project or initiatives without enhancement or significant modification.

Nominations for 2014 now open

Nominations are open for the 2014 Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science and Science Education http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/science/all-stars.html. This year twenty-seven awards will be presented, across five categories, to the value of $109,000. Closing date 2 May, 2014.

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARDS

The Pierre de Coubertin Award is designed to recognise students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play through participation in a variety of sports in the competitive arena.

The award recognises students who demonstrate consistent attributes with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement,
with particular emphasis on participation and commendable sporting behaviour.

“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.” Baron Pierre de Coubertin, Founder of the Modern Olympic Games.

Past Pierre de Coubertin award recipients include dual Olympian pole vaulter, Alana Boyd and Corporal Daniel Keighran who was the recipient of the Victoria Cross.

Students eligible for award nomination (may be from Year 10, 11 or 12) must have represented the school district or region as a participant in at least three sports in the competitive arena during their high school years (8-12). One of those sports must be on the current Olympic program.

The award recipient must submit an original piece of literacy OR artistic work, which illustrates their appreciation of the Olympic movement. The 2014 theme is Youth and the future of Olympism in a digital world.

Nominations close 16 May for the 2014 awards. See Mr Wilson in the SLC staffroom if you wish to apply.

As Georgia Applehof from Brigidine College shared:

“My receiving the award shows other students that you don’t always have to be ‘a star’ to be recognised. It’s important to be prepared to ‘have a go’ and just do your best in whatever sport is played.”

General Information

NEWSLETTER SIDE PANEL

Previous Newsletters

By clicking on the Archive Newsletter tab on the side panel of the newsletter, you can view previous school newsletters.

School Calendar

You can check what is happening at the school by clicking on School Calendar. To view more details of an event, just click on it or move your mouse over it to find out more information. If you move further down the page and if your student is in Year 12 you can click on the purple ‘Year 12’ box and only Year 12 items will show for you.

To Print out the Newsletter

Click on PDF Print Version and then click on print so you do not waste heaps of paper.

Up-Date Your Contact Records

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

Return to the beginning of the newsletter and in the left side bar please open ‘Forms and Documents’, print out the appropriate form/forms (UP-DATE YOUR CONTACT RECORDS or MEDICAL 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 the school, 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 in the near future.

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 Central staffroom.

NEW CYBERSAFETY WEBSITE

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

CREATIVE GENERATION

State Schools Onstage Tickets on Sale

Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage turns 10 with four glittering arena-style shows featuring The James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, a 700-voice choir, 65-piece student symphony orchestra, more than 700 dancers, up to 300 string players, more than 30 featured vocalists and spectacular special effects. Tickets for shows stage at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July are now available.
## Important Dates Term 2

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## Community News

**ROSEMARY SHEPHERD MUSIC LESSONS**

**INSTRUMENTS:** Violin, Recorder, Theory and Practical, Exams (optional)

**PLACE:** Home or school

**CONTACT:** 0458 401 722

**EMAIL:** rosemaryeeshep@gmail.com

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

### Arriving in July

**Remy (16) from French-Canadian** loves the outdoors, camping and outdoor activities. He has been a scout for the past eight years and plays both American football and soccer. His interests include swimming, kayaking, cooking, basketball, tennis and general fitness. He also loves horse riding. Remy speaks French, English and Spanish, with French being his native language. He is looking forward to improving his English skills with his host family and classmates, on his exchange here in Australia.

**Sara, aka Erika, (16) from Finland,** is looking forward to her exchange here in Australia. She lived in Perth for two years when she was eight and is looking forward to moving back to Australia and living with a welcoming host family. Some of her hobbies include cooking, playing the piano, reading, hiking, dancing and scouts. She has been dancing classical ballet for 12 years and has been a scout troop leader since she was 12. During winter, Erika enjoys cross-country and downhill skiing.

+ OVER 100 MORE
Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly, Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733; Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!
It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

YOUTH SPACE

What’s on 4 Youth

WHAT’S ON FOR NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK IN APRIL

Please open the attached flyer.
Pamper & Personal Development Morning

We aim to encourage women to live an active life and achieve their best self through active living.

This workshop will equip you with the tools to change your life!

Saturday, 12 April 2014
10:00am - 1:00pm
Whitsunday Hair Studio

Makeup
Department
Hair, Skin & Nails
Health, Nutrition & Exercise
Healthy Habits Luncheon

Quota Care's Monthly Project
Please contact Jill Fairbairn, (07) 4945 1777, for more info.

Save Our Kids
CHARITY AUCTION!

Saturday 29th March, 2014

Time: 8pm
Venue: Reef Gateway Hotel (Reef Room)
Price: $40 per person – 2 course meal plus a FREE glass of bubbly

This Fundraising Event is for a Child and Youth Mental Health Worker for our area, to support schools and disengaged youth and suicide prevention program. The community working for the community!

Entertainment includes
Live music with The Baby Bloomers, auction, raffles, lucky door prizes, lots of fun to be had!

Tickets are available by calling Cathy Evans on 0412 828 329, the Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre (Lot 2 Hazelwood Court, Cannonvale) and Airlie Fitness (Reef Plaza, Cnr Shute Harbour Road & Paluma Road)

Connect 2014
FREE Community Event

- Connect with support services, volunteering opportunities and recreational options
- Music & entertainment
- Zumba® Fitness display by Jacqui
- Savage Sizzle
- Children & Youth games & prizes
- Information stalls

Connect 2014 is an initiative of Whitsunday Regional Council’s Youth Committee. For more information please contact Council’s Youth Services office on (07) 995 827.