MIGHTY MINDS PARENT WORKSHOP
Thursday 5 June
6:30 to 7:30pm
School lecture theatre

AN EVENING OF SHAKESPEARE
Thursday 12 June
Starting at 7pm
School Multi-Purpose Hall
Admission $5

More information about both these events can be found under What’s Coming Up in this newsletter.

STATE EDUCATION WEEK
State schools across Queensland celebrated State Education Week 2014 by opening their doors to the community or holding community activities. The annual week-long celebration is an opportunity to recognise the talent and achievements of students and teachers in state schools, and showcase their wonderful work to the wider community.

I thank those parents and community members who dropped into our joint state schools community display at Centro Whitsunday last week. The display had a Past to Future theme and highlighted the exciting new era of Proserpine State High School as Year 7 students join our school community in 2015.

Parent & Citizen Day is held each year during State Education Week to celebrate the important work undertaken in our state schools by our parents and citizens associations. This year, P&C Day was held on Friday 23 May 2014. The student leaders presented gifts to the P&C committee to acknowledge the valuable contributions that our P&C makes in assisting our school to deliver quality educational outcomes to the students of Proserpine State High School.

An Article from our Student Leaders
Last Friday was P&C Day! We would like everyone to reflect upon the massive contribution our P&C makes to our school each year. We greatly appreciate the support that they have given to the school committees, the canteen, the repayment of the hall and all of the other projects that they have undertaken around the school. We would like to especially thank the executives of the P&C for their hard work:

- **President**: Jeff Lade
- **Vice-President**: Cathy Reents
- **Treasurer**: Jeremy Cooper
- **Secretary**: Tina Hamilton

Thank you also to all the parents that make up the P&C as without your commitment, the school wouldn’t be the same.

Isabelle Silberling
Vice Captain

QUEENSLAND DISABILITY AWARDS NOMINATION

Each year the Queensland Disability Awards recognise individuals who, through exceptional effort, goodwill and commitment, have promoted a greater understanding of disability among the broader community or made significant positive differences to the lives of people around them.

This year Cody McCarthy was nominated for the awards in several categories including Inspiring Individual, Community Initiative and Community Awareness. Cody through his efforts has been a real inspiration to his peers, and students with disabilities as he consistently tackles challenges and life with a positive outlook. He is a young man who exudes patience, respect and numerous skills which he applies passionately across different contexts in the school. Cody’s contributions and dedication simply put, makes our school and community a better place for others. We are very proud of his achievements.
SCHOOL LOGO SURVEY

I thank parents for taking the time to respond to the marketing survey allowing the school to gauge community perception regarding the proposed change to the school logo and motto. Results of the survey were presented to the P&C on Wednesday night at an open forum. The P&C and school management team endorsed the proposal for change, rebranding of our school within the broader community will come into effect at the start of 2015.

I do stress to parents that there will be no financial constraints placed on them or necessity to purchase new uniforms due to the new branding in 2015.

The results from the survey are list below.

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Parents
Which logo do you prefer from the two options?
- Option 1 – 35%
- Option 2 – 65%

Do you support the change of logo?
- Yes – 82%
- No – 10%
- Undecided – 8%

Year 12 Students
Which logo do you prefer from the two options?
- Option 1 – 51%
- Option 2 – 49%

Do you support the change of logo?
- Yes – 53%
- No – 23%
- Undecided – 24%

Staff
Which logo do you prefer from the two options?
- Option 1 – 48%
- Option 2 – 52%

All students
Which logo do you prefer from the two options?
- Option 1 – 41.5%
- Option 2 – 58.5%

Do you support the change of logo?
- Yes – 59%
- No – 22%
- Undecided – 19%

Do you support the change of logo?
- Yes – 46%
- No – 33%
- Undecided – 21%

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

What’s Coming Up

MIGHTY MINDS PARENT WORKSHOP

On Thursday 5 June from 6.30-7.30pm in the school lecture theatre, Steve McCabe will be running an information session for parents who would like positive strategies on how they can help their child to succeed at school. Steve is a dynamic educationalist who gives parents and teachers hands-on strategies for assisting young people in the learning process particularly in the area of critical and creative thinking.

It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend, as Steve is not dull, he fills a room with his huge personality and is not afraid to say what he thinks. In his many years as an educational consultant, he has transformed schools, teachers and students with his passion for innovation in education.

The school currently has Steve developing programmes in the senior school and his writing genre booklet is on the school curriculum drive for students to access.

A booklet with many more strategies for helping your child to be successful will be available on the night.

So as to ensure we have printed enough booklets, we would love parents to RSVP by 4 June by phoning the school office on 4945 0111 or emailing the.principal@proserpnshs.eq.edu.au

Mrs Jenny Napier

AN EVENING OF SHAKESPEARE

Who said Shakespeare was boring? Yes, it’s that time of the year again! Shakespeare Evening is coming up and the Year 12 Drama students have been working hard to put together a spectacular collection of performances. Come along to watch all your favourites such as Romeo & Juliet, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Macbeth and more as they’re transformed into fantastic collage pieces filled with murder, love, and as always, a laugh.

The plays for this year include:

- We Should Totally Just Stab Caesar!
- Shakespearian Survivor
- Don’t Hate, Manipulate
- All the World’s a Stage
- Love Doctor
The plays will be performed by Mr Albion’s and Miss Hinschen’s talented drama students on Thursday 12 June. If you’re looking for an excuse to get out of the house then come along and support them! Bring your friends, family, and anyone else you can think of! Entry is just $5 and comes with tea and coffee. Music will also be performed in the interlude by the Year 11 and 12 Music students. The show runs for approximately two hours, starting at 7pm. If you’re a junior or a Year 11 Drama student, then this is a great opportunity to see what you’ll be doing in the future!

Still believe Shakespeare is boring? Come along to the school hall and see the performance for yourself. It’ll be a guaranteed night of laughs and a spectacular show that will definitely change your mind.

Pagan Malcolm
Year 12 Drama Student

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM TASTER

Two weeks ago a selection of our Year 10 students were treated to a writing workshop by Kylie Davis from JCU School of Journalism. Some thirty students attended one of the two workshops where they were given the opportunity to share their writing and receive guidance, advice and critical feedback from a professional writer. Although Kylie herself has a Masters in Journalism, the workshops were for any students interested in making a career in writing related occupations. Many of the students found the workshops very helpful, particularly in regards to their current English unit of work, and made the most of this great opportunity. As part of the workshop these students had the opportunity to publish their own work on the JCNN@school website for young writers. Please access the website to have a look at some of the fantastic work our students are producing.

If you are an aspiring writer and would like the chance for some professional feedback you can email your story to kylie.davis@jcu.edu.au or go to facebook.com/JCUgetintouni.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES

The Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival is on again in 2014. This festival provides the opportunity for our students to work with an exciting array of Australia’s most highly-regarded young adult author’s, playwrights, performers and illustrators. This year, interested students can attend a range of workshops from the likes of Morris Gleitzman, Wendy Harmer, Sean Williams, Lilli Wilkinson, James Roy and Chris Morphew, amongst others.

A bus will be running from Proserpine State High School on Friday 18 July, 2014. While the school will subsidise the trip, students will have to pay a fee. This opportunity is open to students from all year levels but will be limited in numbers. If you are interested please collect a permission form from me in D Block staffroom by Monday 7 June.

Ms Corinne Raiteri
Acting Head of Department – English and LOTE

Home Economics Department

UNDER 8s DAY

On Thursday 22 May the Year 11 and 12 Early Childhood students put into practice their knowledge and skills related to provision of educational and fun activities based on the importance of play for children under eight years old. These activities were designed to stimulate and assist with child intellectual, physical, social and emotional development.

Our students created five playful activities to fit into this year’s theme Everyone Can Play and the Five Senses including stencil painting using balloons on string, biscuit decorating, colourful pasta jewellery and animal mask making. There was also a very colourful, high energy and very engaging dance and performance group who had children singing, dancing and listening to stories.

The day was hugely successful with students being kept extremely busy working with little hands and minds for three hours with all having a fabulous time with the children, parents and teachers. The under 8s were very happy, excited and reluctant to leave. The Year 11 and 12s were very impressed with how the day and activities went, along with feeling very satisfied and tired.

Our Year 10 Early Childhood students visited Under 8s Day as part of their investigation into child development and activities which stimulate development through play. The Year 10s now have some very practical experiences to draw upon for future class and assignment work.

A very big thank you and congratulations to the organisers of the day as well.

Ms Kellie Klupfel
Head of Department – Home Economics and Senior Schooling

Humanities and Social Science

Humanities and Social Science History Project

World War One had a significant effect on Australia and created the ANZAC legend commemorated every year on the 25th of April. Next year the Proserpine Historical Museum Society is producing a book to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing on 25th April 1915. Our Year 9 History students and their teachers are about to embark on a project done in conjunction with the Proserpine Historical Museum Society by helping with the research for the book.

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(e.g. photographs, documents, anecdotes) to allow us to piece together the history of all of these men for the book.

Please contact Mrs Glynis Nicolson, Head of Department at Proserpine State High School on 4945 0114 or gnicol4@eq.edu.au. We will copy any items you are prepared to loan. This can be done via you child or the school office during office hours.

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Many thanks for your assistance,

Mrs Glynis Nicolson  
Head of Department – Humanities and Social Science

Science Department

UNDER 8s DAY SCIENCE STALL - 5 SENSES

On Thursday 22 May Mr Clegg, Ms Barlett and Ms Avery went to Proserpine State School with a group of dedicated senior students to run a stall at the Under 8s Day that encouraged the students to explore their five senses around science. The stall, based around students exploring their five senses, included bubble blowing, puzzles, fossicking, ice-cream making (and eating) and the biggest hit of all SLIME!

Ms Barlett and Mr Clegg worked tirelessly in the lead up to the day to ensure that all of the activities were a success. A huge, HUGE thank you to both Mr Clegg and Ms Barlett for their dedication and commitment to this activity. Without their amazing enthusiasm and effort the science stall wouldn’t have been the success it was.

Natischa Morsch-Ivey, Shinae Barnett, Jacob Cheeseman, Adam Van Dalen, Joe Pepper, Jessie Watts (Year 12) and Ella Bishop, Alison Dench, and Jasmine Mourtalakis (Year 11) were of invaluable assistance on the day helping with the running of the activities, and they were an absolute credit to our school. Mr Clegg and Ms Barlett couldn’t praise these students highly enough upon their reflection of the day.

Mr Clegg’s highlight of the day was hearing his favourite song, by Carly Rae Jepsen Call me Maybe a record 5 times!

Miss Jodi Gibson  
Head of Department – Science and Marine

Sports Section

NQ CROSS COUNTRY

Twenty-one students from Proserpine State High School took a nice early morning drive to Townsville last week to participate in the regional trials for cross country. We had a great day with an
outstanding threefirst places out of the ten races on the day. Jake Wagner (14 years boys), Lloyd Clode-Roberts (15 years boys) and Emma Hogan (14 years girls) were our first place getters, congratulations!

Congratulations also goes out to Holly Moore (fourth 13 years girls), Ryder Harvey (sixth 13 years boys), Katie Campbell (fifth) and Mia Burke (sixth 16 years girls), and Zaden Shanks (shadow).

Those who have officially made the NQ team will be competing in Toowoomba on 20 - 21 July at the State Championships.

Sam Wilson
Sports Master

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

We have passed the half-way point for Term 2. 2014 is passing far too quickly. It is difficult to consider only five months ago your son/daughter commenced their secondary schooling. We are quite certain that you will have noticed some changes in your child since the beginning of the year, some positive as they take on additional responsibilities while other changes may not be as positive.

The majority of the Year 8 students are actively involved in the eLearning program at Proserpine State High School and have embraced the use of technology to work to their potential. As the students settle into secondary schooling organisational habits need to be developed which include charging the battery, charging the keyboard, bringing their tablet and stylus to school every day. There are some students that are finding these tasks difficult to manage and require their parents/carers to oversee the completion of these tasks.

Congratulations to the students named as “Student of the Week”. These students have been nominated by their teachers for a variety of reasons such as being respectful to their peers and teachers, completing all class and home activities, settling quickly into secondary schooling. The exciting news is that every child has the potential to be nominated for this award.

We apologise that we have not been able to present the Silver and Bronze Awards. It is our intention to present these awards on Wednesday 26 May.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of your child and Proserpine State High School.

Students of the week:

L to R: Siena Gardner, Matthew Tantiangco and Matthew Shoebridge

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

Industry News

WORK EXPERIENCE – PROSERPINE DISTRICT HOSPITAL

For the third year running, Proserpine Hospital is offering a two day work experience program on June 30 and July 1. This will be the only work experience placement that the hospital offers during the year. This very exciting program involves sessions on many and varied areas of the hospital and allied health fields. The program will include: occupational therapy, ultrasound, mental health, pharmacy, radiography, dental, physiotherapy, maternity, SIM training, medical students, plaster practice and more. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in these fields as a potential career. Places will be offered to Year 12 and 11 students first and then Year 10. Please see me in B4 for more information……..hurry as places are filling quickly!

WORK EXPERIENCE – WILMAR SUGAR MILL

Wilmar Sugar Mill is once again offering work experience for 2014. Year 12 is being offered work experience in the June/July holidays with Years 11 and 10 occurring in the September/October holidays. Positions still available for Year 12 include: warehousing and workplace health and safety. If you are interested in electrical, fitting and turning or boilermaking and are willing to complete the three hour mill induction to be listed as a back up placement if a student has to cancel their work experience, please see me for a form.

This year the work experience for Years 10 and 11 is by an application process, please see me in B4 for the form. Positions are limited and the areas available are: warehousing, workplace health and safety, boilermaking, fitting and turning, electrical, human resources/administration and sugar chemist.

There will be a three hour induction held at the school on June 17 from 12-3pm. It is mandatory for all the students participating in work experience in both holiday periods to attend this induction. You cannot do work experience without completing the induction.

For information on School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships or work experience, please see me in B4, or phone 4945 0121.
From the Guidance Officer

SENIOR OPTIONS

Career Options 8 is now available on the side panel of the newsletter with current scholarships and career news.

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 when 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.

Assessment Schedule Changes

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES EXAM

This exam which was to happen on Thursday 29 May has now been rescheduled to Thursday 5 June. Please mark this change to your Assessment Schedule.

Uniform Store Update

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*

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**Competitions and Awards**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2015 PREMIER’S ANZAC PRIZE**

A unique opportunity, sponsored by the Premier of Queensland, is being offered to students and teachers across the state. Five students per school, endorsed by the principal, can apply to travel to Gallipoli in 2015 to commemorate the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli in World War One. Interested students should see Mrs Nicolson in A Block staffroom if intending to apply. Full details can be found via the following links.

- The 2014 tour left Brisbane on 20 April and will be updating the website as they travel. Schools can keep up to date with their progress at: [http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/2014.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/2014.html)

**STUDENTS FEELING SICK WHILST AT SCHOOL**

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

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

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**NOMINATE AS A QUEENSLAND YOUTH STRATEGY AMBASSADOR**

The Queensland Government is seeking young ambassadors for the six areas of connection in the Queensland Youth Strategy:

- Family, friends and social networks
- Education, training and employment
- Health and wellbeing
- Volunteering and participation
- Supports and services
- Arts and culture.

The six selected ambassadors (aged 12–21) will each receive a $1000 bursary for personal or professional development, and be supported to attend a personal development workshop in Brisbane. The ambassadors will help connect government and young people to share their views and ideas in the area of connection they are chosen to represent.

Young people can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else before 2 June.

Further information and online nominations are available at the Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassadors website.

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**WANTED**

The School Dental Service is offering examinations and treatment for students enrolled in Years 8, 9 and 10 at Proserpine State High School. The treatment will not be offered at the high school but will take place at the dental clinic located at the Proserpine Hospital. If you would like to have your child examined please phone the School Dental Service on 0412 369 351 to arrange an appointment. A parent or guardian must attend this appointment with their child. You must contact the School Dental Service by Friday 6 June if you wish to utilise this service.

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**Community News**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC**

**Whitsunday Raiders Rugby Union Club**

- **When:** Monday 30 June 2014
- **Time:** 8:30am drop off - 3pm pickup
- **Where:** Whitsunday Sportspark, Airlie Beach
- **Cost:** $50
- **Age Range:** 6-13 year olds
- **Bring:** Water bottle, hat, appropriate clothing and lunch.

Canteen open for drinks and snacks.

Please contact Sharron Pratt info@whitsundayrugby.com.au or phone 0403 318 866 to book a spot.

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