10 June 2014

Date Claimers

AN EVENING OF SHAKESPEARE

Thursday 12 June
Starting at 7pm
School Multi-Purpose Hall
Admission $5

More information about this event can be found under What's Coming Up in this newsletter.

P & C MEETING

Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 June in the Administration office common room starting at 7pm.

WHITSUNDAY SHOW

NO school on Friday 20 June as it is our holiday for the Whitsunday Show.

Principal Perspective

MIGHTY MINDS

Mighty Minds Director Steve McCabe spent two intensive days working with our Year 12 students last week in preparation for the upcoming QCS Test and overall readiness to face the academic challenges ahead through their individual studies. The workshops were challenging, engaging and promoted collaborative learning amongst the students. The Parent Information Evening was well attended which was extremely positive to witness, as we know that research indicates greater parent and community connections with their school leads to higher levels of success for students. Parents who attended the session on “How to help your child succeed” spoke positively about the session content. Parents seeking follow-up information or if you were unable to attend the presentation, can locate the relevant documentation on the Mighty Minds website at www.mightyminds.com.au. It is our goal at Proserpine State High School to prepare our students for success and these activities are part of a collection that have been provided to our senior students this year to assist them to reach their potential.

EduTech

I recently spent two days at the EduTech National Congress and Expo held in Brisbane listening to world renowned speakers on the latest topics of innovation and creativity and their impact on the education of young people. The conference was a fantastic opportunity to learn about what’s happening at the leading edge of new technologies and how they are transforming education. The importance of keeping up to date with curriculum delivery, technology and teaching styles is ever so important in preparing our students for the future ahead. Learning from practices in other countries and best practice from across Australia can only benefit our students at Proserpine State High School. Our current review of junior secondary has allowed us to identify new and exciting ways to integrated elements of 21st Century Learning and creativity into the curriculum delivery.

JUNIOR SECONDARY

Our transition to Year 7 joining secondary in 2015 is well under way with the final preparations being completed to staffing, facilities, curriculum and general operational structures that will allow a smooth transition for students. However, it is important to recognise that the junior secondary agenda encompasses more than Year 7 students and has allowed us to review processes and practices in our delivery to all Year 7 to Year 9 students. This review has been undertaken through the six guiding principles of junior secondary as part the government’s Flying Start initiative http://flyingstart.qld.gov.au. Throughout this process minor adjustments have been made to current practice to increase engagement in the curriculum, promote creativity and further enhance the wellbeing of all students.

This week we engage with local cluster schools and regional office representatives to conduct a peer review of our progress and readiness for the start of 2015, a reflective practice to ensure we are providing opportunities that promote success and wellbeing of the young adolescent.

Below are transition dates and parent information sessions to assist in the transition of students into Year 7 and Year 8 next year.
What’s Coming Up

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

Humanities and Social Science

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

Tuesday 27 May saw the Year 10 Geography class undertake an excursion in our local area.

The students are currently undertaking studies on Environmental Change and Management and our excursion led us to Shute Harbour, Coral Beach, Port of Airlie and the lagoon foreshore. The students have been looking at historical pictures of these areas and recorded the changes – both positive and negative that have occurred. Our local environment has certainly changed over the years and the students had a great day discovering our local tourist attractions. Most students had never been to Coral Beach and on the most part this was their favourite site. The students were very glad that this site will never change in the years to come as it is a National Park.

Mrs Rebecca Smith
Teacher – 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.

The students would dearly love assistance from the local community and descendants of the servicemen listed below to gather copies (not originals) of any historical information (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 gnc4@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_

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**Sports Section**

**RUGBY LEAGUE – ROUND 6**

Both U15 teams had wins due to forfeits from other schools. Year 8s finished the season with a loss to Holy Spirit College 38-0. The Opens were finally able to wear their new jerseys on Wednesday when they played against Holy Spirit College on home turf. The Opens were victorious in a 24-16 win. Try scorers were Sam Bennet, David Kay (2), Darcy Camm with Kai O'Donnell and Sam Bennet converting some of the tries.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Whitsunday Old Bulls for their generous donation to purchase a new set of jerseys for the Opens school side.

**RUGBY LEAGUE – ROUND 7**

Last week the U15 Number 2 Team won their game and unfortunately the Opens lost against Mackay State High School in a very close game.

**Mrs Leanne Farr**
_Rugby League Coordinator_

**WHITSUNDAY EQUESTRIAN**

Over the weekend students, Georgina Lee and Sammi Warren, represented Proserpine State High School at the Whitsunday Equestrian Group, a two day spectacular.

Georgina rode Bella in the 50/60cm and placed first. She then rode her other horse George in the 100cm and won that one also. Sammi rode her horse Rosie in the 80cm and won.

Because there were only two of them riding for the school they were not eligible for the overall school team placing.

Congratulations Georgina and Sammi, two very talented students.
“TRY A TRADE” - BLOCK LAYING AND CONCRETING COURSE

Twenty students experienced a taste of the “real world” from the 12-23 May when they tried out a trade as block layers and concreters. For the seventh year in a row Steve and Val Manley taught our students how to set out, lay blocks, concrete and finish a project making a seating area around the Science and Language Centre which will link in with the new Year 7 complex. The Student Council donated the funds to complete the project which converted a sloped grass and dirt area where students sat into a clean neat seating area.

A number of students completed two weeks of the course while others selected to complete one week and as in the real world some students had their employment terminated by their boss. Working under the instruction of a tradesperson gave the students the unique experience of finding out the differences between school and work with less coercion given to work and follow directions plus having to work through lunchtimes because they couldn’t walk away from wet unfinished concrete. They thoroughly enjoyed it and often didn’t take their full lunch breaks away from the site even when they had them with the rest of the school. The pride that all students had with the finished job when presented with their certificates was evident and they have made a lasting contribution to the school while learning new skills. Thank you to all students who participated, your classmates are already enjoying your work and you learned some skills for life.

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

We have arrived at the busy end of the term. Your child has three weeks of term 2 before holidays commence on Friday afternoon 27th June and over this time the Year 8 students will have exams and assignments across their core and elective subjects.

Good work practices are extremely helpful in reducing stress levels of your child and other family members. Some practices that you may find helpful include:

- commence an assignment immediately after receiving the task
- complete small sections of the assessment task on a regular basis
- have a regular homework time and space
- check the assessment planner for upcoming assessment items
- if difficulties arise, meet with the classroom teacher (before school, morning tea, lunch or after school).

These activities will require parent support to monitor and, perhaps, encourage. If your child has positive work practices in Year 8 then they will be more successful and less stressed during the remainder of their education.

If your son/daughter is absent from school and/or misses lesson assigned to assignments or class content, they are best to speak with their classroom teacher during a meal break to catch up on missed work. In some cases your child may require an extension and should speak to their teacher regarding the process to follow.

Finally some students may need some assistance in preparing for Term 3. By the end of Term 2 some pencil cases may require a check and top-up not to mention your son/daughter will be commencing their next pair of electives. The June/July holidays provide time for the school bag to be aired and restocking to take place ready for Monday 14 July.

On behalf of the Year 8 teachers we thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement you provide to your son/daughter in working to their potential.

Students of the week:

L to R: Bridget Collins, Daniel Moran and Vania Ehrnst

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

Students have had an awesome term so far.

NAPLAN

In Week four, students completed their NAPLAN testing in literacy and numeracy. Their effort and behaviour was superb. NAPLAN tests not only provide valuable information for parents and students as to the progress of the students during their education, but these tests are also an important tool for teachers to use in the effective planning and implementation of classroom strategies that support the learning of students. A big thank you must be given for parent support and student participation.

Attendance

Now that we are nearing the middle of the year and the winter bugs start to take hold, it is good to see that parents and caregivers are notifying the school of absences. Should a student need to be away from school, leave early or arrive late, it is imperative that the school is informed. This simple act enables accurate school records and alleviates any concern teachers may have when a student is not in class. However, it is timely to remember that students have a responsibility to follow up on school work they have missed. Furthermore, if students are away when an assessment is due, this can be handed in to the main office or emailed. Extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be applied for. Please consult your student’s school diary for more information on the school’s attendance and assessment policies or contact the school.

Mrs Moran
Year 9 Coordinator

From the Guidance Officer

SENIOR OPTIONS

Career Options 9 is now available on the side panel of the newsletter with current scholarships and career news.

Mrs Sharon Rudinski
Guidance Officer
Student Advisory Centre

Health Matters

WINTER ASTHMA WARNING

With the onset of winter and cooler weather, many people find that their asthma flares up. If you or a family member has asthma, you can do the following things to help:

- See your doctor and have the asthma reviewed (ask about the 3+ Visit plan).
- Ensure that you have an up to date Asthma Action Plan.
- Make sure that the reliever medication is carried at all times.
- Continue to follow a healthy lifestyle, exercise and watch your diet.
- Stay warm.
- Ensure that your home is an even temperature throughout. A warm bedroom seems to reduce night cough and wheeze.
- Continue to follow your doctor’s instructions even when you have no asthma symptoms.

For more asthma information contact Asthma Queensland on 1800 645 130.

Student Resource Scheme 2014

There are still some families who have not paid their Term 2 Resource Scheme instalment. Please check your records and if your resource fees for Term 2 have not yet been paid, please pay immediately.
If there are special circumstances for resource fees remaining unpaid, please contact Megan Drennan on 4945 0111 to discuss management of your fees.

Term 3 Resource Scheme instalment is due for payment by Friday, 25 July 2014.

Please be prompt with payment of term instalments. If you have chosen to pay the Resource Scheme fees by term instalments, it is the responsibility of the family to pay the instalment by the due date as per the Term Payment Calendar included in the Student Resource Scheme package. Due to costs involved, the school only sends statements of account as a reminder to families whose term instalment is overdue.

Uniform Store Update

PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL JUMPERS

With the cold snap 3 to 4 weeks ago, sales of Proserpine State High School pullovers and jumpers have been strong. The pullover style proving especially popular with the Uniform Store selling out of two sizes already. Feedback has been VERY positive and students have embraced the introduction of jumpers to the school uniform. As jumpers are often only necessary for about the first half of the day PLEASE take the time to name your students’ jumper to avoid loss. Replacement is costly.

Early in Term 1 we were unable to supply Proserpine State High School uniform shorts small enough to fit some of our Year 8 students. Delivery of size 2 day shorts has been received and these are now available for purchase. A reminder that 2014 is the last phase out year for the "old" uniform, so if you find your son/daughter is in need of new shorts please consider purchasing Proserpine State High School uniform lines.

Thank you to the generous families who donate unwanted "new" uniforms to the school. We ask that anyone leaving the district or perhaps our 2014 Year 12s might consider this option at year end.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to the small but enthusiastic and reliable group of ladies who volunteer in the Uniform Store each Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Lynn Larkin
Uniform Store Convenor

Canteen

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

I am currently working on our volunteer roster for Semester Two. If there are any parents with a couple of hours to spare once a month please give the canteen a call on 4945 0119 as we would love you to join our motivated team. Many of our volunteers are also working mums and all are very, very busy. As the saying goes.......if you want something done.......ask a busy person.

We are looking forward to meeting some new faces at the canteen.

Cheers from the canteen ladies...

Important Dates Term 2

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25.6.14  P&C meeting, 7pm Administration common room

26.6.14  Year 12 Marine Education sailing (all day); Year 11 RDYA Workshop at PCYC Airlie Beach (all year 11s to attend); Year 11/12 Hospitality training day

28.6-13.7.14 Winter school holiday

14.6.14  Start of Term 3

14-15.7.14 James Cook University Experience

14-18.7.14 Naidoc Week celebrates

15.7.14 Years 11/12 report cards emailed home

17&18.7.14 Whitsunday Voices

17-21.7.14 BaSECAMP – Science students to Brisbane

22.7.14 Australian Brain Bee Challenge (round 2)

23.7.14 P&C meeting, 7pm Administration common room

25-30.7.14 Senior Leadership Pool Interviews

28.7.14 Welcome on Monday’s parade to our Japanese sister school; 35 Bloomsbury senior students visiting

29.7.14 ICAS English Competition; Parent/Teacher Interviews, hall starting at 3:20pm

29-31.7.14 Challenge Games SEP students to Townsville

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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 will be open for drinks and snacks.

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

HURRY!

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**FOSTER CARER**

Could you be one?

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**WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE**

A Once-in-a-lifetime Opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014 summer or 2015 semester and year exchange programs. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada and Ireland are also available.

I have no doubt that I will remember so many things fondly from this year and as it comes to a close I realise more and more that I don’t want it to end. Since going back to school after the summer holidays I have noticed a change in my life here
in France, not only is it much easier to follow the lessons and work in school but I had also grown closer to my friends over the summer holidays and it truly feels as if I have known them for years. If I had to redo my exchange, I would not change a single thing.

Apply Early and Save $500

Early Bird Specials are available for programs commencing in August 2015! WEP is offering students in years 9 to 11 a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA.

Find out More!

Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP’s information sessions with your parents.

Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more

Web: www.wep.org.au
Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)
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