Principal Perspective

JAPANESE SISTER SCHOOL

Last week we welcomed 15 students and two teachers from Asaka Nishi High School our Japanese sister school into our community and school for 10 days. Brooklyn Lade and Tegan Hodges did a superb job in formally welcoming the Japanese students to our school in their Japanese language. As principal of our school it was pleasing to see students embrace our guests on parade with such a warm welcome. Clearly this is an event our students look forward to as much as our guests and is an exciting part of the school tradition. The interaction around the school has been extremely positive and one that both groups of students are enjoying.

Such cultural exchanges greatly enrich our lives and enable us to gain more insight, tolerance and understanding of the diversity of cultures in our society. I believe that this event can only strengthen the development of our students in preparing them as lifelong learners. Thank you Mr Doherty for leading the organisation for the visit of our Japanese friends and to our host families for the hospitality you have shown by opening up your homes. It is through this commitment that enables the program to continue and provides our students with such a rewarding experience.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - COMMUNITY

Recently senior students from the Community Leadership Group presented a donation to Mr Paul Eakin and Mrs Reeni Scott from the Meals on Wheels organisation. The students raised the funds through Slime A Teacher Day which was a novel idea in raising funds for this worthy cause. I congratulate the students for their enthusiastic approach to raising funds for non-profit organisations and giving back to the community that support them as students and our school so well. Our student leadership groups are working across many areas of the school and it pleasing as a principal to see student groups working to make our school and community a better place.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we move to the end of our uniform transition period on completion of the 2014 school year I urge parents to look closely at the school uniform expectations and attached policy. During the uniform transition phase a number of items have been given some leeway based on past uniform considerations. However I do stress that at the commencement of the new school year, it will be expected that students wear the school items supplied through the uniform shop or items that are near identical in style and colour.

One item of concern currently includes female athletics shorts and Lorna Jane shorts which have a split up the side. These items will not be allowed next year and therefore I am giving parents plenty of notice to purchase suitable items for the commencement of the 2015 school year.

I will be reviewing the current uniform policy at the next P&C meeting held on August 27 and I encourage any parents with a view on uniforms to attend the meeting.

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT HIGH SCHOOL

As we begin the new academic semester, it is timely to revisit a few key tips for parents that will ultimately assist their students with reaching their full learning potential during their time at Proserpine State High School. To begin, I would like to discuss the importance of you knowing your child’s study plan and helping them manage their study time.

The senior years of schooling are busy and challenging for all students. Success in the senior years requires students to develop successful organisational skills and study habits to manage the various demands of their academic and co-curricular program. Teachers closely monitor students during their school day and actively support the development of the essential skills for academic success. However, when students return home, we are not able to continue this monitoring and it is here that your involvement becomes critical to their success.

Students in the senior years are currently tracking and reviewing their academic progress and accumulation of points towards their QCE. There are a number of support staff to assist students in achieving success including the class teacher, Head of Departments for specific subjects, Senior Schooling Head of Department, Deputy Principal and Principal.

Be aware of your child’s study and assessment commitments. All students at Proserpine State High School have access to a semester study planner which details all their core learning and assessment requirements. These Semester Schedules are available for download from the side panel of the newsletter and our school website. While study loads will vary for students depending on the subjects they have elected, students striving to attain their full potential can generally expect to be committing to study on a daily basis. Your child should have a clear study plan that details time allocations for homework, assignment work and regular review/revision work for each of their subjects. The study plan your child develops should also detail time for their co-curricular and extra-curricular commitments. Maintaining a balanced lifestyle is essential in maximising achievement.

The amount of time that students spend on each subject and on the split between set homework, revision and assignments will vary and your child’s semester planner is crucial in identifying how their time must be organised. Typically, students will spend the early part of the term consolidating the previous term’s work, building new learning, completing homework and beginning assignment tasks. As students move to the middle of the term, they are likely to be focussed on completing assignments before the end of the term exam block commences with intensive revision being the focus. If you are unsure of what your child should be doing, or of what a good study plan consists of, I encourage you to contact your child’s year level coordinator, Guidance Officer or a member of our student services team.

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Humanities and Social Sciences

THE PREMIER’S ANZAC PRIZE 2015

The final selection of students eligible to apply for The Premier’s Anzac Prize 2015 at our school has now been made. It was very difficult to choose from those shortlisted last term, as all applicants were highly worthy. It is clear from their written pieces that each school applicant would make excellent Proserpine State High School ambassadors at the Gallipoli and Western Front commemorations next year. Congratulations are therefore due to all who took the initiative to apply.

These students, Matthew Cowan, Marley Hole, Rhylee Goodwin, Patrick Mahood and Jeseka Robertson can now proceed with their state applications to be selected from the state-wide pool. Good luck!

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

23 students participated in the National Geography Competition on March 31 this year. Congratulations to Lauren Teys who received a High Distinction, Emily Jukes and Jackson
Mrs Glynis Nicolson
Head of Department – Humanities and Social Sciences

Japanese News

JAPANESE SISTER SCHOOL VISIT

This year 15 students and 2 teachers from Asaka-Nishi Senior High School from Saitama Prefecture enjoyed their time while experiencing the Australian life here at Proserpine State High School. The highlight for many was the Ocean Rafting trip. They also visited the Proserpine Museum, the Proserpine State School where they participated in a Japanese class as well as a day cruise to the reef. The students had fun trying stand-up paddle boarding and finished their stay with a farewell party at the Airlie Beach Bowls Club.

The annual trip coincided with the Reef Festival and the school’s Athletic Carnival qualifying events, both of which are great snapshots of life here at this time of year. The trip is coordinated by a committee of 6 members from Asaka-Nishi Senior High School who all must undergo specialist training in order to accompany their students to any foreign country.

The trip was another huge success taking the number of students hosted since 1999 well over 200 and I hope that the sister school will play host to our students sometime in the not too distant future.

Thanks to all those who gave up their homes and assisted with this valuable culturally enriching experience. I am sure we will have more students signing up to host next year.

Mr Michael Doherty
Japanese/History Teacher

Sports Section

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday August 6, is one of the most exciting days on the school calendar. Four teams go head to head for the glory of becoming the Proserpine State High School Athletics champions of 2014. Flashes of blue, red, yellow and green will become a blur as we finish with the 4x100m relays at the end of the day. We look forward to an amazing day with hopefully perfect weather.

Just a reminder, students should be in house colours/themes for the day, ready to race or cheer their house on. Look forward to seeing you all there.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

From the eight Proserpine State High School students selected in the NQ Cross Country Team, five students attended the State Cross Country Trials held in Toowoomba. We arrived on Saturday afternoon with a cold breeze which emulated something you would expect from the Perisher ski fields. Fortunately the following days produced beautiful running weather for our students to perform in.

Results were as follows: Ryder Harvey 53rd in the state (3kms in 12min 24sec), Mia Burke 39th in the state (4kms in 19min 18sec), Holly Moore 28th in the state (3kms in 12min 32sec), Emma Hogan 28th in the state (4kms in 16min 43sec), and Lloyd Clode Roberts 3rd in the state (4kms in 13min 08sec).

Congratulations to all our runners who performed well on the hilly course doing our school proud. Good luck to Lloyd who has made the Queensland State Team and will be competing at Nationals in Western Australia from 22 to 25 August.

Mr Sam Wilson
Sports Master

FUTSAL

On July 31 the Proserpine State High Futsal team travelled to Mackay to play in the North Queensland Champions Tournament. Schools from Rockhampton to Cairns compete in this to qualify for the Australian school titles. The boys played three pool matches in which they unluckily drew the first, and convincingly won the next two. Strong performances and sticking to a game plan had the Proserpine team well set for their semi-final against a strong St Patricks Mackay Team, and they produced the goods with a 1-0 win to advance to the grand finale against Panna Patrol.

The game started off in a frantic pace with Proserpine dominating possession and scoring chances but couldn’t convert their dominance into goals. Panna Patrol scored a lucky goal off a deflection to put them one nil ahead at half time. The second half painted a similar picture, but we couldn’t equalise and frustratingly lost 1-0. Albeit disappointing, to come second in North Queensland was a great achievement, and for the first time, the school has qualified for the national titles at the Gold Coast in November. Bryce Selman was the most valuable player in a team of good performances, and the attitude and sportsmanship of the team was exemplary.
Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3. It is hard to believe that four weeks ago we were on holidays and soon we will be half way through the term.

Terms 3 and 4 are usually the busiest terms of the school year. They include presentations for Behaviour and Effort, visits by our Japanese sister school, assessment, Motivational Media presentation, inter-house Athletics Carnival (Go Cook and Oxley!), more assessment, Awards Night, Goodbye Care Bear, Transition activities, Boys Day Out/Girls Are Game, Behaviour and Effort Incentive Day trip and the list goes on. Buckle in as the second half of the year will pass by very quickly.

Students received their report card at the end of Week 1 and it was very exciting to observe the number of students with positive comments for “Behaviour” and “Effort”. This week 24 Year 8 students were awarded with a Gold Award, 25 students with a Silver Award and 35 students achieving a Bronze Award. There was in total 84 students receiving one “Satisfactory” and the remainder “Very Good” or “Excellent” in their approach to their studies. This is an improvement from Term 1 so we look forward to the results for Semester 2.

Parent Teacher Interviews were held last Tuesday and it was another wonderful opportunity to chat with parents about their son/daughter and how we can work together for the child to reach their potential. Semester Two Assessment Schedule was handed out to parents at the interviews and students received their copy on Wednesday. It is a good idea to highlight the subjects, exams and assignments that your child will be completing as well as displaying the Assessment Schedule in an obvious location to assist in time management. Some students have a copy placed on a noticeboard in close proximity to their homework/study area. Some parents enter the dates of assessment in their calendar (electronic or hard copy) and include a reminder a week ahead of the due date for study and drafts. You need to work out a process/system that best suits you and your child.

Well, buckle up and join us on the busy ride. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Students of the Week:

Week 2: Howard McDonald

Week 3: Sam Camm, Jazmin Teys and Tia Attwood

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

From the Guidance Officer

SENIOR OPTIONS

Career Options 11 is now available on the side panel of the newsletter with current scholarships and career news.

ATTENTION YEAR 12 STUDENTS, PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

Term 3 is a very important and busy time of the year for Year 12 students. If you haven’t already decided what you are going to do in 2015, this is the time to access information about the options available. The following is a selection of events and activities that will be held in Term 3 to help you with your decision-making.

PROSERPINE CAREERS EXPO

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to attend the Proserpine Careers Expo on Tuesday August 12 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm in the school hall. This year looks to be one of our biggest Careers Expos to date. We have a large number of exhibitors and interactive displays including drone demonstrations showing
students and their parents how new technologies can be used in a variety of industries.

We will have a short opening ceremony at 12 noon with Meecham from Tropical ABC Radio kick-starting the event off. As well as students and parents from Proserpine State High School, Bowen State High School and the Whitsunday Christian College. We are anticipating there will be a number of community members and job seekers.

Admission is **FREE** and exhibitors will have experienced staff on hand to answer questions and give up-to-date information about a variety of careers. They will also be giving away brochures, course information and prospectuses. If you wish any further information please contact Jenni Healy on 4945 0115 or myself on 4945 0107.

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**QTAC EVENING SESSION**

The **first evening** is a session explaining Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre (QTAC) procedures and is very important for **ALL Year 12 students and parents/guardians** of students who are considering entering university (including those who may defer).

**Who:**

Parents/guardians of Year 12 students contemplating entering (or deferring) university in 2015; Year 12 students

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**YEAR 12 TRANSITION EVENING**

“Leaving School: I’m Outta Here!” – **A Survival Workshop**

The **second evening** is for **ALL Year 12s and their parents/guardians**. It is designed to assist students to make a smooth transition from school to the “real” world. It is not a career evening. It is not just for students who wish to attend university. This transition evening has been a resounding success since its inception in 2006 with approximately 150 people in attendance each year. We urge you all to join us.

**Who:**

Year 12 students and their parents/guardians

**When:**

**Wednesday, August 20**

6:30 - 9:00pm

**Where:**

Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall

Of special interest…

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Parents should receive invitations by the end of this week. Please return your acceptance slip as soon as possible.

For further information contact the school on 4945 0111.

VISITERS TO OUR SCHOOL

Defence Force

We had the defence force representatives from ADFA and the navy visit our school during the week. They gave the girls lots of information about life in the Defence Force from a female perspective. 35 students attended the presentation.

Mrs Sharon Rudinski
Guidance Officer
Student Advisory Centre

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday August 6 is the Athletics Carnival – get smart and look after your skin – Melanoma is the most common cancer in people aged 15-55 years.

Sun Safe Care Group Shield points can be won by attending the Sun Safe table throughout the day to SLAP on some sunscreen. Points will be given for wearing your own Sun Safe hat, shirt and sunglasses, and remember to keep hydrated.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS

- **Tuesday August 19**
  - Year 8 Boys and Girls Gaurdasil – Human Papalomiavirus HPV (3 of 3)
  - Year 8 Boys and Girls Hep B (2 of 2)

- **Wednesday August 20**
  - Year 10 Boys Gaurdasil – Human Papaolmiavirus HPV (3 of 3)

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

Student Resource Scheme

Have you paid your Term 3 Resource Scheme fees? Text messages will be sent home Tuesday 29 July if your payments are overdue. Payment by term instalment is due end of week two each term. As advertised last newsletter, Term 3 instalment was due for payment on Friday, 25 July. Thank you to the families who are prompt with term instalments and keep their resource payments up to date. The school really appreciates your efforts.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of families whose Resource Scheme fees for Term 2 remain outstanding. Please check your records, as due to an oversight, this may be you. Please endeavour to keep your resource payments up to date. Students with outstanding resource fees may be denied the opportunity to participate in non-compulsory school activities as outlined in the Student Resource Scheme information package (page 6) and may be denied participation in sporting activities and school excursions that are not essential to the curriculum.

It is not the aim of the school to disadvantage students in any way. However, the school budget relies heavily on full financial support from all families. If you find that your resource payments are falling behind because of financial hardship or cannot be paid at this time for any other reason, please contact the school to renegotiate the terms of payment. In order to be of assistance to families, good communication is essential.

Prompt payment of Student Resource Scheme term instalments would be appreciated.

Introducing New Teachers

Hi everyone!

My name is Madline Thorburn and I am the new English and Humanities/Social Science teacher. My interests are fishing and spending time out on the water as well as exploring new places with friends. I also enjoy following motorsport and help to organise local kart meetings. A big thank you to all the staff who have helped make settling in a breeze and to my students who have shown themselves to be enthusiastic, cheerful and (mostly!) diligent in all of my classes.
Hello everyone!

I'm Kathryn Rubio and I'm a new Mathematics teacher. I grew up in the area but moved away to join the Navy and study at the Australian Defence Force Academy. I taught previously at Calvary Christian College in Townsville and moved back to the area to be around family and friends. I am enjoying my time so far at Proserpine State High School and I look forward to spending plenty of time getting to know students, staff and other community members.

Hello,

My name is Sam Watt and I am the new Physical Education teacher. I moved to the Whitsundays from the Sunshine Coast to complete my final prac and then start my job at Proserpine State High School. I have recently signed up with the Whitsunday Football Club and enjoy fishing on the weekends with Mr Ben Smith. It has been a pleasure meeting all the friendly staff and students at the school and I’m excited for how the rest of the semester will turn out. I still haven't seen a team of students that would be able to handle the might of the teachers in any sport yet though...

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**Behaviour & Industry**

During last week and this week, the students in Years 8 to 10 have been acknowledged for their positive approach to their behaviour and industry according to their Semester One Report. For many students it was the second award they have received in 2014 however for some students it was their first award for this year and a result of an improved effort or approach to their studies.

Students are required to obtain two awards in 2014 to receive an invitation to participate in the Behaviour & Industry Incentive Day on Tuesday December 9.

The next round of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be presented early in Term 4 so there is still time for some individuals to be acknowledged for their appropriate and respectful behaviour as well as their diligent effort.

**Year 8 Awardees**

**Gold**

Alicia Adam, Byllie Burgess, Taylah Creighton, Jade Davis, Sophie Faust, Siena Gardner, Nataliya Gordon, Renae Hardy, Tyler Jones, Darcy Larkin, Georgina Lee, Olivia McCall, Howard McDonald, Chloe McLean, Holly Moore, Georgia Muller, Tessa Munster, Ethan O’Sullivan, Tristan O’Sullivan, Madison Parker, Veronica Roberts, Matthew Tantiangco, Jasmin Teys and Allie Thomson.

**Silver**

Tia Attwood, Rebeka Beveridge, Dean Borellini, Sophie Bridge, Holly Brown, Bell Bunset, Courtney Cowan, Jesse Cowan, Patrick Cowan, Nakita Daniels, Sarah Davidson, Nikkii Dobinson, Tara Duncan, Vania Ehrnst, Georgia Fuhrmann, Amy Hungerford, Laura Johnson-Badley, Tammi-Leigh Ludwig, Brittany Russell, Tayla Russell, Matthew Showbridge, Jade Skinner, Rain Smith, Sarah Tuckett and Lilly Wood.

**Bronze**


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**Year 9 Awardees**

**Gold**

Isabella Barry-Ramo, Charlotte Brodie, Jade Flynn, Isabelle Graham, Jessie Groom, Emma Hogan, Bree Jolley, Jack Kearns, Angus Lade, Malachi Lane, Bethany Milne, Heidi Moore, Aleishia Orensaw and Georgia Summerfield-Fallon.

**Silver**

Philip Atkinson, Emma Bluck, Searna Casos, Georgia Gray, Jessika Hannan, Mitchell Henderson, Rhianna Jones, Olivia Lade, Sophie McManus, Rebecca Muller, Josh Murphy, Mia Murphy, Bao Nguyen, Scarlett Schroeder, Micala Shelley, Mika Stimson, Sarah Strohfeldt, Faith Sylvester, Benjamin Wren, Charlotte Thorne and Olivia Turner.
Bronze

Year 10 Awardees
Gold
Bria Adamson, Darcey Borellini, Sharie Borellini, Natalie Cowan, Lynda Hughes, Brooklyn Lade, Liam Mason, Miranda Matthews, Grace McDonald, Jessica Muller, Telisha Peck, Lachlan Scanlon, Claudia Terry, Lauren Teys and Kaitlyn Watts.

Silver
Lloyd Clode-Roberts, Matthew Cowan, Olivia Coyne, Kristy Davidson, Emma Dinnie, Logan Donadelli, Cherlika Gordon, Tahlia Hidebrandt, Tessa Holmes, India Lade, Amanda Martin, Heidi Mathews, Kiana Murphy, Brannon Oliver, Nicole O’Sullivan, Georgia Parker, Keely Stockwell, Lilly Wilson and Sean Wynne.

Bronze

Trish McHugh and Raylene Rasmussen (Year 8), Jane Moran (Year 9) and Ian Bell (Year 10)
Year Level Coordinators

Social Cultural Committee

LET’S GET CONNECTED!
The Social Cultural Committee’s goal this year was to improve communication throughout the school and by extension, increase school spirit. To achieve this, we have started writing this segment to keep everyone up-to-date on the happenings of the Senior Leader Committees and have also devised a competition for the students.

The competition will run from this week until early next term and anyone can enter. All students need to do is go onto the Proserpine State High School website and sign up to receive the school newsletter via email and like the official school Facebook page. Then, find the code word each week in either the newsletter or on Facebook, write it on one of the slips in the office and put it in the box. Three winners will be selected at the end of the competition. Third prize is a $30 iTunes voucher, second prize is a $50 iTunes voucher and first prize is an iPad. We really hope every Proserpine State High School student enters and gets connected!

The House Captains and Sports Committee have been busy with lunchtime athletics events in preparation for the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday of this week. The Facilities Committee are running the Cleanest Eating Area Competition again this term, so make sure that you keep your eating area clean and you could win something great! Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events.

Let’s Get Connected!

This week’s code word: WIN

Canteen

ATHLETICS this Wednesday will be FUN, FUN, FUN in the canteen. Don’t forget to bring your money along as we will have lots of ice blocks, drinks and specials to keep you in top form for your races.

Good luck to all teams!

Cheers from the canteen ladies...

Gavel Club

The Gavel Club will be having its annual public speaking competition, Saturday 16 August in the SLC lecture room between 9am and 12pm. Judges include Mrs Thorburn, Mr Storey and Mrs Moran. Any student at Proserpine State High School is able to participate in the Gavel Competition with no cost involved. There are four competitions you are able to enter. These are:

1. International Competition. Students speak for 4 – 7 minutes on the subject of their choice. This can be a recycled oral piece of assessment. It can be on any subject you desire, please check with me before going ahead.
2. **Table Topics**: This is an impromptu speech in which students are given a topic, and the students must then speak on that topic for a period of between 1 and 2 minutes. Ms Avery will be giving out the topics, and students will not hear the topics until it is their turn to speak.

   - Previous table topics have included:
     - "Do what you feel is right, or do what makes you happy?"
     - "Is anyone really talentless?"
     - "Sequels or prequels?"
     - "Acoustic or Electric?"
     - "Teaching Senior or Junior?"

3. **Humorous**: This is a speech that is 4 – 7 minutes in length. The idea of this speech is to make your audience laugh. You can tell a story, a joke, an anecdote, as long as you can speak for 4 – 7 minutes on it.

4. **Evaluation**: In the evaluation section, students are marked on their evaluation of the other speakers for the day.

   - This is a great opportunity to:
     - develop your public speaking skills,
     - participate in an extra-curricular activity that will receive a certificate of participation,
     - have a good time with friends and learn a little bit about yourself.

   There will be a light morning tea provided. If you would like more information on volunteering, to have a go at one of the speeches, checking that the topic is appropriate or helping out on the day, you are more than welcome to email javer29@eq.edu.au or come and see me.

**Ms Jacqueline Avery**  
*Gavel Club Chairperson*

**Yarning Circle**

**NAIDOC WEEK**

Certificates were handed out to students and staff on parade who helped with the celebrations of our school’s Naidoc Week in appreciation of their support, effort and time organising and running activities during the week celebrations. A big thank you to Chris Davies for the library display and the Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group for supplying the food for Wednesday.

**KEELEN MAILMANN**

Author, cattle station owner and Bidjara Elder from the Western Queensland Country, Keelen Mailmann was invited by the English faculty at the school to share some of her cultural knowledge and experiences in life as a child to a women today. Students in Year 8 and 9 English classes were treated to a spectacular presentation on her family’s cultural beliefs and language, Aboriginal artefacts and information about her book “The Story of Bones”. Miss Mailmann had captivated the students with vital life skills to survive off the land by recognising bush tucker and what animals to eat. Her favourite was the echidna and her presentation showed a step by step technique on how to catch, prepare and cook the small sumptuous mammal. This really had the students squirming in their seats because of the graphic details. If that wasn’t confronting she also touched on the subject of child abuse and what she had experienced as a child to encourage students to seek help, speak up and don’t be afraid. At the end of the day Keelen donated her book signed and dated to the school library and we hope to see her again in the future.

**Arthur Gaby, Keelen Mailmann holding her novel and Ian Dachs**

**QATSIF SCHOLARSHIP 2015/2016**

Dear parent,

Round 6 of the QATSIF Scholarships is now open for Indigenous students in Year 11 and 12 in 2015/16 who are performing well in all their subjects, attendance is 85% or more and behaviour is moderate. This is a great opportunity for your child(ren) to qualify for this scholarship which will help your financial burden with school, uniforms and any academically related fees.

So if you have a child in Year 11 or 12, I would advise you to support and encourage them to qualify for QATSIF Scholarship.

**JCU ROAD HEALTH SHOW**

James Cook University Health Faculty student’s annual visit to Proserpine State High School was held on Thursday July 29 to discuss with Indigenous students enrolment and specific career pathways into health at the university. Those students interested in health attended an hour discussion and power point presentation about what JCU can offer and how students can prepare themselves for the transition into university lifestyle.

As well as what subject requirements are needed to graduate into their particular preference of study into health.
Up-coming Events
- ALL Indigenous camps are FREE and the universities cover ALL costs.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT PERFORMANCE
Part of my job as Community Education Counsellor is tracking Indigenous student academic performance, below is a list of how some of our year level students are performing at the school.

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NOTE: Students who have left Proserpine State High School before the start of Term 3 were not included.

See yah when I’m looking at yah.
Mr Arthur Gabey
Community Education Councillor

Assessment Schedule Changes
If any parent received an Assessment Schedule at the Parent Teacher Interviews and your child studies Japanese there is now a revised schedule available for download from the side panel of the newsletter or our school website. Each student studying Japanese now has the new one. If you have any questions about the Japanese assessment dates or did not receive a copy please contact Corinne Raiteri, HOD English & LOTE at the school.

Uniform Store
The Uniform Store has received a small restock of V neck pullovers. Visit the Uniform Store on Monday or Wednesday mornings between 8:30 and 10:30am. Pullovers and jumpers are priced at $45.

Mrs Lynn Larkin
Uniform Store Convenor

Lost Property
Jumpers! Jumpers! Jumpers!
Students please check the lost property at the office as the stand is overflowing with jumpers/sweaters found lying around the school.

Competitions
Essay Competition open to all rural Year 11 girls. Competition closes 12 September 2014.

Important Dates Term 3

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• ALL Indigenous camps are FREE and the universities cover ALL costs.
5.9.14 NQ Athletics;  
Year 10 Love Bites period 3 and 4;  
Band Launch

8.9.14 Year 10 Cart I Agrifoods half day excursion to DPI;  
Year 10 Parent Night

8-11.9.14 Year 10 Cert I Agrifoods half day excursion to DPI;  
Year 10 Parent Night

8-11.9.14 Year 12 Exams

11.9.14 RU OK Day;  
Year 6 Transition Day

11-16.9.14 Year 11 Exams

15-19.9.14 Band Tour

17.9.14 P&C meeting, 7pm in the Administration common room

20.9-6.10.14 Spring School Holidays

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**Community News**

**WHITSUNDAY PCYC**

Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 August  
Doors open 6:15pm  
Includes 6 movies, dinner and breakfast  
Bookings on-line at Whitsunday Tickets

**WHITSUNDAY PENTATHLON**

Saturday 9 August  
8:30am for a 9am start  
Proserpine State High School Oval  
Cost $20

**WHITSUNDAY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**

Sign-on Friday 22 August  
6pm sign-on  
Whitsunday Sportspark

**KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB**

Juniors - Saturday 23 August  
Nominations from 10:30am  
Seniors - Sunday 24 August  
Pre-nominate or nominate from 8am  
Pioneer Valley Enduro Club  
Everyone Welcome!  
Admission FREE on Saturday  
Adults $6 and school age $3 on Sunday

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Positions Available at Woodmans Mitre 10 Proserpine and Cannonvale stores.  
Minimum age 15 years + (15 years need parent’s consent).  
After school and weekend positions available.  
Shop assistant duties apply.  
Please contact the Administration office: Proserpine store,  
Helen on 4945 1266 and Cannonvale store, Kelly or  
Tamara on 4948 5888 for further information.