15 September 2014

Date Claimers

P & C MEETING
This month’s meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 September in the Administration office common room starting at 7pm.

GRADE 12 DRAMA PRODUCTIONS
2 Performances: Checklist for an Armed Robber and Basel’s Island
Wednesday September 17
6:30pm for 7pm start
Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall
Cost of $5 per ticket
Great night of entertainment!

GALA CONCERT
Monday, October 20
Commencing at 6pm
Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall
Tickets available at the school office or at the door on the night.
$15 per family / $5 single

SENIOR FORMAL
Wednesday, November 19
Commencing at 7pm
Proserpine Entertainment Centre
Please note that this is a YEAR 12 ONLY Formal.

FAREWELL CEREMONY
Friday, November 21
Commencing at 9am
Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall
Principal Perspective

SENIOR STUDENTS

The educational journey for our senior students is at various stages as we reach the end of Term 3 with some students refining their journey ahead, while others are getting closer to the end of their schooling years.

Our Year 10 students have begun their subject selection discussions as part of the SET planning processes. Discovering all about the vast range of subjects on offer within Year 11 and 12 at Proserpine State High School and the pathways beyond school which these subjects can assist students in achieving. The impressive array of options offered through school delivery and those by external providers allows students to follow their career paths and interests whatever that may be. The inclusion of the “Hub of Independent Learning and Training” at Proserpine State High School has only increased the opportunities for our students and successful completion of courses.

Our Year 11 students have recently completed the adventurous ANTZ Camp developing the knowledge and skills associated with leadership and teamwork. The goal is to enable them to make the most of the final year of school and face the challenges ahead with the increasing demands of Year 12. Reports from the camp were very impressive in relation to student behaviour, participation and leadership potential. I congratulate students on a wonderful effort. The staff were very proud of the Year 11 group.

And finally, our Year 12 students underwent their QCS test this term as they prepare for the end of their schooling and the wonderful adventures that lie ahead. However it’s not over yet!

Thank you to all the staff that have supported our students through these activities with your time and dedication and assisting them to reach their goals.

THE HUB FOR INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND TEACHING

The ‘HUB’ as it has become known has been established to cater for students who choose to study independently, these include:

- students undertaking subjects through Distance Education,
- students who have chosen a subject through TAFE or other registered training organisations
- students needing to complete a subject outside of the normal school timetable, or
- students doing a school based apprenticeship or traineeship. These students have reduced the amount of school subjects being studied to be able to spend time in the workplace, as well as studying theory modules through a registered training organisation.

These students have been given three lessons per week out of the school timetable to work independently in the ‘Hub’ on their chosen subject or course to help achieve their QCE goals and career aspirations.

The Hub is located in the school’s Resource Centre (library) and has been purposefully created to enable these students to have their own quiet area free from distraction. Separate tables, a communal work area and quiet carrels have been included to cater for the individual needs. Students who work in the ‘Hub’ require the skills necessary to study independently such as self-discipline, time management and motivation. Students’ progress and studies are monitored closely by the Senior Schooling Industry Liaison Officer.

JUNIOR SECONDARY

Junior secondary transition days were held last week for our Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2015 with great enthusiasm. Students continued to orientate themselves around the school and undertake some junior secondary lessons throughout the day. A safe and supportive school environment for students is one of our key priorities, the transition days assist students in gaining confidence and reducing stress associated with the move to high school.

I congratulate the student secondary support group that assisted the Year 6 students through the transition day and ran activities at lunchtime. It is wonderful to see this team of secondary students showing their leadership potential to assist / support others. This caring and nurturing approach is what our junior secondary philosophy is built upon.

FUTURE JUNIOR SECONDARY EVENTS

Parent Information Evening #2 Wednesday 8 October
Year 6 and Year 7 Transition Day Monday 8 December

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Mathematics Department

YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS CAMP

On August 3, Ms Korobitsas and five other girls, including myself, left Proserpine early Sunday morning and headed up to Magnetic Island for the 2014 Year 10 Mathematics Camp. At 11am we arrived at the Picnic Bay Campsite and were greeted by the friendly staff who split us into thirteen groups of around five people per group. The staff made sure that we had to work with students from difference schools. In these groups we had to work as a team to overcome eight challenging problems. Each group was assigned certain times to help clean up or set up our meals for the three days. On the first day we completed a straw building competition, our first rotational activity, and a Swiss competition. The second day our last two rotational activities were completed as well as a maths relay in the tennis court.

We attended a JCU Physics Show which was held in the hall. Finally on the last day, after packing up and cleaning the campsite we had our very own amazing race. In the rotational activities each group had to build a sandcastle using a certain amount of sand, calculate how many pavers were used to build the mall, complete and design an orienteering course at the...
campsite, and calculate the mass of a giant rock overlooking Picnic Bay. After each of these activities were completed our groups had to write up a mathematics report about which activity we had finished, these reports were then graded by one of the teachers. Each time a report was graded, an activity was completed or a group set up or cleaned up a meal, that group would then earn a certain amount of points. On the last day of the camp the three groups with the highest amount of points would win prizes. The first and the third group which had the highest amount of points both had a student from our school in it. It was an incredibly fun experience, we made a lot of new friends and we got to know each other a lot better. I would definitely recommend the Mathematics Camp to any student who enjoys the subject.

Miranda Matthews
Year 10 Student

Science Department

YEAR 12 MARINE STUDIES

Recently Proserpine State High School’s Year 12 Marine Studies class had a sailing day to test practical skills as part of their assessment. Conducted by Whitsunday Sailing Club’s skilled instructors, combined with excellent facilities, a perfect location and perfect conditions, a great day was had by all. After a few humorous capsizings all students passed with flying colours. How lucky these students are to grow up in an area like the Whitsundays and sail as part of their senior schooling.

Back L-R: Chad Stockings, Tayla Thompson, Robbie Marshall, Alex Rodgers, Ollie Annear, Lukas Berghermann, Tye Jackson, Leo McDermott, Hamish Woods and Mr Andrew Jolley (teacher)
Front L-R: Dane Cartmell, Ben Fenech-Brebner, Hayden Filby, Bailey Hayward and Mitch Haran

Mr Andrew Jolley
Mathematics, Science and Marine Studies Teacher

Science Competition Awardees

Students of Week 6 through to Week 9

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

Week 8 and 9 of Term 3 brought visitors to Proserpine State High School. Year 6 and 7 students from Proserpine, Cannonvale, Bloomsbury and other schools in the Whitsundays participated in their second day of transition activities. Many of the visitors were known to our Year 8 students and interactions were positive between the year levels.

The same two weeks were busy with assessment in science and exams or assignments in many of the electives. The last week of term appears to provide some relief for students as they complete exams in mathematics and Japanese and continue studies in their other subjects.

The upcoming holidays provide the students with an opportunity to clean out their bag, check stationery supplies, charge their laptop and prepare for the final term of Year 8. Hasn’t the year passed by so quickly.

Normal classes will be taking place this week with core subjects continuing with curriculum for Term 4 while elective subjects may be completing assessment, providing feedback from assessment or completing additional classroom learning experiences. Please notify the school if your child is departing from school prior to Friday September 19. Remember that “Everyday Counts”.

Students will need to be reminded that Term 4 commences on Tuesday October 7 and that they pack for a Tuesday rather than a Monday. Enjoy the two weeks away from school and recharge your body ready for a busy ten weeks of Term 4.

L-R: Jack Taylor, Samantha Diamond, Alysha Waddingham and Matthew Bels

L-R: Jayden Lane, Connor Benson, Sajan Skillen and Allie Thomson
Industry News

Last week while the Queensland Core Skills test was conducted, forty-three non-OP students were involved in an alternative pathways program. This inaugural two day program included sessions on:

- looking for jobs and spotting the fake ones
- rights and responsibilities in the workplace
- first impressions and interview techniques and strategies
- applying for a job, including resume writing, writing to a selection criteria and writing a cover letter.

This program culminated in the students attending mock interviews which were conducted by very supportive industry representatives from Wilmar Sugar, TORGAS, MEGT and the MRAEL Group. The very nervous students all dressed for their interviews, received fantastic feedback and constructive advice on their resumes, cover letters and interview skills. The students came away from this program armed with practical information and tools that will help them in their search to find and retain employment when they leave our school in November.

A huge thank you to the industry representatives who gave up their valuable time, sharing their knowledge and expertise with our Year 12 students.

Hospitality Work Experience

Whitsunday Gold Coffee is offering hospitality work experience placements in their coffee shop over the school holidays, please see me ASAP if you interested.

Year 12s

Are you thinking about a gap year next year and don’t know what to do?????

Whitsunday Gold Coffee is looking for 1-2 people to start at the end of the year to fill the shoes of the staff members going away to study next year. If this could be you, consider doing a few days work experience to see if you like it. See me in B4 for more information.

Available Apprenticeships & Traineeships:

- Full time retail traineeship in Cannonvale/Airlie Beach fashion stores
- School based traineeship in hospitality – Airlie Beach
- School based apprenticeship in commercial cookery – Airlie Beach
- A junior staff position is also available at a fashion boutique in Cannonvale, which may lead to a school based trainee for the right applicant.

Applications are open for the:

MRAEL Group/Rio Tinto Hail Creek Mine 2015 Electrical and Diesel Fitting Apprentice Intake

All applicants are directed to the MRAEL web site to apply – www.mrael.com.au .

To assist students that have not registered and obtained an MRAEL account, a flyer ‘How to Register on MRAEL website’ is attached. Students are encouraged to follow the instructions on how to apply carefully and it is recommended that you print out the job description from the MRAEL website to ensure that all requirements are completed.

Please open the flyer for further information.

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

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

SENIOR OPTIONS

Career Options 14 is now available on the side panel of the newsletter with current scholarships and career news.

BOND UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to our Year 12 student, Isabelle Silberling who was one of only ten students Australia wide to receive the prestigious Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship to study at Bond University next year. Isabelle is the first student from Proserpine State High School to be awarded this impressive scholarship.

This extremely competitive full-fee scholarship is offered each year to Year 12 students from across Australia. The ten outstanding students were selected on the basis of exceptional academic achievement, proven leadership ability and personal character. They have been identified by their teachers and peers for their commitment to their community and their willingness to help and inspire others. Isabelle is an exceptionally good role model and has certainly demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities both within the school the local community. She is a very conscientious and capable student. In her approach to her studies, Isabelle’s meticulousness and refusal to settle for anything less than her very best, are qualities which have reaped rewards. Along with her very high levels of achievement in her senior subjects, Isabelle has completed a Diploma in Classical Piano and is well on the way to obtaining a second Diploma in Music.

As part of the rigorous application process Isabelle commenced with online application, where she had to articulate her leadership skills, passion for her future studies, community services and leadership capabilities. After a telephone interview Isabelle was shortlisted and then flew down to Bond University on the Gold Coast for a weekend of activities that included opportunities to display teamwork, leadership, public speaking skills and creative thinking, as well as a formal panel interview.

Isabelle intends to study commerce/law. In addition to covering 100% of her tuition fees, this unique scholarship opens exclusive network opportunities and will see Isabelle mentored by leading experts in the field of law and commerce.

We wish Isabelle well in her future studies.

ACCOUNTING CADETSHIP

An Accounting Cadetship is available for 2014 school leavers at Brown and Bird, Mackay. If interested, please open the flyer for further information.

Mrs Sharon Rudinski
Guidance Officer
Student Advisory Centre

Health Matters

EVERYONE’S GOING EXCEPT ME!

Many young people become very adept at using emotional blackmail to get a parent to do what they want. They will look at Mum or Dad with eyes full of sadness and say ‘Why can’t I go? Everyone’s going except me’. The last thing you want as a parent is to have your poor darling become an outcast from their classmates and permanently emotionally scarred by your refusal to allow them to be part of the group. How can you be so cruel as to stop them from going to a party that all their friends are going to?

Chances are that most of the young people who are planning to go to the party are saying exactly the same thing to their parents to coerce them into allowing them to go. Maybe you need to do a little research into this party before you say yes or no. Ask your child for the name and phone numbers of four or five friends who are going to the party. If they can’t provide this, then you have the right to question their belief that everyone is going except them. If you are the parent holding the party it may be advisable to register the party through the Qld Police Party Safe Programme.

Suggestions

• Let your child know that crying, whining, arguing and saying everyone is going it doesn’t work on you.

• Get to know your child’s friends and their parents. Phone parents to find out if their child is included in the everyone who is going to the party.

• Find out from the parents hosting the party where it will be held, what time limits are set, if it will be supervised and by whom. Check on what the rules will be regarding the consumption of alcohol and the possible taking of drugs.

• Ask your child lots of questions about the party – ‘What time will they leave for the party and come home? Will there possibly be alcohol and/or drugs there? What will they do if there are gate-crashes there? How many people will they know there? What will be the age range of the people there?’
• If you do decide to let your child go, make clear arrangements for how and when they will get to and come home from the party. Negotiate rules that satisfy their need to be part of a group and your need to know that they are safe. These rules may cover who they go with, what time they come home, what they drink at the party, how often they go to such social functions, what they negotiate with you to do in return for you giving up your time to take them and pick them up.

• Before the party, be honest and frank about your stand on issues such as the drinking of alcohol, smoking of tobacco or cannabis and sex. Remind your child that you have confidence in their judgement on these issues.

• It is not recommended that you buy alcohol for your child to take to the party. Such action gives them a clear message that you are supporting and even encouraging risk taking behaviours. Do not be swayed by the argument that someone else’s mother/father is buying alcohol for them to take to the party. You are not responsible for other people’s behaviour.

• Before your child leaves the house, remind them of the agreed plan for their night out. Make sure you have clearly negotiated with them the consequences that will be put into place if they do not stick to the agreed arrangements. If they do not do the right thing, follow through with the consequences.

• When your child does do the right thing, praise their behaviour and tell them you admire their sense of responsibility and self-discipline.

The above extracts were taken from the book – Tackling Teens Strategies for parenting pre-teens and teenagers by Denise Bewert

THANK YOU FROM BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club would like to thank the Proserpine State High School P&C for their support of the Breakfast Club and Proserpine Woolworths for their donations and ongoing support.

Thank you to the students (below) and the staff at K6 for their support with the Breakfast Club which ran on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Term 3.

Sophia McManus, Nahkeeta Miller, Joshua Scarborough, Iesha Stuart, Faith Sylvester and Olivia Turner.

An extra big thank you to Mrs Sharon Warren for organising and maintaining the running of the Breakfast Club each week.

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

Opti-Minds Challenge

In the previous newsletter was an article on this challenge held in Mackay. I must apologise to Gemma McLean for congratulating her sister, Chloe instead of Gemma.

Mrs Emma Whybird
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

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.

YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS EXAM

Mathematics exam was to take place in Week 9 last lesson. It has now been moved to Week 10 second lesson. Please mark this change on your Assessment Schedule.
YEAR 8 SCIENCE ASSIGNMENT
Rube Goldberg Experiment and Report was due Monday September 15 and is now due Friday September 19. Please mark this change on your Assessment Schedule.

Canteen
New Summer Menu will be starting in Term 4 with some amazing healthy warm weather food. There are a few price rises that have come through due to an increase in costs. So watch out for some of your old summer favourites!

Cheers from the canteen ladies...

General Information
KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

LOST PROPERTY
Students, if you are missing anything at all, please check the lost property at the office as the stand is overflowing with items (lunchboxes, sports shirts, etc.) found lying around the school. Hurry and collect it/them as all items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul’s on Thursday.

Important Dates Term 3 and Term 4

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Community News
IDEAL PLACEMENTS
IDEAL Placements is a Disability Employment Services (DES) currently running a program enabling young people with a disability to access DES while they are in their final year of secondary school.

We are a local non-profit organisation focused on the provision of quality employment services that improve the lives of job seekers with a disability, injury, illness or health condition. IDEAL Placements provides tailored employment solutions that encourage independence of clients and self-confidence through support with finding and maintaining employment in the open labour market.

Most people undertake a formal eligibility assessment prior to entering DES however this requirement is waived for Eligible School Leavers (ESL) in recognition that school students with significant disability would have undergone numerous assessments during their school years, for the purpose of identifying the student’s specific learning needs and additional education funding for the student.

The purpose of this ESL arrangement is to assist students with significant disability to transition from school to the post school environment by allowing them to access specialised disability assistance in their last year of school. It promotes the importance of students staying attached to education for as long as possible and then receiving assistance by a DES provider as they transition into open employment.

If you feel this could be your son or daughter and would like further information please feel free to ring us on 4948 2123.

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CANNONVALE CANNONS SWIMMING CLUB

Sign On and First Club Nights
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10 and WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 5:30PM
Cannonvale State School Pool
Bring your togs and goggles and have a go!
BBQ sausage sizzles for dinner

YOUTH SPACE

What’s On 4 Youth
School holiday activity program

WINTERMOON SPRINGFEST 2014

As the weather begins to warm and school holidays approach, thoughts of students and their families turn to interesting things to do during the holidays. What better way to enjoy your well-deserved break than the iconic Wintermoon Springfest Festival, which takes place on the October Labour Day weekend from 3 to 6 October.

The picturesque site for the festival is at Camerons Pocket in the hills behind Calen on the north east edge of the Eungella National Park. Situated on the banks of St Helens Creek, the festival site is very popular with people who love to get away from the pressures of everyday life.

A visit to the Wintermoon website www.wintermoonfestival.com will give all the ticket and booking details for this great festival – weekend tickets, day tickets, overnight tickets are all available. Wintermoon has strict ticketing guidelines and a youth ticketing policy that means that the festival has a very family friendly atmosphere.

For any phone enquiries about Springfest, the festival hotline is 4958 8390 or you can phone 4946 1271 locally.

The standard of the music at Springfest will be as great as ever and organisers have created an exciting program with many new acts for this magical musical event. The jam packed music program will run from Friday night until 4pm on Monday afternoon. Among the many acts which will weave their magic at Wintermoon Springfest are Mental as Anything, Coloured Stone, Bobby Alu, Damian Howard, The Royal High Jinx, Vicki O’Keefe, Steady Eddy, Fat Cigars, Hallelujah Baby, Jay Bishoff, Swoon, Stockade Band, Mama Juju, Sarah Collyer, Namara Corowa and Wayne Daly. Many of these acts have interesting websites for festival goers to find out more about these musicians.
The program will also feature the popular Blackboard stage from Saturday to Monday for unlisted budding performers to play in front of an appreciative audience. Musical students will enjoy this opportunity. Wintermoon is also renowned for the variety of music and craft workshops for festival goers and Springfest will have many excellent workshops to choose from. Market stalls and fine food stalls also add to the variety for festival goers. A Wintermoon experience is definitely not boring.

There is good news for Wintermoon campers at Springfest with the addition of a new camping area for larger camps. The main festival site is for tents only but the new Top Camp will allow camping with vehicles and contained camp fires for campers staying for the duration of the festival. Campers are welcome to set up their camps from 7am on Saturday 27 September.

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015, and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their three, five, or ten month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!