17 February 2015

Date Claimers

P&C AGM MEETING

Invitation
The Proserpine State High School Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 February at 7pm in the school administration office common room. The general meeting will follow at 7:30pm. P&C meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, except for school holidays or otherwise notified. The main aim of the P&C is to support students and their teachers to have the best learning experience whilst at Proserpine State High School.

Parents/Guardians and interested community members are invited to attend.

2015 ‘IN THE SWIM’ CARNIVAL

Held at the Proserpine Pool
MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

All Proserpine students are to make their own way to the pool.
Buses will drop off and pick up students at the pool.
Helpers to timekeep, judge, etc. are needed.
If you are able to help, please contact the school on 4945 0111.
Don’t forget to “Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Wrap”.
Oh, and don’t forget the fun bit!

YEAR 7 AND 8 PARENT EVENING

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015
Proserpine State High School Resource Centre (Library) at 6:30pm.

Policies and procedures of Proserpine State High School will be discussed and an opportunity to meet some of the Year 7 and 8 teachers. Have a cuppa and a chat with your child’s teachers.

** Please bring along your child’s Student Diary and the Assessment Schedules.

Please note: Students do not need to attend.

Principal Perspective

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Student leadership at Proserpine State High School has developed rapidly over the past 2 years, to a position where we now have a student leadership structure that truly reflects the quality of students we have in our wonderful school. We are blessed to have such an extensive group of students who have qualified to be members of our leadership pool and work for the benefit of others within our school and community. The new leadership committee structure that commenced last year delivered greater opportunity for students within our school to become involved in key leadership initiatives and grow their leadership potential.

It is a priority of our school to maximise student participation in school decision making processes and incorporating student views into planning related to school climate, school organisation, school improvement projects and simply making our school a place where students want to be, and where they have a sense of belonging to our whole school community. Local spirit is strong within our school and we pride ourselves on preparing students to become responsible citizens and to lead the next generation of youth in the Whitsunday region.

This year is a milestone for Proserpine State High School as we congratulate our inaugural Junior Secondary Executive team. As Year 7s joined high school for the first time across Queensland schools, student leadership has been highlighted as a key element within our junior secondary school. Research shows that young adolescents benefit greatly from involvement in activities that develop their leadership skills, building confidence, a sense of belonging and self-esteem.

Our Junior Executive will represent strongly the students from Year 7 to 9, giving them a true sense of identity and ownership within our whole school context. They now set the challenge of developing, defining and moulding the role of junior leaders at our school. However, from what I have already witnessed
throughout the election process, I have the utmost confidence in their leadership ability.

I spoke to students at the Leadership Induction Ceremony about the four simple points that sum up what I think leaders do:

1. Leaders work for others – they put other students and members of the school community first. They demonstrate humility and compassion, not seeking reward or fame for their efforts.
2. Leaders are positive role models – they set a good example for other students.
3. Leaders work with others in a team to achieve goals – they make things happen and don’t just talk about it.
4. Leaders demonstrate integrity – they are prepared through their actions to stand up for what is right and stand against what is wrong.

Every student in our school should remember,

“Leadership is any action, no matter how big or small, that makes our school a better place.”

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2015

Student Leaders

School Captains: Katie Campbell and Eli Gunders
School Vice Captains: Nikaela Large and Jarvis Paech

School Captains:

President: Jackson Summerfield-Fallon
Vice President: Angel Shaw
Secretary: Rhylee Goodwin
Treasurer: Erin Hungerford

Executives of the Junior Student Council

President: Jade Davis
Vice President: Jack Taylor
Secretary: Samantha Diamond
Treasurer: Veronica Roberts

Indigenous Student Leader

Nelson Byers

House Captains

Cook: Samantha Pawsey and Tyrah Dunn
Flinders: Hannah Azul and Mitchell Clarke
Kennedy: Paitin Powell and Patrick Mahood
Oxley: Katie Campbell and Kyle McCormack

House Vice- Captains

Cook: Iesha Jackson and Terence Neil
Flinders: Courtney Flynn and Erin Hungerford
Kennedy: Nick Gilbert and Owen Hodggen
Oxley: Darcee Huttley-Haines and Eli Gunders

School Leaders

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Deputy's Bits

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

All Year Assessment Schedules for Semester 1 were handed out to students last week. Parents, if the school has your email address you should have received a copy by now. Assessment Schedules for all year levels are also available to the left of the newsletter under ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES.

Mrs Alison Rodgers
Deputy Principal

Business & Technology

“WE MEAN BUSINESS!”

The Year 10 Business Studies students are currently involved in completing the financial record keeping for a business. The course then moves into the enterprise section involving the students in:

- establishing a business, including choosing a product or service, creating a business name, seeding the initial funding and planning for the business
- managing the business, including department selection, budgeting, producing the product/service, marketing and financial management in business
- improving a business, including reviewing and problem solving
- closing down a business, including the closing process and evaluation.
The students will have their first selling experience at the Swimming Carnival on 23 February, where there will be products for sale. In the future they will be conducting their own small business enterprise, ultimately selling their selected products with an aim to make a profit.

Please help support this meaningful activity that allows students to use various business skills in a real life experience.

**ITEMS ON SALE AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL:**
- Lollipops $3.00
- Temporary Tattoos $1.00
- Hand Clappers $2.00

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**Mrs Deb Brown**
*Head of Department – Business & Technology*

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**Introducing New Teachers**

Hello all,

My name is **Kate Thomson**. I grew up in Hervey Bay and completed my degree at The University of Queensland. This is my first year teaching and I am happy to be a part of the health & physical education department at Proserpine State High School. My interests include swimming, going to the beach, watching rugby union and cricket and snow skiing. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and the challenging year ahead!

My name is **Jane Delac**. I am the replacement teacher in Home Economics. I moved to the Whitsundays in 2008 after completing university in Canberra. I enjoy spending time with my family, my pets and friends. I also enjoy snowboarding, wakeboarding and swimming. I have had a great start to the year as everyone has been so welcoming and helpful.

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**eLearning Update**

**YEAR 7 AND 8 TABLET ROLL-OUT**

Over the next two weeks the year 7 and 8 students will be issued with their shiny, new device. Students will also receive a stylus to assist with their tasks. This needs to be kept safe! When the students receive their tablet, a range of important points will also be covered. These include care and security reminders, the various network and drives available and the effective use of wireless connectivity. A further skilling session will happen in the following week. Exciting times ahead!

**LAPTOPS NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

There are a large number of students in the program who are not bringing their laptops on a daily basis. This device is important to the student’s learning and it is an expectation that it is available in class each lesson. Having the device at school and then taking it home provides a seamless transition of their education, maximising their learning potential. There is a demand for loan devices from the library and students who are part of the eLearning program will not be issued with one of these library resources.

**PROTECTIVE SLIP CASE**

As part of the accidental damage warranty, protective slip cases must be used at all times when the laptop is being transported. This includes travelling to and from school, walking around the school grounds and outside classrooms. If damage occurs when a protective case should have been used on the device, the warranty is void and Acer will charge the full cost of the repair. Please check your child is leaving home with their device in the case.

**REPAIR FORM**

If a student presents a laptop to the library support team for a repair due to accidental damage, a form will go home to the parent/guardian requiring details of the event that led to the damage. The form will need to be returned to the library staff before the laptop is logged for repair.

**LOCKERS**

Student lockers are now available to all students in Years 8-12. Year 7s will be offered lockers this week during their eLearning induction workshops. Each year level has a specified area within the school according to eating areas. To take up the offer of a locker, students need to visit the Resource Centre (library) and choose a locker space. There is no cost for a locker but students need to supply their own locks. If your child is in the student laptop program a locker is very useful in providing a risk free area for your child’s laptop device when it is not required (e.g. during parades, sport, lunch times).

**BEING SAFE ONLINE**

The cybersmart website provides information for students of all ages and parents about being safe online. There are videos, games and other...
information provided that is age appropriate. Additionally there are resources for families to use. Visit the site at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/. Students also have access to a cybersafety help button on their devices where they can talk, report or learn about being safe online. This can be accessed at any time of the day.

Reminders for Students

- Programs requested by the teacher will be used to complete class activities. Software programs provided by the school will be the only ones used during class.
- Licensed software suitable to a school environment can be loaded onto the laptop.
- Images and photos stored on the device must be suitable to be viewed by anyone under the age of 18.
- The school can conduct audits of the hard drive contents at any time and may request the laptop be returned if the Student Laptop Charter has been breached.
- Reasonable steps to prevent a virus from infecting the laptop must be taken, including monitoring any data that is downloaded or transferred onto the laptop from the internet or other device. Virus checking of USB drives used on the laptop should also be completed.

Mrs Deb Brown
Head of Department – Business & Technology

Oliver Musical

Please check the Oliver Rehearsal Schedule dates for the musical Oliver if your child is part of the cast and crew on the side panel to the left of the newsletter. It is very important that they be available for these dates.

Mrs Jenny Napier
Head of Department – The Arts

Junior Secondary News

LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Over the past two weeks students in Years 7 and 9 have completed a total of five exams focusing on their Language Conventions, Reading, Writing, Calculator and Non-Calculator Numeracy skills. A letter was sent home via your child to outline the purpose of the testing and the use of the feedback to improve your child’s specific weaknesses.

Once the data has been analysed then Year 7 students will utilise the English and a mathematics lesson on a weekly basis to work in smaller groups with a specific skill focus. Year 9 students commenced addressing some of the skills in Term 4 2014 and will continue the practice later in Term 1.

UNIFORM

Students have continued to be well presented in their formal and day uniforms as outlined in the Junior Secondary Student Diary. Students have responded quickly to correcting socks, shoes and jewellery requirements. It is also pleasing to observe the Junior Secondary students wearing hats whenever outside. I recommend that parents read through the diary especially pages 12 to 14 which outline the uniform requirements. I draw your attention to the type of shoes on page 14 and the material used, preferably leather or vinyl due to workplace health and safety rather than the canvas option some students are wearing.

BEING SAFE ONLINE

Absence from School

Education of children is effective when teachers, parents and students work together for the student to attain their potential. “Every Day Counts” is a state wide initiative by Education Queensland that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school (http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/). Proserpine State High School has clearly stated its expectation of student attendance to students and parents. 100% would be ideal and the preferred outcome for all students, unfortunately sickness, injury and other events occur in our lives therefore Mr McDermid has asked for 95% as a target. 5% of the school years equates to 10 days explained absence for students in years 7 to 9, the same as the number of sick days allocated annually by the majority of businesses.

Please contact the school if your son or daughter is absent otherwise you will receive a text message enquiring of their absence.

Upcoming Events

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Any concerns or questions please contact Proserpine State High School Administration 4945 0111.

Mrs Trisha McHugh
Acting Head of Department – Junior Secondary

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 7 COORDINATOR

Since the last newsletter the students in Year 7 have continued to adapt to the routines of high school. This week students will begin to attend their Care Group each morning for roll marking and daily notices. Each Care Group is a mix of students from across the school and a great way for the Year 7 students to establish links across the school. The Year 7 students have also
been offered the opportunity to attend the Junior Secondary Room each lunch time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, if they feel the need to get out of the playground.

This year the school has engaged the services of Mighty Minds (Educational Consultants) to assist in developing personalised learning plans for each Year 7 student. Over the last two weeks Year 7 students have participated in a number of on-line tests in literacy and numeracy. These tests will be analysed in order to identify areas of strength and weakness. A personalised learning plan will then be developed for each student in order to assist them in achieving to their potential. We plan to dedicate a literacy lesson and a numeracy lesson each week to action these plans.

Once again, congratulations to those Year 7 students who have continued to make the most of the opportunities provided by the school.

Reminders

- **Uniform**: Students should be aware of the expectations regarding uniform. Any student not in correct uniform without an acceptable reason or a note from home can expect a consequence.
- **Hat**: Hats must be worn when playing on the oval and during all outside lessons.
- **Diary**: Diaries are an invaluable organisational tool and must be brought to school each day.
- **Year 7 Camp**: Parents will soon receive communication regarding the planned Year 7 camp.
- **Year 7 and Year 8 Parent Information Evening**: Thursday 5 March.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any concerns.

**Mr Rob Jensen**  
**Year 7 Coordinator**

**YEAR 8 COORDINATOR**

**Year 8s Starting 2015 on the Right Foot**

Welcome! Year 8 students have made an impressive start to Proserpine State High School. They all look very smart in their high school uniform. Most, if not all of the students are in correct uniform.

During lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Junior Secondary Room (N08) is open for Year 7, 8 and 9 students to drop in. Recently, there was a competition to name the room and Joel Crook won with his entry “THE JUNIOR HUB”. In The Junior Hub, students can watch a movie, play board games, and get to know other students or just chill out in the air conditioning.

Year 8 students are getting use to their weekly schedule. They all have their trusty timetable to keep them on track. Some students have a spare copy in their diary or stored a copy of their timetable on their mobile phone. All students have been issued with a school diary and teachers are encouraging students to use the diary. Last week, Year 8 students received an Assessment Schedule which lists all their tests and assignments for Semester 1. The Assessment Schedule is a very useful document for parents, guardians and students to revise and plan for tests and assignments.

**Date Claimer:** Year 7 and 8 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 5 March, 2015.

**Ms Raylene Rasmussen**  
**Year 8 Coordinator**

**Industry News**

With the new year started, many students are already putting their forms in for work experience over the Easter holidays. Work experience is a wonderful way to explore career fields you might be interested in. Students usually attend work experience in the school holidays.

50 students participated in work experience in the final two weeks of school last year. Upon reading the feedback in student logbooks and through emails I have received, the students worked extremely well and glowing reports were given, with some students gaining casual employment for their efforts.

*Natalie Cowan @ Tropical Designs*

“These are the items that Natalie designed while she was with us. We printed out her graphic designs and router cut out the decorative screen she designed herself.

_Natalie was a great student and is welcome back at any time to use our software to create more*.

Denise Norder, Tropical Designs

Huge congratulations to four of our students who finished Year 12 last year. Logan Dachs, Adam Van Dalen, Sam Dinnie and David Kay, who amongst 400 other applicants throughout north and central Queensland, were successful in gaining apprenticeships at Wilmar Sugar Mill. Three out of these four ex-students completed work experience with Wilmar while at school.
Logan Dachs and Adam Van Dalen – electrical apprentices, Sam Dinnie – apprentice fitter and turner, David Kay – apprentice boilermaker
Photo courtesy of Cameron Laird

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIP (SATs)

SATs allow students to study for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), work for an employer, earn a wage, and train towards a recognised vocational qualification, while completing high school.

SATs are available in hundreds of fields ranging from rural to retail, business to building, hospitality to hairdressing, and automotive to arts.

Available Positions:

CITY BEACH – is looking for a Year 10 or 11 student to undertake a Certificate III in Business as a school based trainee.

FRASER FORD – is advertising for a full time diesel mechanic in the Agricultural Department. Applications close 20 February.

DOMINO’s – is looking for casual staff to work in store, as well as delivery drivers.

AIR FORCE FLIGHT CAMP FOR GIRLS

The very successful Air Force Flight Camp for Girls will be running again at RAAF Base Amberley from 12-15 May 2015.

The program targets girls 16-18 years of age who have an interest in Air Force aviation careers and particularly the role of pilot.

The program is open to all female students in QLD. In 2014, two students from the NQ region were successful in gaining a place on the program.

This is a residential camp with accommodation, meals and some clothing provided, however parents/guardians would be responsible for getting their students to Brisbane/Amberley to participate.

Further information can be found in the flyer below, as well as application details.

For more information on SATs or work experience, please see Mrs Jolley in B4.

Mrs Nicole Jolley
Senior Schooling & Industry Liaison Officer

From the Guidance Officer

The Guidance Officer and Support Service Team provide two counselling and support services: Personal Counselling and Support and Career Guidance and Counselling.
Personal Counselling and Support is offered by the Student Support Services Team. The team includes: Sharon Rudinski (Guidance Officer), Karen Dachs (School Based Health Nurse), Leanne Farr and Chris Lane (Behaviour Support Teachers), Arthur Gabey (Community Education Counsellor/Youth Support Coordinator) and the Welfare Officer (TBA). The support staff can help students who are struggling with issues such as stress, friendships, loneliness, peer pressure, bullying, anxiety, depression, relationship problems, grief and other issues that are having an impact on the student’s wellbeing. Please contact any of the Student Support Services Team if you have concerns about your child. Whilst we will always endeavour to support and assist, sometimes we might suggest that the student and family talk to another professional. For example, we might not have the expertise the student needs, or the student may prefer to see someone away from the school. If this is the case we will assist the student and family to find an appropriate service.

Career Guidance and Counselling and Career Information

Career Counselling can help students to develop lifelong career management skills, assess interests and abilities, explore career and study pathways and assist in career decision making.

Career Information

Many parents ask how they can help their children with career exploration and where can they find up-to-date career information. This year I will again be attaching the Options Bulletin to the school newsletter. The Options Bulletin has lots of up-to-date information about careers, courses, study, scholarships and apprenticeships and employment. We will also soon have a Careers Website that can be accessed by teachers, students, parents and community members. A link to the website will be in place shortly. On the website you will find a mass of information that is very helpful for post school options as well as opportunities that can be accessed while at school.

Go to The Senior Bulletin for the Options 1 on the side panel to the left of the newsletter to find out about more scholarships and career news.

ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PROSERPINE, CANNONVALE AND BOWEN

Young people can go through many different changes as they grow up. It can be difficult as a parent to know the difference between normal teenage behaviours, such as moodiness, irritability and withdrawal, and an emerging mental health problem.

Feeling down, tense, angry, anxious or moody are all normal emotions for young people, but when these feelings persist for long periods of time, or if they begin to interfere with their daily life, they may be part of a mental health problem. If a young person develops a mental health problem it is important that they get help early.

Raising sensitive issues and working to resolve problems that arise along the way can be challenging for parents. If you feel you know a young person whose mental health is getting in the way of their daily life, it is important to let them know you are there to support them and can help them access the care they need.

Access to Allied Psychological Services provides up to 12 counselling sessions per calendar year for people aged 12 and above presenting with mild to moderate symptoms of mental distress. This free service is provided locally in Bowen, Cannonvale and Proserpine can be accessed via a GP referral.

If you are concerned about your child or someone in your care’s mental health please talk to your GP about a referral to ATAPS.

For more information contact your GP or Mrs Terri Cox, ATAPS Coordination and Liaison Officer for Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local on (07) 4898 2700.
STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION
FREE Information Evening in Townsville
Hear from returned students, find out more discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

7:30pm on Wednesday 25 February
James Cook University
Raintree Room
1 James Cook Drive
Townsville.

For more information contact www.studentexchange.org.au or phone 1300 135 331 (cost of local call).

Mrs Sharon Rudinski
Guidance Officer
C6 Room

IMMUNISATION DATES 2015
Last newsletter had the wrong month for the dates of immunisations for 2015. Please take note of the correct dates.

Tuesday 3 March
- Year 8 girls and boys – DTPa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]). Note the DTPa is being offered to Year 8 this year instead of Year 10.
- Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (1 of 3)

Wednesday 4 March
Year 10 girls and boys – DTPa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough]) Vaccination

Catch up vaccinations for the above will be available at the Proserpine Hospital Friday 6 March between the hours of 7:30am and 2:30pm.

Tuesday 5 May
- Year 8 girls and boys – Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (2 of 3)
- Catch up dTpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis [whooping cough])

Date to be advised
Year 8 girls and boys – Human Papillomavirus Vaccination HPV (3 of 3)

All signed immunisation consent forms are to be returned to the school office by 20 February 2015.

ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

Health Matters

IT’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL TIME – Monday 23 February 2015
SUN SAFE POINTS FOR CARE GROUPS!!!
LET’S HELP KEEP THE MELANOMAS AWAY
SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and WRAP!!!

- **SLIP ON A SHIRT** - Preferably one with long sleeves and a collar. A close weave fabric will give more protection from ultraviolet rays. Natural fibres such as cotton, linen and some rayons are much cooler to wear than synthetic fibres.
- **SLOP ON SUN SCREEN** - Sunscreen should be:
  - SPF 30 or higher
  - broad spectrum
  - water-resistant
- **SLAP ON A HAT** - A hat with a wide brim (8–10cm) or legionnaire style will protect your face, ears and neck. A dark coloured hat is best with a dark colour under the brim to stop reflection onto the face.
- **SEEK SHADE** – Find cover where possible.
- **SUN GLASSES** - For maximum protection from UV radiation, sunglasses must:
  - comply with Australian standard 1067 (1990)
  - offer 99% protection from UV radiation
  - be a close fitting, wrap around style.
- **DRINK LOTS OF WATER** - We all should be drinking a minimum of 6–8 glasses of water each day. To avoid dehydration, please remember to bring your water bottles and refill with water throughout the day.

Let’s have a SUNSMART time!!!
For further information please contact me.

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

Student Resource Scheme 2015

Resource scheme fees are now OVERDUE.

Please be aware that the school resources are not issued to students until they become a financial member of the Student Resource Scheme. If $220 full payment is unable to be made at this time, term payments of $55 are offered. Non-payment may be due to an oversight. Please check your records and if the resource fees have not been paid for your student, please pay immediately. It is very beneficial for families to join the scheme as it is the students who benefit from fees paid, not the school.

Unpaid Student Resource Scheme fees have a significant impact on the school's budget and therefore the resources/services we can provide students.

If there are special circumstances for resource fees remaining unpaid, please notify the Principal on 4945 0111 or Megan Drennan, Finance on 4945 0101 to discuss a payment plan. In order to be of assistance to families, good communication with the school is essential. If a payment plan is in place, students will be issued with school resources.

Please remember to sign and return the Participation Agreement Form (Application to Join) when paying your fees.

Uniform Store Update

Thank you to the generous parents who have donated uniforms to Proserpine State High School. Your interest in our school and the positive image we strive to achieve is greatly appreciated.

We have become aware that there are a number of students, mainly girls who are purchasing black BLK and Canterbury sport shorts from outlets outside of the school. On comparison of these shorts to Proserpine State High School day shorts there appears to be only one obvious difference - the length. Shorts purchased outside are approximately 3cm shorter. Short shorts have long been an issue and administration and teaching staff began Term 4 of 2014 advising students that short, scooped-sided shorts and rolled waist bands would not be acceptable in 2015. Much consideration and consultation by our P&C Association and staff was undertaken prior to the Proserpine State High School style being adopted. This included sun safe aspects and suitability for every day uniform requirements. Outside branded shorts are also far more expensive than the school’s style which sells for $24.50.

Please be aware that shorts in all sizes (except 3XL) are available from the Uniform Store and we recommend parents/students consult the store before purchasing elsewhere.

Mrs Lynn Larkin
Uniform Store Convenor

Message requests for students through the office

Please note that while it is possible to deliver messages to students through the office during the school day, we cannot guarantee delivery of every message. URGENT messages will obviously get priority but every day messages (for example, regarding after school arrangements) should be organised between parent and student whilst at home.

QSchools Mobile App

The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community. Download for FREE.

General Information

MESSAGES TO PARENTS:

Absentee message from the school

When you receive a text message from school for your student being away, you can reply by pressing the reply button and IDAttend automatically assigns the absent reason to the student in question. No need to type the student’s name in or year level/care group, date, etc. Just need the reason. The rest is automatically assigned to the respective student who is absent.

Insurance

Education Queensland has no insurance for students who are involved in accidents whilst at school or on school activities. As dental, optical and medical bills are expensive these days, parents are strongly advised to consider taking out a private insurance policy to cover such eventualities.

Canteen News

A reminder to all that students and staff can order their lunch between 8:30 – 9am. We have noticed a few students lately buying food at breakfast intending to eat it at lunchtime, this food is not being kept at the correct temperature in their hot school bag. Please come in before school and fill out an order bag. The order can be collected outside the canteen after the bell rings.

On Fridays we are offering a QUICK EXIT out the side door of the canteen to students who have the correct money ready. This is helping to alleviate congestion at the main counters so try and have the correct $$$$!! Check out the Canteen Menu on the left side panel of the school newsletters or the school’s website: www.proserpineshs.eq.edu.au . This Friday 20 February, we will be having a PIZZA DAY! Selling Eagle Boys Pizzas for $3.00 each. If we get good feedback from this we will continue to have pizzas every fortnight.
Good luck to everyone attending the Swimming Carnival, *In The Swim* on Monday, hope you have a great day. The canteen will be closed for the day as all students will be at the pool!

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Due to Health & Safety Act, the Proserpine State High School canteen CANNOT reheat or store food brought in from home. Students are responsible for the storage of their own lunchboxes, so please make sure they have appropriate icepacks, etc. to keep food at a safe temperature, especially in this extremely hot weather.

*Cheers from the canteen ladies...*

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### Yarning Circle

#### Raise The Bar

Recently I had an amazing opportunity to participate in an all-expense paid new academy in Melbourne called *Raise The Bar*. The lovely co-ordinator of this academy put so much time and effort into giving myself and 30 other indigenous students the opportunity to learn, grow and experience university life. In this short time of four days I can say it was a life changing experience which I would do again in a heartbeat. I have grown stronger as a person participating in this academy, the team activities, leadership workshops, training sessions and site seeing. The inspiring co-ordinators running it give up their time to encourage and support students to complete Year 12 and continue tertiary study. They realise that indigenous students have hidden potential not only in sport but academically and they want to help us reach that. I met some of the most inspiring athletes, leaders and ambassadors that have achieved so much and you really wonder how they do it. This academy opens your mind to think optimistically and aspire to reach your dream goals. They all show and teach you that you can achieve whatever you put your mind to. The best advice I came away with from *Raise The Bar* is “You can do whatever you put your mind to, don’t let others tell you that it is impossible because it is NOT”. We are all very talented and filled with potential and this adventure will make you realise it.

Another incredible perk about Melbourne University is the diverse ways of getting into your course even when your school and OP results do not meet the requirements. A very special lady, Rhonnda discussed university pathways and the knowledge I walked away with I want to share with you all. I hope I can inspire you to take charge in your life, participate in the next *Raise The Bar* program, set yourself goals and never stop believing that you can achieve them.

By Natisha Morsch-Ivey, 2014 Year 12 student

*See yah when I’m looking at yah.*

**Mr Arthur Gabey**

**Community Education Councillor**

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### Assessment Schedule Changes

#### YEAR 7 SCIENCE

The Year 7 assessment, *Waste not, want not* has been moved to the Week Beginning 23 March. Part A is scheduled for the first lesson and Part B for the second lesson of science. Please mark this change on your Assessment Schedule.

The New Year 7 Assessment Schedule is on the side panel to the left of the newsletter.

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### NEW & USED School Uniforms for Sale

**CANNONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL uniforms**

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<td>1 x girls polo size 12</td>
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<td>– in good condition</td>
<td>$10</td>
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<td>1 x girl’s day blouse size 10</td>
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<td>– brand new (washed but never worn)</td>
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<td>2 x girls skirt size 12K</td>
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<td>1 x girl’s pants size 16K</td>
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### Important Dates Term 1

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<td>Senior Leadership Professional Development; P&amp;C AGM 7pm followed by P&amp;C meeting 7:30pm in the administration school common room</td>
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<td>20.02.15</td>
<td>Senior Leadership Professional Development NQ Zone Constitutional Convention Townsville (8 ATS students attending)</td>
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<td>23.02.15</td>
<td>In The Swim Carnival at Proserpine Pool (all day)</td>
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<td>27.02.15</td>
<td>Triple J Program PCYC (all day)</td>
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<td>03.03.15</td>
<td>Year 8 immunisations</td>
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<td>04.03.15</td>
<td>Year 10 boys immunisations; Year 10 Agrifood excursion to Queensland Nursery Bowen p3&amp;4</td>
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<td>05.03.15</td>
<td>Year 7 and 8 Parent Information Evening, Resource Centre 6:30pm</td>
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<td>09-10.03.15</td>
<td>Year 7 Camp at Camp Kanga</td>
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<td>13.03.15</td>
<td>Mocktails in Mackay</td>
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<td>16-19.03.15</td>
<td>Indigenous Youth Support Convention</td>
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<td>Futsal Tournament in Mackay for Open boys</td>
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<td>31.03.15</td>
<td>“Oliver” Musical Workshop (all day)</td>
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### Community News

#### 360 ALLSTARS FREE WORKSHOPS

**360 ALLSTARS**

**An Onyx Production. Directed by Gene Peterson**

Thursday 5 March > 7.30pm | MECC Auditorium

**FREE WORKSHOPS > WED 4 MARCH**

- Body Percussion & Junk Drumming at MECC, 4pm - 5pm
- Circus Workshop at Mackay Gymnastics, 4pm - 5pm
- Breakdancing at MECC, 4pm - 5pm
- Basketball Freestyling at MECC, 4pm - 5pm
- EMK Flashdancing at Samo State High School, 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Live looping & Beatboxing at MECC, 4pm - 5pm

**THE CIRCUS HAS BEEN RE-INVENTED!**

#### WHITSUNDAY NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Inspire U**

Ever wondered what it’s like to study at university?

Inspire U is a series of residential camps that give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 an opportunity to experience life on campus at the University of Queensland while finding out more about specific subject areas.
FOSTER CARER
Could You Be One?

Foster care is as different as the young lives they transform.

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

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