From the Principal...

Dear Carers and Parents,

The staff and students have had a busy week here at Prospect Creek State School and I would like to start by thanking Jo McCulloch for informing our community on the importance of reading and ways we can support our children to become independent readers at home. The Support a Reader program “provides a positive, enriching experience to help the reading development of our students” and heavily supports our improvement agenda. As such, I would like to start a Support a Reader program here at school. This will take place in the final session and will last for an hour a day (2:15-3:15) Monday through to Thursday. Each hour we will have 1 volunteer seeing 4 students per day. If there is anyone who is able to commit to helping run this program any or all of these days, could you please return the slip ASAP? The more volunteers we have, the more students we can target for this program.

From time to time, I am required to attend various meetings and principal business days. I would like to keep you informed as these are coming up. Next Thursday 8th August I will be attending our Explicit Instruction network meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and networks with others as we work towards embedding this pedagogy in our teaching practice here at Prospect Creek. Clyvena McQuillan will be taking the 4-7 class on this day. A visit from our Principal Project Officer for Band 5 School Improvement will follow on the 9th August. I look forward to sharing new knowledge as a result of these days with the staff and community.

Also on the 8th August, our school is holding the cake stall at Woolworths. Students who have returned their permission slip will be attending to help raise money for the students of the school. A second permission slip is attached to be returned on Monday if you would like your child to be involved in this activity. A huge thank you to those families who are helping out with this event, either by making cakes or selling them on Thursday. Labels are attached to this newsletter for you to attach to your baked goods. Could you please circle the ingredients used.

Thank you to those families who supported our Dollar for Dough.

TERM 3 CENT SALE

Due to the success of last year’s Cent Sale, PCSS will be hosting a Cent Sale at a date to be announced in Term 3. This notice is to let you know that we would like our families to START COLLECTING, CREATING or COL-LATING potential prizes for the cent sale. Whether it’s crocheting a beanie, creating an art piece or donating some wanted prizes, you can feel free to leave donations at the school.

YEAR 4-7 CAMP

Just a reminder that camp money was due in today. If you have not yet finalised your account please do so ASAP. A parent camp meeting will take place on Monday after school in the 4-7 room. Please come along to ask any questions that you may have.

TREAT KITCHEN

Next Friday, 9th August, we will be having treat kitchen hosted by Sally Neve. Please fill out the attached order form to ensure your child/ren get a meal deal.

CAKE STALL

Just a reminder that the cake stall is happening on Thursday. Year 4-7 students will be involved in selling the cakes at the shopping centre and will be travelling in small groups to Biloela Shopping world from 8.30am. If you haven’t yet done so, please return your car pool form as soon as possible. We are also seeking more parent volunteers to either help sell cakes and especially bake cakes for the day.

ANCAC CLUB RAFFLES

Tonight, Jenny Bauer, Belinda Gardiner and I will be selling raffle tickets at the ANZAC Memorial Club. We do have another night booked in for the raffles later in the term. Please mark Friday 6th September in your diaries. It will be great to have some other members of the community help out with this wonderful fundraising opportunity. Keep your eye out in future newsletters for more information.

Sincerely,

Jo Northey

The Prospectus
This week students have been working on budgets and money leading up to camp and the school cake stall next week. When you are shopping next, why not ask your child how much change to expect?

Well done to Joshua Jackson who represented our school in a Mathematics competition held at Biloela State High School on Thursday.

For the next two weeks we are focusing on making wind chimes in Prep and an egg protection container in Y1/2. I am supplying the eggs, so if your child tells you to give them an egg, please tell them Mr. Couchman is getting those. If you have any old cutlery, plastic or metallic objects that would be suitable for making wind chimes, please feel free to send them to school and likewise any paraphernalia for making the egg container. Many Thanks,

Chris Couchman

2013 SCHOOL CALENDER

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RYAN NORTHEY
SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Fraser Blyton—For learning the first 300 sightwords
Charlley McQuade-Hall—For working on being an independent reader
   Well done!

A BIG THANK YOU TO DOMINO'S BILOELA FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE 4-7 CAMP!

Congratulations to Ella Gardiner and Ivy Neve for receiving reading awards.

Chatting to Chappy!
DATES TO REMEMBER

ANZAC CLUB RAFFLES—FRI 2ND AUGUST
PARENT CAMP MEETING—MON 5TH AUGUST
CAKE STALL—THURS 8TH AUGUST
AFRICAN DRUMMING PERFORMANCE—FRI 9TH AUGUST
P & C MEETING—TUES 13TH AUGUST
LEAVE FOR CAMP—SUN 18TH AUGUST
RETURN FROM CAMP—FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST
SUPPORT A READER COMMENCES—MON 26TH SEPT.
ANZAC CLUB RAFFLES (P&C)— 6TH SEPT
UNDER 8’S DAY—TUESDAY 17TH SEPT.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3—FRI 20TH SEPT.

INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER:

- High tea flyer x 2
- Treat kitchen
- P-2 sight word order form
- Support a reader volunteer form
- Cake stall car pool permission
- Labels for baked goods