From the Principal...

Prospect Creek State School acknowledges the Gangulu People, the traditional owners of the land on which this school stands.

Dear Carers and Parents,

I hope all our school community stayed safe and dry last night as we encountered a large storm. The unpredicted storm last night highlights the importance of being prepared for disaster at this time of year as you just never know when you will have to take action. Please refer to the disaster fact sheets which have been attached to the newsletters. If you require additional information or would like another copy of the fact sheet, please contact the school.

As students begin counting down the days till the holidays, I would like to remind you once again that teaching and learning occurs every day. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts. Your continued assistance in ensuring your child is at school every day is appreciated.

Well done to the P-2 students last week on the sleepover. They were all so well behaved and coped quite well away from home – even in a big thunderstorm!!! I know they are going to have a wonderful time on their Bundaberg camp.

I would also like to send a big Prospect Creek thankyou to the wonderful P-2 Mums who have given up so much of their time to fundraise for the camp. Thank you Angela, Trudy, Robyn and Liz for all your time and effort. All money raised will go towards making sure students have a fantastic time on their first school camp. Don’t forget raffle tickets are due in on Monday and there is still time to drop off an item or two for our Christmas hamper. All donations and support appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jo Northey

SEMESTER REPORTS

These will be distributed on Wednesday 11th December. All students will receive a grade based on a 5 point scale in all learning areas. For students demonstrating a sound understanding of the curriculum content, being able to apply understandings independently, a C grade or equivalent is given. Thus, a student receiving a working with in prep, sound in years 1 and 2 or C in years 3-7 are demonstrating a sound level of knowledge and understanding of content for their age. Only students demonstrating a high level of understanding and application receive an A or B equivalent in semester reports. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

BREAK UP DAY

Break Up Day will take place on Thursday 12th December. We are still looking for a few more parents to help with transport. If you can help out at all please complete the form attached to the newsletter last week or come and see me for a new one if needed. Don’t forget permission notes are also required for students to participate.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

The official invite for the year 7 graduation was attached to the newsletter last week. Please ensure you RSVP by next Friday 22nd November.

P&C BBQ

The P&C BBQ will begin at 5.30pm. The students have been preparing a song which they will perform, followed by speeches and awards. The Christmas component of the evening will begin after the formalities. After dinner, a disco will be set up on the tennis court for students. Don’t forget Santa arrives at the BBQ. It is that time of year again when we must help Santa decide on books that our children will enjoy. Please drop off a pre-packaged example of requests for ALL children attending by Friday 29 November. Please contact the school if you require more information! Families are asked to bring a plate of food to share. P-2 CLASS - MAINS, 3 & 4 - NIBBLES, 5 & 7 - DESSERT. Dress will be a Christmas theme. Looking forward to seeing all our families there.

ACCOUNTS

As we begin our end of year processes to balance our budget we are noticing that many accounts are extremely overdue. We have over $4000.00 in money owing. Please see your attached statement for your up to date account. Your assistance in paying outstanding money ASAP is appreciated.

TREAT KITCHEN UPDATE

This should be installed today! What wonderful news!! A big shout out to Rechelle Rowe and Sally Neve for feeding hungry students (and staff) at Prospect Creek State School this morning. If anyone is able to volunteer please contact the school.

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Students who have nominated themselves for leadership positions in 2014 will be presenting their speech Monday morning on parade. All families are invited to attend. A reminder that parade starts at 8:45am. Look forward to seeing you there.

POWERS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to those students who are representing Prospect Creek in the Powers swimming carnival next week. We wish you all the best and I look forward to cheering you on from the side of the pool.
Well done to our 5/6 students who have nominated themselves for leadership in 2014. They have all been busy writing their speeches and your cooperation in helping them finish these off at home has been appreciated.

Students have been given access to both Mathletics and Reading Eggs. This is a great way to consolidate skills and concepts we have been covering in class as concepts are unlocked to link with what we have been doing in class. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please come and see me.

www.mathletics.com.au
www.readingeggs.com.au

Only 10 sleeps to go till camp!!! As you can imagine we are all excited. Thank you to all that have helped with the raffle. A couple more items to round out the hamper would be good, so if you have a small item lying around at home it would be greatly appreciated. The sleepover was a great success. We all had fun. Don’t forget to fill out your McDonalds order forms and send them back. If you have any outstanding balances for the camp, please have them paid by next week.
Nicolas Wickham — Enthusiastic editing of writing.

Ebony Labuschewski — For excellent spelling results.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

There is a school Dental Van located at Biloela State School, for all school aged children to use. Please call Heather on 0407 761 890 to book an appointment.

P-2 Camp-out

FREE DRESS DAY TO SUPPORT MOVEMBER. BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION. FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Thank You Treat Kitchen

A big thankyou to Ray Wickham and Sarah Van Helvoirt for the donation of 22kg of Rib Fillet for our P&C BBQ!!
DATES TO REMEMBER

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES — MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2013
LAST WEEK OF SWIMMING — TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
POWERS SWIMMING CARNIVAL — WEDNESDAY 27TH NOV
YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER @ GOOVIGEN — THURS 28TH NOV
MOVEMBER FREE DRESS DAY — FRIDAY 29TH NOV
LEAVE P-2 CAMP — MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER
RETURN P-2 CAMP — 4TH DECEMBER
YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY — TUESDAY 3RD-4TH DECEMBER
P&C END OF YEAR FUNCTION — FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
BREAK UP DAY — THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
LAST DAY TERM 4 — FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER:

- STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
- GET READY QLD FLYER
- Carols by candlelight flyer
- Cardio Tennis flyer