Dear Carers and Parents,

What a great week we have had to finish off the term with Under 8s Day, Interschool Netball and Pirate Day. These days would not be as successful without your support so thank you. Thank you as well goes to all staff involved in the days, both at the events and back at school. There was a lot of preparation involved so a great team effort!

Our students enjoyed Treat Kitchen today so a big thank you to Liz Norman and Trudy Tappin for organising this.

Last weekend Chappy Selma had a horse riding accident. She damaged her shoulder quite badly and was flown to Rockhampton hospital. Flowers were sent on our behalf and students have made cards which will be posted today. We wish Chappy Selma a speedy recovery and hope to see her back at Prospect Creek soon.

Finally I would like to wish all Prospect Creek families a very fun, happy and safe holiday. We resume back at school on Tuesday 8th October. A reminder that Monday 7th October is a public holiday. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Sincerely,
Jo Northey

TERM 4 CENT SALE

Due to the success of last year’s Cent Sale, PCSS will be hosting a Cent Sale at the Bowls Club on Sunday 13th October. This notice is to let you know that we would like our families to START COLLECTING, CREATING or COLLATING 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. Please ensure prizes are wrapped in clear cellophane. Thank you to the Parents and families that have already donated gifts and prizes for the cent sale, it is very much appreciated.

Today we had students from 4-7 visit local businesses to seek donations for our cent sale. Our cent sale has proven to be very successful in the past and we are looking forward to another successful event this year. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer. Please feel free to distribute to your friends and family.

PIE DRIVE

I hope you all enjoy your pies over the holidays. This was a great success and a great way to support our P-2 class with their camp later on in the year. A sincere thank you to Trudy Tappin for the hours she put in organising the drive and also to Liz and Kylie who came in to help sort yesterday.

NAPLAN

We have just received our 2013 NAPLAN results and are pleased with our overall results. Our school has been implementing a very specific improvement agenda around reading and is pleased to share that significant improvement has occurred with our reading results this year. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.

TOY CATALOGUES

We are re-sending home the toy catalogues today, incase you missed the original cut-off date. We are now extending it until Friday 11th October.

SWIMMING

Thank you to staff and parents who gave up their Saturday to train with the Royal Life Saving Society. This day provided an opportunity for us to learn some skills and teaching tips we can use when teaching and discussing water safety students next term. I would like to make you aware that the aim of swimming programs in schools is to provide students with an understanding of how to be safe around aquatic environments while ensuring they have skills in survival and rescue techniques and safe entry and exits. The program is not designed to perfect swimming strokes. Students will be issued with a certificate at the conclusion of the program which will outline the skills achieved at their attainment level.

A reminder that swimming notes were due in today and parents will be invoiced $4.50 per lesson next term. Notes can be returned on Tuesday morning however, if we do not receive this note, your child will have to remain at school.

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Congratulations to our Student of the Term winner Shakira Johnson. Shakira received this as a result of her excellent attendance and continual improvement in all aspects of her learning. Well done Shakira.

We were very excited to receive our memento from the snow this week. What a great photo!

Parliament House Certificates

Elli Blyton 20/9/07
Mr Couchman 22/9
Jordan Rowe 2/10/02
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.
DATES TO REMEMBER

TREAT KITCHEN – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – FRI 20TH SEPTEMBER
STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 – TUES 8TH OCTOBER
SWIMMING COMMENCES – TUES 8TH OCTOBER
PROSSIE CREEK CENT SALE (BOWLS CLUB) – SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER
STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER
PREP ORIENTATION DAY – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
LAST WEEK OF SWIMMING – TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER @ GOOVIGEN – THURS 28TH NOV
YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY – TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
LAST DAY TERM 4 – FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER:

- Cent Sale Flyer
- Parent direct toy catalogue