Hi Parents

Yesterday we farewelled Danielle Campbell. Danielle began as a Teacher Aide with us in May 2013. She has been a valued member of staff and we are sorry to lose her. We wish Danielle all the best for the future.

Congratulations to all our Cross Country runners today. Students who turn 9-12 competed against the other small schools in the region. Staff and parents of Prospect Creek State School were, as usual, so impressed by the sportsmanship of our students. Congratulations Prossie! Selected students will represent the Callide Small Schools at the Port Curtis carnival on Friday 9th May at Benaraby State School.

As we start our two weeks holiday, I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday. School resumes back on Tuesday 22nd April, and although a short week, teaching and learning will resume on this day with new units being introduced. Please ensure your child returns to school for these 3 days to maximise their chance of improvement and success.

Wednesday we held our volunteers afternoon tea. What a wonderful afternoon it was and a great opportunity for the school to say thank you.

Invoices

Invoices have once again been sent home this week. Some families still have outstanding invoices to be paid from 2013. No additional items will be placed on these accounts until they are paid. If you have any questions or concerns about your invoice, please contact the school. To avoid this occurring in the future, all money will be required in full prior to attending extra-curricular activities such as camps and swimming.

Every day counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Please remember that although week 1 is a short week, teaching programs will commence, so please ensure your child is back at school ready to hit the ground running on Tuesday 22nd April.

New cybersafety website

The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

Newspaper Tokens

A big thank you to everyone involved in collecting newspaper tokens for the ipad competition. We managed to collect over 500 tokens for our school. What a wonderful effort.

Like us on Facebook

Part of our Community Engagement and Partnerships strategy is to continue keeping our community engaged and informed with school happenings. While we have our website (which is continually updated) and our Oschools app (which is available on android and apple devices), we believe we could still engage with our community further. Prospect Creek State School now has a Facebook page which you can ‘like’ and have news feeds come through on your personal wall. Please see our fact sheet for more information. Please see the attached factsheet about social media in school communities.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prospect-Creek-State-School/704280269613200

Media Consent Form

Our Media Consent form needs to be updated to include social media. Please see the attached document which lists ways student information may be used. Please ensure these are returned ASAP and clearly list any limitations for your child. We are advised, No signed form – no media release. This includes publishing a child’s photo in our newsletters.

ANZAC Day

The Biloela ANZAC march is happening on Friday 25th April. Assembly for the march will begin at 9:30am in Callide Street at Achievement Park (near the Biloela Information Centre) with the march to commence at 10:00am, followed immediately by the service.

Our school leaders will lead this march and will read the Memoriam at the service. We look forward to seeing as many Prospect Creek State School students in full school uniform for this important event.

A reminder that the school will also hold an ANZAC service on Thursday 24th April at 9am. It would be wonderful to see as many families as possible at our school event.

Have a very safe and happy holiday!!

Prospect Creek State School acknowledges the Gangulu People, the traditional owners of the land on which this school stands.
We have finally come to the end of the term. I can’t believe how fast the last 10 weeks have gone. We are all excited about the pumpkins. They are growing really well. Fingers crossed they last the holidays! Many thanks to all those parents that have helped get their children here on time each day.

It has made a difference to their learning. I hope you all enjoy the next two weeks off and I’ll see you all first day back. Every day counts!

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**MOSQUITOES**

Just a quick reminder that with all this lovely rain we have been receiving the mosquitoes will again appear and about. School policy states that repellent cannot be applied to any students without prior written consent. If you would like the school to apply insect repellent to your child, please sign the attached Insect Repellent consent form and return to the school.

**BATTERY DRIVE**

The battery drive is up and running and our safe, lockable box has arrived at school. Please contact the school if you require another flyer. This has been an extremely successful fundraiser for other schools and organisations. We thank you in advance for your support.

**WUSTY’S RUN**

Just to let you know and mark in your calendar that Wusty’s Run will take place on Saturday 23rd May. This has proven to be a successful fundraiser and a great night out (for the adults I am told!). As you could imagine with such a large fundraiser there are many behind the scenes jobs to be done as well as helping out on the night. If you are able to help out in any way, preparing food for a BBQ, donations of food or time either to set up or sell on the evening, please contact the school ASAP so we can begin coordinating this event.

**HOLIDAY FUN**

Are you 17 years old or under and a little bit creative? Get crafty this school holidays and you could win $100…

**Callide Valley Show Junior All Rounder – in Memory of Shelley Muller/ Delroy**

- Highest Number of Points ($50)
- Highest Number of Exhibits ($50)

Must have entries in at least four of the following sections:
- Horticulture
- Cake Decorating
- Cooking
- Needlework and Sewing
- Art
- Photography
- Scrapbooking
- Handicraft.

Please see the show schedule at www.callidevalleyshow.org.au for more information. (“Callide Valley Show” is now also on Face Book)

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**School Attendance Term 1**

TARGET — 95%
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Zoey Johnson — Excellent work in class
Mackinlay Marxsen — Excellent work in class

STUDENTS OF THE TERM

Seth Jackson — 13th April
Danielle Campbell — 16th April
Joanne Northey — 20th April

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.
Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Danielle Campbell — 16th April
Joanne Northey — 20th April
DATES TO REMEMBER

Jambin Cross Country – Friday 4th April
Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 4th April
First Day of Term 2 – Tuesday 22nd April
School Photos – Thursday 1st May
Biloela Show Holiday – 16th May
Wusty’s Run – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May
PCSS Sports Day – Friday 30th May

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- School photo information
- Media Consent Form
- Pie Drive Form