From the Principal...

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

Hi Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. A huge thank you to all those who came and participated in the events and to the staff. Some great costumes came out of the woodwork on Thursday. It was fantastic to see the entire school get into the day.

We are all looking forward to our big event tomorrow and the school and P&C can’t thank you all enough. We have had input from almost 80% of our families. This work has included donations, raffle ticket selling, baking, setting up for the day, with some families going above and beyond. The school community is so appreciative and please know all children will benefit from your hard work with a heavily subsidised camp. It is not too late to lend a hand if you have not already done so. We will be here setting up tonight as well as early tomorrow morning. Perhaps relieving someone on the day so they can grab a bite to eat or sticking around to help pack up afterwards. Also, we are still after a volunteer or two to sell raffle tickets at the ANZAC Club on Friday 5th September. It would be great to get our community involvement up to 100% by the end of the term!

NAPLAN results went home with our Year 3, 5 and 7 students this week. Our students performed well and I was very happy with the effort all students put in. It was pleasing to see an increase of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands. This was a strong focus for us this year and highlights the importance of higher order thinking and extending students’ learning. I look forward to sharing this data with the school community in an upcoming meeting.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING JUNIOR SECONDARY in 2015:

Monday 15th September 2:00-6:00pm. Parents are invited to the high school for enrolment interviews for both Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015. No appointment is necessary, just turn up with your completed paperwork, including a birth certificate. This is the final day of the scheduled interview allocations.

Wednesday 17th September - Year 6 into 7 Transition Day at Biloela State High School from 9:00am to 2:50pm. Students are required to make their own way to and from the high school. Please note, this is a clash with our Interschool Netball Carnival. This is unfortunate but can’t be helped. It is important that students attend the Transition Day.

Thursday 18th September - Year 7 into 8 Transition Day at Biloela State High School from 9:00am to 2:50pm. Students are required to make their own way to and from the high school.

For further information, please contact the high school on 4992 8666.

Camp

Thank you to those families who have been making payments towards camp. A reminder that money must be finalised by Friday 31st October. We can’t take money after this date as bills have to be paid prior to our departure on Monday 10th November. It would be helpful if students have wet shoes for walking on the beach. Please keep your eye out for cheap pairs of wet shoes next time you are in Rockhampton or Gladstone. A camp meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th October (Term 4, Week 2) at 3:30pm. Please come along with your questions to find out any further information.

Gazetted Student Free Day

All state schools in Queensland have their third gazetted student free day on Monday 20th October. Staff will be involved in Professional Development on this day and students are not required to attend school.

Life Education

Life Education is booked in for Friday 12 September. Students in P-2 will participate in an activity titled ‘Clued Up’. Students will learn about keeping their bodies healthy and safe. Students in Years 3-7 will participate in ‘Mind your Medicine’. This program targets medicines and their safe use and building resilience. There is an option for parents to have an information session.

Study Tour

On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September, Chris and I will be travelling to Rockhampton to visit schools doing wonderful things in writing, particularly around pedagogy and assessment. We will both be out of the school on these days and teachers have been organised to cover. Dan O’Connor will cover the P-2 class on both days, Katherine Terwin will do her normal Wednesday with the 3-7 class and Emma Smith will cover the class on Thursday. Normal school programs will run as usual on both days. We look forward to sharing our learning’s with you when we return.

Swimming

Don’t forget swimming money and permission forms are needed back at school this term. We start swimming Monday Week 2 (due to the public holiday Week 1). All money will be required upfront. Please remember to reference your surname when paying via direct deposit or bring the correct money into school on Monday, Wednesday or Friday to the office.

Biloela Interschool Netball Carnival

Just a reminder that notes for interschool netball need to be returned on Monday with tuck shop orders and money. We will need to organise a car pool, put our team nominations in and pay for tuck shop next week so your cooperation in getting these back to school is appreciated. A reminder that this date clashes with the Year 6 Transition Day at the high school. Year 6 students are not required to return this paperwork.
The Prospectus.

What a great week we have had. Literacy and numeracy games this week were great fun. Thanks to all that came and shared the time with us.

I would also like to thank all parents and relatives that came Thursday night. It was great to catch up with you all and share some pizza and reading together. I am planning to do it again in week two of next term. Hopefully those that couldn't make it this time due to work will be able to come then. I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at market day. The kids are all excited and so am I!

Our three persuasive speakers did a wonderful job on Wednesday at Goovigen. Congratulations to Charley McQuade-Hall, Michael Steger and Jock Youles on representing Prospect Creek State School at the Callide Valley Small Schools competition.

Congratulations to Michael Steger who is off to Redeemer Lutheran College to represent the Callide Cluster in Round 3.

Thank you to those families who came along to our Reading Café and Open Day this week. We appreciate your support and your children were happy to see you!

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**Pizza and Library night**

What a great night we had last night enjoying a play in the park and some pizza for dinner before heading over to the library for our tour and some reading. A reminder that the books borrowed have to be returned in 3 weeks. If you would like to return them to school, we can drop them off for you. Thank you for your support in making this a success and we look forward to continuing this in the future. Well done Chris, a splendid idea!

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**Jenny Bauer Farewell**

On Monday 15th September, we will be farewelling Jenny Bauer at school. Jenny has been with us as a teacher aide for 7 years and has helped maintain strong community connections and has sustained a positive rapport with the children. At 2:30 the entire school community are invited to formally acknowledge and farewell Jenny as we wish her all the best starting her teaching career. Students will be required to bring a plate to share as we enjoy a shared afternoon tea together.

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**School Attendance Term 3**

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TARGET—95%
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Quaid Blyton — Community service without the thought of reward.

Mikalah Wormington — Fantastic effort in all learning areas.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming permission notes to be returned — Friday 5th September
Book Club to be returned — Friday 5th September
ANZAC Memorial Club raffles — Friday 5th September 6.30pm-7.30pm
P&C Meeting — Tuesday 9th September 3.30pm
Life Education — Friday 12th September
High School enrolment interviews for 2015 Yr 7 & Yr 8 intake — Monday 15th September 2.00pm — 6.00pm
Jenny Bauer Farewell — Monday 15th September 2.30pm
Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day at Biloela State High School — Wednesday 17th September 9.00am — 2.50pm
Biloela Interschool Netball Carnival — Wednesday 17th September 9.00 am at Magavalis Sports Club
Year 7 into Year 8 Transition Day at Biloela State High School — Thursday 18th September 9.00am — 2.50pm

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Free Mental Health Workshop
- Biloela Community Health on the move
- PCYC Child Protection Day