Dear Carers and Parents,

What a wonderful start to the new school year. We have had so many smiling faces ready to learn. We have had a smooth start to the year with the Year 3 students moving up into the senior classroom and the Preps moving into the P-2 classroom.

Our school leaders have slipped into their role nicely with all students wearing their badges with pride. As a reminder, our school leaders are:

School Captains: Jock Youles and Charliy McQuade-Hall
Kroombit Captains: Shakira Johnson and Jordan Rowe
Grevillea Captains: Cameron Muller and Joshua Jackson

We have welcomed two new staff members to the school this year. Mrs Rebecca Nielsen will be taking the school for PE on Tuesday and Mrs Katherine Terwin will be working with the 3-7 class on Wednesday. Mrs Stephanie Williams has continued her role as music teacher, Ms Emi Obara has continued as the LOTE teacher for years 5/6/7 and Mrs Liz Norman has continued her role as Learning Support Teacher for 2014.

You may have heard that Mr Couchman has started a time -lapse project with the school. He is taking a school photo each morning, and putting them together to show how each child grows throughout the year. To make this happen we are getting the students ready 5 minutes earlier so we can start our classes at 9am sharp. If you have any concerns with this, please let us know.

Keep your eye out for important dates to remember. We have Cross Country creeping up and training will take place in the morning when students arrive at school. At this stage, training will take place on Wednesday and Friday with our Cross Country event occurring on the 14th March. There will be more information as the date gets closer.

There will be a bus meeting followed by our P&C AGM and meeting on Tuesday 18th February. The bus meeting will take place from 6:30pm, due to drivers needing to return from bus runs, with the P&C AGM following at 7pm. The P&C is a great way for you to become more involved in the school. We look forward to hitting the ground running and are hoping to see as many parents at these meetings as possible.

You will find a newsletter and timetable attached to the newsletter for your child’s class explaining how the class runs. You will notice from the class timetable that teaching and learning is occurring every session every day. Our students work extremely hard and it is important for students to come to school every day.

Sincerely,

Jo Northey

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Lana and Gordon Stewart on the safe arrival of your baby girl Matilda. Matilda was born on 22nd January and of course is just beautiful!

Mr Couchman is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his first baby and will be taking two weeks leave to be with his family. Mrs Liza Tansey will be replacing Chris in the P-2 class for most of this time.

Mrs Jordan has a couple of weeks left before taking 12 months maternity leave. The A02 position is currently being advertised. Please see the advertisement for more information.

SWIMMING

Thank you to those families who were prompt with returning permission notes for swimming. This amount will be invoiced to you shortly. Of course we welcome parent helpers so if you are able to help out, we look forward to seeing you at 1:30pm at the pool. Please let us know in advance if you are collecting your child from the pool. Any child not collected by 2:45pm will return to school on the bus.

ACCOUNTS

We still have some unpaid accounts. These will need to be paid ASAP. If you would prefer, a payment plan can be set up to pay these off. It is important that accounts be kept up to date to avoid a large lump sum being owed. Soon, we will be moving to a pay as you use system, as discussed at our P&C meeting last year. This means, money will be required prior to excursions and materials being required.

ROAD SAFETY

We have had a busy week up at the front gate this week and it is a timely reminder about keeping our kids safe before and after school. Please ensure you park your car to drop off and collect your child and use the pedestrian crossing available. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

TREAT KITCHEN

For those of you who are unaware, we rely on our fabulous volunteers to provide Treat Kitchen for our students. If you are able to donate your time (even if it is cooking a meal the night before) we would love to hear from you!
Welcome Back 2014

SWIMMING

WHAT TO BRING:

- SWIMMERS
- 2 X TOWELS (SPARE)
- GOGGLES
- CAP
- PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED.

PLEASE NOTE

On Friday 14th February, the Biloela SHS swimming Carnival is being held at the pool. As a result, swimming will need to be cancelled on this date. This will be deducted from your fees. Sorry for any inconvenience.
POSITION VACANT IN 2014 – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
TEMPORARY PART TIME
(26 hours per fortnight)

Our Administrative Officer position will become vacant for 12 months due to a leave of absence. The position is anticipated to start on the 10th March 2014 and finish on the 10th March 2015. The Role Description contains a list of duties, and it can be emailed or collected from the school. A resume template is available upon request from the school.

Application close on Friday 7th February 2014.

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The Principal, Prospect Creek State School, PO Box 180, Biloela, 4715

Or Email – the.principal@proscreess.eq.edu.au

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jordan Tappin—3rd January
Hayden Urquhart—12th January
Mrs Bawden—27th January

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
AYDA LABUSCHEWSKI, HAYDEN URQUHART, CORBY WORMINGTON, QUAIID BLYTON, AARON HITE

Welcome to our new Preppie’s!!
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming—Every Friday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Mr. Couchman begins leave (Liza Tansey replacing) —Tuesday 4th February
Cross Country Training (Full Track — Parent helpers needed) - Wed 12th February
NO SWIMMING — Friday 14th February
Bus meeting— Tuesday 18th February
P&C AGM — Tuesday 18th February
Mr. Couchman Returns from Leave— Wed 19th February
Mrs. Jordan’s last day — Friday 7th March
Cross Country— Friday 14th March
Anti-Bullying Day— Friday 21st March

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- P-2 Information letter to parents
- 3-7 Information letter to parents