Hi Parents,

Welcome back to what has been a wonderful start to Semester 2. It is great to see students come back ready to learn and excited about the new units and subjects they will be learning. A copy of class timetables are attached to this newsletter. A reminder that the school is a very busy place and every session, every day is utilised by explicit teaching of important new skills and concepts. Without this learning, students have gaps and find it difficult to catch up. Every Day Counts!

Congratulations to the 41% of students who attended school every single day in Term 2. This is a huge achievement and one that we are very proud of. Congratulations to Corby Wormington, Quaid Blyton, Elli Blyton, Ilyssa Marxsen, Ryan Northey, Mackinlay Marxsen, Joshua Matheson, Lyndon Urquhart, Zoey Johnson, Mikalah Wormington, Fraser Blyton, Tane Norman, Kahu Norman, Shakira Johnson and Cameron Muller.

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week was held during the holidays and the school will be celebrating this important event next week. NAIDOC aims to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians and is a time to officially celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. On Wednesday, a note went home for bus travel to Biloela to allow us to join with Biloela State School in their celebrations. Students will be engaging with the following activities:
A talk with Mr Bob Blair, Story Telling with Aunty Glee Sellin, Traditional Games with Jamie Simpson and Darumbal Community Youth Services and Music Workshops with Lyrical Equations.

Thank you to those families who have returned their permission notes so promptly. If you have not returned the permission note, could you please do so on Monday. We are unable to transport any child from the school without written permission.

I have been invited to travel to Bundaberg on Monday to provide Central Office in Brisbane with C2C feedback, specifically around teaching C2C in a multi-age context. I will be out of the school all day and Katherine Terwin will replace me in my absence. Chris Couchman will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest helping with our school camp. We now have a full bus and are taking names for a waiting list for those parents still wishing to attend. Small instalments can be made at any time to pay off the remainder of the camp balance. $20 per fortnight per student will pay this off in ample time. All payments (both parents and students) must be finalised by Friday 24th October.

**LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK**

Literacy and Numeracy Week takes place in Week 7 (25th-31st August). This year we are going all out! A reading café will be offered to parents and children to share some lunch, sit and enjoy a book together. Open classrooms with literacy and numeracy games will take place after breakfast on the Thursday morning and on Saturday 30th August, we are opening up the school to the entire community with our Market Day and Country Fair. Planning for a great week is underway so ensure you add these events to your calendar.

Thank you to those families for your support and participation in our P&C and Country Fair meeting on Tuesday. It is great to have so much support for our upcoming function. Please keep your eye out in the newsletter for ways you can help, whether through donations or support on the day. There are lots of jobs and the day will only be successful with support from the entire school community.

**A NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY IN THE AFTERNOON**

NAIDOC Deadly Community Day at Biloela State High School - 3pm to 6pm
Nhulundu Health - Health education and checks
Good Quick Tukka, Sporting games & drills, Free Rides & BBQ
Music Performances - Dave Dow & Lyrical Equations (Pre & GDubb)

**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Next week our School Opinion Survey will be sent home for parents. The annual School Opinion Survey will be occurring in our school during 21-25 July, however the parents online tool is open from 21st July-1st August. The aim of the survey is to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. All families are encouraged to complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our school’s reports, which we will receive later this year. The reports will help our school and Education Queensland to further understand how to better meet the needs of our community. The Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home to families early next week, which can only be completed online. Computers will be made available at school for those parents who require access to this online tool.

**UNDER 8’S DAY / SPORTS DAY**

A whole school event will take place on Friday, 1st August for us at Mt Murchison State School. We will celebrate Under 8’s Day with various activities and it will be a sports day for our older students. Please indicate if you are able to transport your child/ren to Mount Murchison on this day or if they will need to go on a bus, using the attached permission note and return it to the office. We need to know numbers so the school can arrange transport.
Another busy term is planned. This term we are looking at landscapes and weather in Science. Towards the end of term, students will need to build a model landscape and talk about it, so start keeping odds and ends aside for that.

The ducks are back! We now have the two ‘babies’ back, though they are no longer so small.

Under 8’s Day has just been announced. It is in two weeks time, on Friday 1st August (Week 3) at Mt Murchison. More information and a note to sign should be in this issue of the newsletter.

Students will be revisiting persuasive text types this term in the lead up to our Persuasive Speaking Competition at school on Tuesday 19th August. Guest judges will be invited closer to the date to choose our top three speakers to participate in the Callide Cluster Small Schools Competition in Goovigen on Wednesday 27th August. The winning three speeches at Goovigen will then participate at Moura in Week 10. All students in Years 6 and 7 will be required to prepare a speech for the school competition.

We are very excited to start our new subject of Geography this semester. Students are learning about mapping, cultural diversity and environmental resources as they learn more about the world. Students flicking through the newspaper occasionally or watching the news is a great way to see and hear about local, national and international issues and events.

100% attendance for term 2 — Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Lana Stewart — 18th

The Prospectus.
Prospect Creek State School is proud to announce we are the successful recipients of the Banana Shire Council’s Community Grant for the purchase of a large amount of Lego which Chappy applied for on our behalf. She is planning to use it to start a Lego Club at Prossy. If you would like to read more about the Chaplaincy Program please visit the website link below.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Betty Bawden’s luncheon — Saturday 19th July
Biloela State School NAIDOC Activities — Tuesday 22nd July
Port Curtis Athletics Trials, Biloela State High school — Wednesday & Thursday 23rd & 24th July
Port Curtis Athletics, Benaraby — Friday 25th July
Anzac Memorial Club raffles — Friday 1st August
Under 8’s Day at Mount Murchison — Friday 1st August
Open morning for Literacy & Numeracy week (Breakfast & activities) - Thursday 28th August
Market Day, Country Fair & Open Day — 30th August (11.00am — 5.00pm)

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Biloela Rugby Union Club — Junior’s Sign on Day
- Biloela Rugby Union — Ladies Day Extravaganza
- C&K Biloela Childcare Centre — Trivia Night
- Book Club

- Under 8’s Day Tuckshop form & Permission slip
- Get Started fact sheet