Hi Parents,

The newsletter is out a day earlier this week due to the Under 8s and Sports Day tomorrow. Thank you to all for returning your notes. It sounds like a wonderful day has been planned. The students in Years P-2 will be involved in rotational activities and students in Years 3-7 will participate in sporting rotations with Sports Development Officers. For those meeting us there, we will all need to be at Mt Murchy at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Congratulations to Cameron Muller and Shakira Johnson who represented Callide Valley at the Port Curtis Athletics Carnival. Both students performed extremely well on the day and showed great sportsmanship. I believe both achieved personal bests and Cameron Muller has been selected to represent Port Curtis at the Capricornia Regional Trials in Emerald. We wish Cameron all the best.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual School Opinion Survey closes this Sunday 3rd August. The aim of the survey is to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and all school staff. All families are encouraged to complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our schools’ 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. Thank you to those parents who have completed this survey already.

ANDREW FULLER COMMUNITY SESSIONS

Andrew Fuller has travelled the state providing professional development to schools and communities to help prepare families for Junior Secondary in 2015. Thanks to REAP, we have been able to get Andrew Fuller to Biloela on Monday 11th August (5.30pm-7:00pm) and Tuesday 12th August (3.30pm-4:30pm). This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to listen to an engaging speaker on building resilience in our children and brain-based learning. More information is to follow but I wanted to give you plenty of time to mark this valuable opportunity on your calendars!

Year 6 and 7 students will also have the opportunity to listen to an Andrew Fuller session on Monday 11th August at 1:00pm. The session will focus on resilience and wellbeing. A note went home to our Year 6 & 7 students this week and thank you to those families who have returned this. Could this note please be returned by Monday so we can organise transport to and from Biloela SHS.

P&C MEETING

A reminder that the P&C meeting will take place next Tuesday after school. We will be discussing our audit commendations and recommendations and our Quadrennial School Review. This process will guide our school over the next 4 years as we write our school plan together. Please come along and share your thoughts and vision for improving student learning outcomes. We look forward to seeing you all there. And, if you are able to come along at 3 o’clock, there will be a brief Market Day fundraising meeting before the actual P&C meeting starts after school.

BILOELA STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2015 INTERVIEWS

Biloela SHS will come to Prospect Creek State School on Friday 8th August to conduct enrolment interviews for 2015. They will be here from 2pm until 4pm to meet with parents. Bookings can be made through Robyn Matheson on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at our school office.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week will take place in week 6 and we will be conducting activities on Wednesday 20th August from 2pm - 3pm. Parents and siblings are encouraged to come along and participate. A variety of science experiments and activities will be set up for students to engage with for the afternoon. The theme for the week is ‘Food for our Future’ and this is the week we hope to start our vegetable patch.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Literacy and Numeracy Week will take place in week 7 and activities will run throughout the week. We encourage parents and siblings to participate in these activities with your children.

Throughout the week students have been registered for the Online Literacy Festival where they will engage in web conferences with Australian Authors and Poets.

On Tuesday will have a reading cafe for parents and children to enjoy as they share a book together in our school library.

Wednesday afternoon our top 3 persuasive speakers will participate in the Small Schools Persuasive Speaking competition at Goovigen.

On Thursday afternoon we will have open classrooms for students to share with their parents their work and talk about what they have been learning. Literacy and numeracy games will be set up for students to engage with. From 2:30 - 3pm we will have a meeting with parents to share our direction for the remainder of the year and talk about school camp.

Thursday after school Mr Couchman is organising a pizza dinner / library session for Dads and kids to enjoy at Biloela Library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANZAC CLUB RAFFLES THIS FRIDAY NIGHT. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

e-Kindy

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open. Families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. aged 4 by 30 June 2015) can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. We will contact these families directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/eKindy/Pages/eKindy.aspx
Another great week in P-2. This week the Preps have been focusing on their Rainbow facts and learning addition. Year one and two have learnt more about multiplication and how to write an information report. We all learnt clouds come from evaporation of water by the sun and not from the smoke stacks of the power stations around here. Tomorrow should be a great day. Hope to see you all at Mt. Murchison.

It is great to see our Year 3 and 4 students working so hard on their times tables. Practise them while cooking dinner, in the car, during ad breaks, while on the toilet – wherever! This is a vital skill students need to be successful in maths as they move through school.

Years 5-7 are working hard on creating their persuasive speech for our school competition. This will take place on Tuesday 19th August. I have one judge confirmed! Parents are welcome to come and listen to the speeches on this day. The top 3 speeches will then move through to the Small School competition which will take place at Goovigen on Wednesday 27th August.

Market Day, Country Fair & Open Day—30th August

The next school fundraiser is coming up fast. As we are going with a country fair theme, these are the items that we will need parents to make and have ready for sale at the cake stall please:

- Toffee apples
- Rocky road or other treats like that
- Date loaves or other types of loaf
- Bar cakes
- Banana breads
- Biscuits (kisses etc)
- Marshmallows
- Slices
- Choc balls
- Jams/ Pickles/ Lemon butter etc (we will put those cute little rounds of material over the top and tie off with ribbon to give them the country feel)
- Home made lemonade???
- Any other old fashioned country treat that you can think of which we can package up nicely and make the stall look great!

Can parents please let the office know what you will be making for the cake stall so we have a rough idea of what we will have on the day and what we need to focus on.

Also, for the lucky jars, can we have donations of little items like hair bands, bangles, loom bands, cars, lollipops and any nick knack toys which will be able to fit in the jars as prizes. And donations of empty jars please. Can these items start getting dropped off at the office so there won’t be a rush in the week before the big event. We are fundraising for the whole school camp and a whole school effort is required to make the event a big success for everyone’s benefit.

**School Attendance Term 3**

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**TARGET—95%**

Ryan Northey—3rd August

The Prospectus.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lyndon Urquhart – Working consistently to finish on time

Joshua Jackson – Consistently showing leadership skills and being a positive role model

Position Vacant – Teacher Aide

(36.5 hours per fortnight)

We have one temporary teacher aide position vacant. The position will start on Thursday 9th October 2014 and will finish on Thursday 5th February 2015. The position will be for 18.25 hours per week plus ADO hours. The role description contains a list of duties, and it can be emailed, posted or collected from the school by phoning (07) 49 921 490. A resume template is available upon request from the school.

Application close on Friday 29th August 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
DATES TO REMEMBER

Anzac Memorial Club raffles—Friday 1st August
Under 8’s Day at Mount Murchison State School — Friday 1st August
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 5th August
Andrew Fuller sessions—Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th 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:

- Treat kitchen
- Market Day flyer
- Chalk & Direct toy catalogues
- South Pacific Takewondo flyer
- Supporting comprehension
- Supporting oral reading