Hi Parents,

Wow, Friday Week 10! It has been an extremely successful and busy semester. I wish to thank all parents, staff and students who have helped make such a busy term, a successful one. NAPLAN, Callide Valley Show, Eisteddfod, Sports Day, Wusty’s Run, Small School Sports Day, Teaching and Learning Audit, Discipline Audit, Careers Market, Pedagogy Coach visits and our Cotton Farm Trip. Staff have engaged in numerous Professional Development opportunities both in and out of school and congratulations to Robyn Matheson, who has been selected as a participant in the Administrative Induction and Training Program for 2014. Chris and I attended a writing moderation session on Wednesday this week followed by a PD on Explicitly Teaching Writing. What a powerful and practical workshop, with numerous ideas on how to engage students and improve their writing outcomes. Chris and I look forward to unpacking this further next term.

Next term proves to be slightly busy as well. As NAIDOC week occurs during the holidays, we will engage in NAIDOC activities on Thursday of Week 3. More information to come in the first newsletter next term but it would be great to see families join in with some NAIDOC themed activities.

Literacy and Numeracy Week takes place on Monday 25th to Friday 29th August. To celebrate the wonderful things happening at our school, we would like to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week with a bang! A reading café will be available all through the week where parents and students will be invited to share a book and some lunch in the library. On Friday morning we will open up the school, share some breakfast and showcase literacy and numeracy activities and games. 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.

Enjoy a very happy holiday with your family and if you are travelling, please travel safely. See you all back at school on Monday 14th July.

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 15th July (Week 1) we will have our first P&C meeting for Term 2. This will include a Market Day meeting to continue preparations for this big event. We will also go through the audit instrument and discuss the audit findings. A reminder that our P&C meetings start at 3:30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Remember to keep our students reading over the holidays and completing their Reading Challenge sheet every time a book is finished. The Biloela Library is open for borrowing in the holidays and it is a free service to all in Banana Shire.

BETTY BAWDEN’S RETIREMENT LUNCH

Invitations went home with the newsletter a couple of weeks ago. Please advise early next term or ring and leave a message over the holidays as to whether you are able to attend. Betty has contributed to the teaching and learning at Prospect Creek State School for 36 years. It would be great to have as many representatives of Prospect Creek State School there as possible, both past and present, to thank Betty and wish her all the best. Biloela Anzac Memorial Club, Saturday 19th July at 12.00pm.

CAMP UPDATE

Thank you to our P&C for heavily subsidising our 2014 camp. The camp has come down to a cost of $150 per student. This can be paid in full or in instalments over the next 4 months. Final payment must be made by Friday 31st October. Please ensure you put your surname in the reference number when making payment via direct deposit.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR PARENT HELPERS AT CAMP

We have had many parents express an interest in coming on camp and while we would like to say yes to all of you, we can only take a maximum of 42 passengers to the island. Unfortunately we can’t accommodate younger siblings on this camp due to the activities involved. Parents attending will be required to help and be involved with activities throughout the week. The cost of the camp for parents is $360. This includes transport, accommodation, food and equipment hire. A $50 deposit will be required to secure your spot and it will be first in best dressed. We will then form a waiting list for any other parents who may have missed out. At this stage we will have 3 vacancies only for parents. Please return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter on the second page with your deposit on the first day of Term 3, if you would like to secure your spot.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,

Jo Northey
The final day of term is here! Yesterday’s field trip was a great hit with the whole school. We all learned a lot and will have memories for a long time to come.

Thomas Natoli has decided to become a cotton farmer because he wants to drive a harvester and several others have decided to become Santa Claus if you look closely at the pictures. We all had heaps of fun at the park in Moura.

The kids have done well this term and we have seen some great progress from them since the beginning of the year. I look forward to seeing them all ready to learn again next term. Every day counts!

What a wonderful semester our class has had. Year 6 and 7 students went to the Careers Market on Monday enjoyed hearing about different opportunities available in the region. The Emerald Agricultural College exhibit was popular and I have a feeling that we all came back wanting to move to Emerald! Yesterday we travelled to a cotton farm and the Moura Gin. Every child received some cotton seeds so let’s see who can grow the best plant!

Thank you for your work, thank you for your school leadership and thank you for your commitment and determination to improve your learning.

Keep reading, remember the reading challenge doesn’t finish until September and Mathletics and Reading Eggs accounts will remain open.

Have a very safe, happy and restful holiday!

**School Attendance Term 2**

![School Attendance Graph]

TARGT—95%
STUDENTS OF THE TERM

Ivy Neve — Outstanding improvement in writing
Corby Wormington — Consistently working hard and always trying his best.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Tom Neve—9th
Joshua Jackson—10th
Fraser Blyton—11th
Mrs McQuillan—11th
Lyndon Urquhart—11th

2014 Whole School Camp — Parent Expression of Interest slip.

I, _______________________________, would like to attend the Whole School Camp from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November 2014. Attached is my $50 deposit for camp.

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(Signature)
DATES TO REMEMBER

Last day of Term 2—Friday 27th June
First day of Term 3—Monday 14th July
P&C meeting—Tuesday 15th July
Betty Bawden’s luncheon—Saturday 19th July
Anzac Memorial Club raffles—Friday 1st August
Under 8’s Day at Mount Murchison — Friday 1st August
Market Day, Country Fair & Open Day – 30th August (11.00am– 5.00pm)

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- The Banana Shire Council 2014-2015 Budget Explained meetings