Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful morning we had cheering on Prospect Creek students as they participated in Cross Country. It was great to see some families come and help with the event. Congratulations to all our participants.

Next Friday we celebrate Anti Bullying Day. Students will be able to wear casual clothes to school on this day and will receive a wrist band. We will have a shared morning tea on this day. Please bring along something to share.

Just a reminder that Robyn Matheson is taking over the A02 position for 12 months. Her hours are 8:30-2:00pm on Monday, 8:30-1:30pm on Wednesday, 8:30-1:00pm on Thursday and 8:30-2:45pm on Friday. These hours are for the remainder of this term only. I will let you know of changes next term.

EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

It has come to my attention that students who are withdrawn from school for a period of 10 consecutive days or more are required to submit an exemption application form for approval by the school. For more information, or if you are wondering if this applies to you, please contact me.

SENIOR SHIRTS

This week students took home a note to order senior shirts. I have attached to this newsletter a slip indicating whether you have purchased or intend to purchase a shirt and also the size. A reminder that money is to be paid no later than Friday 21 March.

PROSSIE CREEK IS GOING PURPLE

On Wednesday 26 March we will be participating in Purple Day for Epilepsy. Students are able to wear purple on this day for a gold coin donation. Thank you to Trudy Tappin for registering our school for this worthy cause.

BATTERY DRIVE

The battery drive is up and running and we have organised a safe, lockable box at school. Please see the attached flyer and distribute to your local contacts. This has been an extremely successful fundraiser for other schools and organisations. We thank you in advance for your support.

FUNDRAISING

We have hit the ground running with fundraising this year with 3 spots being booked at Woolworths this term. A cake stall we be held on Thursday 27 March and a raffle will be held on Monday 31 March and Wednesday 2 April. These events were run last year and were very successful fundraisers. We will be requiring donations of cakes/ biscuits/ sweets for the cake stall and Easter donations for a hamper to raffle off. We will also be seeking support with volunteers to man the stalls on these days. Please mark these days in your diaries if you are able to spare an hour or two.

ANZAC Memorial Club raffles

Thank you to Linda Marxsen who helped me with the raffles on Friday night. We have 5 more dates this year and are looking for 10 volunteers (that is helping out for one hour just one night). It is easy to do, just sell tickets, spin the wheel and report to the staff to announce the winner. The dates for the raffles are:

- 2nd May
- 6th June
- 1st August
- 5th September
- 7th November
- 19th March

Please come and put your name down for one evening, take the kids and enjoy a night out!

PARENT READING WORKSHOP

I will be facilitating a reading workshop on Wednesday 26 March at 3:30pm. The session should take no more than 2 hours and is a great way to learn how to support your child with reading and comprehending texts at home. Reading is important and the only way to improve is to read more! Don’t forget to RSVP (for materials) by Wednesday 19 March.

DON’T FORGET....

We have so many volunteers helping out at school and we would love to say thank you to you all. Please remember our afternoon tea on Wednesday 2 April at 3:30pm.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be conducting formal parent teacher interviews after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of week 10. We will allocate time slots and will be a great opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher about their progress at school. Please call admin to make a booking. Bring your child along to share their work.

FIRST AID

It has come to my attention through our recent audit process, that staff are unable to administer Panadol to any child. The only way a staff member can administer any medication is if the medication comes to school with a label from the doctor. A medication form will need to be completed and stored at school. Please see me if you require any clarification around this.
**Help the school win iPads**

From Saturday, February 22 to Monday, March 31 schools across each of APN’s Queensland regions have the chance to be in the running to win a set of 10 iPads by collecting the giveaway tokens and submitting them by the competition closing date.

A token will be published in The Gladstone Observer & The Morning Bulletin every day from February 22 to March 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the five-week promotion wins a set of 10 iPads. Collected token’s can be dropped into the school office. Happy collecting.

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**P-2 News**

Hi all,

It has been exciting to see the students in Year 1 and 2 start to improve their sentences. I am starting to see much more interesting sentences. All that work at school and for homework is starting to pay off. The more they practice, the better they get. Congratulations Joshua Rowe for this week’s excellent sentences.

The bun at home is huge. It is as big as a classroom.

The bug is as big as a chair.

I am wondering if the bug was found in the bun. I guess we will never know.

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**3-7 News**

What a busy week our students have had with assessments and new units. This week we have finished our data work and are now looking at chance and probability. Talk to your child about the likelihood of events occurring. Using words such as certain, impossible, less likely, more likely etc.

We are also starting our persuasive unit. Students will work towards creating a persuasive text. A great start to our persuasive speaking competition which will come up later in the year!

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**School Attendance Term 1**

TARGET—95%
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grace Stringer — For wonderful sizzling starts and improved writing

Thomas Neve — Excellent focus and effort in class

Prospect Creek Cross Country

Junior Girl — Zoey Johnson
Junior Boy — Makinlay Marxsen
Intermediate Girl — Mikalah Wormington
Intermediate Boy — Fraser Blyton
Senior Girl — Shakira Johnson
Senior Boy — Cameron Muller

Grevillea are winning so far this year with total points of 43 and Kroombit sitting on 40 points. Should make an interesting athletics carnival on the 30th May.

WORKING BEE

We have noticed a few odd jobs need to be done around the school. Unfortunately we don’t have the resources within the school to complete so we are hoping you might be able to spare a couple of hours on Sunday 16th March to help. A few things that spring to mind are:

- Maintenance of the snake repellers
- Trimming of trees (Thanks to Gavin for volunteering to do this)
- Sand raked and weeded
- Guttering on sheds and buildings
- Blowing out the sheds
- Cobwebs around the playground and general garden maintenance.
- Removing garden near P-2 classroom (ready for a vege garden!)

The school would like to thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to make Prospect Creek a happy and safe place for our students!

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

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Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.

Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.

Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming — Every Friday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Cross Country — Friday 14th March
Anti-Bullying Day — Friday 21st March
Parent Reader Workshop — Wednesday 26th March
Purple Day — Wednesday 26th March
Last day of swimming — Friday 28th April
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Parent Teacher interviews — Monday 31st March — Thurs 3rd April

Jambin Cross Country — Friday 4th April
Last Day of Term 1 — Friday 4th April
First Day of Term 2 — Tuesday 22nd April
School Photo’s — Thursday 29th April
PCSS Sports Day — Friday 30th May

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- P&C Battery Drive
- Prospect Creek Teacher Aide Vacancy
- Drought Relief Assistance Scheme
- Redeemer open day
- iPad competition for the school
- Colouring and Word find competition