Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, week 8. Where is this time going! Students looked great today as we were reminded about strategies to combat bullying. It was great to see students share and enjoy a morning tea together!

I would like to express a huge thank you to the families who came to our Working Bee on Sunday. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of these families, our school is now cleaner and safer, which will be of benefit to everyone. Thankyou to Dave and Sally Neve, Linda and Adam Marxsen, Kylie Wormington, Trudy Tappin, Adam Northey and Chris Couchman. Quite a few hard hours were put in on a warm day so a sincere thank you. There is still an opportunity for other families to become involved in the school with the cake stall, ANZAC Memorial Club raffles and the Easter raffle. It would be great if some other families could help lighten the load as all students benefit from these fundraising initiatives.

We still have 2 weeks left of school and I would like to remind you about the importance of attending every single day. Our attendance has now dropped below 95% for term 1. This is our regional target. Teaching and learning will continue right up until Friday week 10 so please ensure your child has every opportunity possible to learn and improve. We are also noticing students are coming to school late. At 9am the entire school begins our explicit spelling program. This runs for 20 mins every day. Students who are continually late are missing these important lessons.

On April 25th the school will be holding an ANZAC service, and all families are invited to attend. Prospect Creek State School will participate in the Biloela march on Friday April 25th our school captains will lead the school in this event and will read a Memoriam at the service. It would be wonderful to have as many of our students attend this event. Students will be required to wear school uniform, consisting of black shorts, skirts or skorts, orange and black shirt and school hat will be collected and taken to the march. We will meet at the information centre across from KFC.

PROSSIE CREEK IS GOING PURPLE

On Wednesday 26th March we will be participating in Purple Day for Epilepsy. Students are able to wear purple on this day for a gold coin donation. Purple hairspray is available for the day. Please contact the school if you WOULD NOT like your child to have their hair coloured. Thank you to Trudy Tappin for registering our school for this worthy cause.

BATTERY DRIVE

The battery drive is up and running and our safe, lockable box has arrived at school. Please contact the school if you require another flyer. This has been an extremely successful fundraiser for other schools and organisations. We thank you in advance for your support.

P&C CAKE STALL

This is being held on Thursday 27th March at Biloela Shopping World. We will require volunteers to run the stall throughout the morning. If you can help, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with Trudy Tappin who is our P&C fundraising coordinator. Donations of cakes, biscuits or sweets would be required from all families. Our cake stalls have always been extremely well supported and money raised is going to help subsidise the school camp at the end of the year.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are still require donations for the Easter Raffle. If everyone picks something up during their next shop we will have a great hamper to raffle off as our second prize. Thank you to Angela Urquhart who has again volunteered to make a cake as our first prize!

ANZAC Memorial Club raffles

Our ANZAC Club raffle dates are still up for grabs. It would be a shame to cancel these as money fundraised will help subsidise the school camp this year. We have 5 dates left 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
- 5th September
- 6th June
- 7th November
- 1st August

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 26th 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! Please RSVP as soon as possible if you intend on attending. This is so I can organise handouts and resources.

SCHOOL BANKING

If your child has a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver account, please bring in their details to the office and get them signed up for school banking. Deposits can be brought in on Fridays as of next week.
The Prospectus.

This week in science we learned about damaged habitats. All the students feel lucky not living in big cities with all the pollution. The pumpkin plants are growing well and Mr Waddles is back!! We had lots of fun helping the senior class finish off the Hot Shots chalk drawing. A small note on homework. Please remind your child they need to bring their homework folders back on the Friday. It is a struggle to organise them when not all are returned each week or are sent in late.

A reminder that senior shirts money is to be paid this week. No money means no shirt. The order will be placed on Friday. Please see attached permission note if you would like to help out with the cake stall. Only students who return their permission notes will be invited to help at the Cake Stall on Thursday.

A reminder that homework is to be handed in on Friday. This gives me a chance to mark it before it goes home again on Monday.

PROSPECT CREEK SPORTS DAY
The date has been set! Mark Friday 30th May in your diaries as the Annual Prospect Creek Sports Day. We look forward to seeing all our families there for this event.

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.

Prospect Creek made the Police Blog!!

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jordan Rowe — Great leadership and effort

Hayden Urquhart — Hard work and enthusiasm in class

Thank You Woolworths
Earn & Learn
For all our fantastic resources

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.
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❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming – Every Friday 1:30 – 2:30pm
Parent Reader Workshop – Wednesday 26th March
Purple Day – Wednesday 26th March
Last day of swimming – Friday 28th April
Parent Teacher interviews – Monday 31st March – Thurs 3rd April
(more information to come in regards to parent teacher interviews)
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:

- Cake stall information
- Jambin Cross Country permission forms
- Cake stall permission slips for students