Hi Parents,

Well done to all our families who represented Prospect Creek in the community Anzac march on Friday. We had a great turn out, in fact almost two thirds of our school marched proudly down Callide Street. You all looked great!

A huge thank you to our entire community for their support with our battery drive. We received another four or five pallets this week and there are still more coming. This support would not be possible without our families spreading the word so thank you. This is proving to be a very successful fundraiser for our P&C, which benefits all students at the school.

Ray Robbins will be here next Friday from lunch until the end of the day. He will also be here Friday 23rd May and for our Sports Day on Friday 30th May. Ray will be working with students on athletics, in particular, shot put, high jump and discus. This is great preparation for our sports day which is coming up on Friday 30th May. Thank you Ray for volunteering your time, I am sure our students will get a lot out of your sessions.

Today we have Miss Hayleigh Warry starting with us. Miss Warry will be replacing Jenny Bauer while she takes leave to complete her practicum. Miss Warry will be working with both classes over the five days.

ACCOUNTS
Unfortunately, due to many accounts not being paid, we will no longer be crediting items. All uniforms and excursions will need to be paid for in advance. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. Invoices are attached to this newsletter, please pay any outstanding amounts as soon as possible. Larger amounts can be paid off in manageable instalments. If using BPAY, please ensure you put your surname in the reference so we can allocate the right account. Thank you to those families who have paid off their accounts.

EISTEDDFOD
Ms Williams has been working with the entire school on an item for the Biloela Eisteddfod on Tuesday 20th May. Please find attached to this newsletter a permission form which will need to be returned to school by next Friday 9th May. Parents are more than welcome to purchase a ticket to watch the session. The school will cover the cost of the bus for the students.

CHOCOLATES
Thank you to those families who have been busy selling chocolates for the P&C. We still have a few boxes to go. If you are able to take a box to sell, please see Robyn in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. This year, the testing dates occur on Tuesday 13th May – Thursday 15th May.

NAPLAN tests students in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It is extremely important that every student is at school on time for these three days and a light breakfast will be provided for all students before school.

DONATIONS PLEASE
Our apprentice carpenters (aka students) are busy constructing items for the show. If you have any off cuts of soft wood lying around, we would happily take it off your hands. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE
Individualised attendance letters are attached to this newsletter. Our overall attendance for Term 1 was 94.5%. We are almost there! 90% attendance equates to one day off per fortnight. We need students at school every day to ensure they have every opportunity to learn and achieve. We thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring all attendances are notified either by phone call or note.

CAMP
Attached to this newsletter is a permission form for our end of year All School Camp. If your child will be attending camp please return your signed permission to school by next Friday 9th May.

MEDIA CONSENT FORM
Our Media Consent form needs to be updated to include social media. Please see the attached document which lists ways student information may be used. Please ensure these are returned ASAP and clearly list any limitations for your child.

Prospect Creek State School acknowledges the Gangulu People, the traditional owners of the land on which this school stands.

From the Principal...

Friday 2nd May 2014

Prospect Creek State School
The Prospectus.

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TIMETABLE CHANGES

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9:00-11:00 First session (with a 10 min fruit break at 10:00am)
11:00-11:45 15 mins eating followed by play
11:45-1:15 Second session
1:15-2:00 15 mins eating followed by play
2:00-3:15 Third session

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WUSTY’S RUN

Thank you to those families who have returned their Wusty’s Run form however, we still need some more helpers. The P&C is working extremely hard to ensure this event is a success but we need all hands on deck. You can support the P&C either by preparing food beforehand, cooking sweets, donations of food items, transport of equipment or time on the night/morning. Money raised from this event will be deducted from school camp for ALL students. The more helpers and donations we receive, the more money we raise and the cheaper our camp is. The form was attached to the newsletter last week. Please contact the office if you require another copy and return to school ASAP. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Ayda Labuschewski—2nd May
Shakira Johnson—3rd May
DATES TO REMEMBER

- P&C meeting — 10th May
- Biloela Show Holiday — 16th May
- Biloela Eisteddfod — 20th May
- Wusty’s Run — Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May
- Principal’s conference — 26th – 30th May
- PCSS Sports Day — Friday 30th May
- Queens Birthday Holiday — 9th June
- Small Schools Sports Day (Goovigen) - 13th June
- School Reports sent home — 20th June

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Camp Consent Form
- Media Release Form
- Eisteddfod Consent Form
- Term 1 Attendance
- P-2 New timetable
- 3-7 New timetable
- Pictures in the Park flyer
- Tupperware for Prospect Creek State School
- Book Club
- National Reading Month