Hi Parents,

I would like to start by congratulating all students who sat NAPLAN this week. It is great to see all of the hard work paying off. All students tried their absolute best during the testing week and we are proud of every single student. If your child missed any test, they will have the opportunity to catch it up on Monday. Students will not be able to sit any of the tests after this date.

I would also like to acknowledge the remainder of the school who were so considerate of our students sitting these tests. It certainly was a team effort!

As you walk around the show tomorrow, be sure to keep your eye out for any work completed by Prospect Creek State School students. We are extremely proud of the commitment students have shown in ensuring their entries are of a high standard. We have also been working hard on our school banner. This looks fantastic! Thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers who have helped ensure entries were tagged and dropped off and helped put our show banner together. Another great team effort!

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AT PROSPECT CREEK**

As you would be aware, our Responsible Behaviour Plan update is well underway. The P&C endorsed this document on Tuesday and the update will soon be available on the website. We have 4 overarching rules here of Prospect Creek:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Excel

Students are learning about what these look like, feel like and sound like while in class and out in the playground. Last week we focused on being safe. This week we focused on being respectful. It has great to see kids thinking about what these behaviours mean and why we have them. Next week we will be focusing on being respectful.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

It has come to our attention that some families have new contact details and it is vital that these be updated at school. An updated contact details form is attached to this newsletter. It is absolutely essential that your contact details are kept up to date at school as we need to be able to contact you in an emergency. Please ensure these are returned promptly.

**EISTEDDFOD**

Unfortunately, due to notes not being returned, Mrs Matheson has had to ring around gaining permission for students to attend the Eisteddfod next Tuesday. As you can imagine this is incredibly time consuming. We would be extremely grateful if parents could return notes ASAP as this helps us ensure we are organised well in advance for excursions and activities. A reminder that there is no cost for the Eisteddfod bus. The school will be providing this service at no cost to ensure all students can attend. We are scheduled to perform in the Tuesday morning session which starts at 9.30am, with a approximate performance time of 10.00 am. However this is a guide only.

**PREMIER READING CHALLENGE**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide event for students from Prep to Year 7 in state, Catholic and independent schools as well as home-educated students. Individual students, whole schools or individual classes can enter the Premier's Reading Challenge. The school has registered all students for this challenge.

The reading period for the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September. Please see the Reading Record attached. A reminder that parents/carers will need to sign off on every book read to ensure it is counted.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to. The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, a booklist has been developed to help students, teachers, parents and guardians select appropriate reading material. The booklist has been divided into year level groups. Students are also welcome to read books from previous years' booklists and from lists for higher year levels.

As the booklists are quite large, we have attached these to the electronic version of the newsletter only. These booklists are also available online at [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html). Please contact the office if you require a hard copy of the booklist.
**Dear Parents/Carers,**

In Science this term the Year 4 students are learning about how natural and processed materials have a range of properties that can influence their use. As part of the unit the students will be conducting a packaging challenge. Over the next 2 weeks we are asking students to bring in a variety of materials from home that could assist your child with this project at school. Materials should be those generally found around the home or recyclable materials. Possible materials include: Cotton wool, Bubble wrap, Paper, Cardboard, Small boxes, Shredded paper, Fabric, Material, Wadding, Disposable dishcloths, Yoghurt containers, Sticky tape, Glue, String, Balloons, Rubber bands, and other materials your child might deem suitable for their project.

Please read the task attached for more information about the project. (Please note - students will not actually be posting item)

Thank you for your assistance.

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**WUSTY’S RUN**

This was discussed at length on Tuesday at our P&C meeting. Thank you to those parents who have once again, supported the school in offering their time to this major fundraiser. We still require a couple more helpers for the weekend and some donations of food. The more we have donated, the less we have to spend and the more profit we make. Donating food items is a great way for parents to support the fundraiser if you are unable to donate your time. We require the following food items:

- Tins of beetroot
- Bacon
- Eggs
- Cakes/ slices/ biscuits
- Tea/ Coffee
- Paper plates/ Serviettes
- Alfoil/ Cling wrap

Please contact the school ASAP if you are able to help out in any way. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated!

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**WRITING – OUR IMPROVEMENT AGENDA**

As you would be aware, writing is our improvement agenda for 2014. This means, while we continue to keep reading a priority across the school, we are now including writing as we target PD, resources and coaching for maximum improvement and success. Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of our Explicit Improvement Agenda.

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**BETTY BAWDEN’S RETIREMENT FUNCTION**

As you would be aware, Betty Bawden has officially retired from Prospect Creek State School. Betty has been with the school for over 30 years and has taught our current students, their older siblings and in some cases, their parents! The school would like to invite the entire school community to thank Betty for her commitment and dedication to ensuring students were learning, improving and succeeding while they attended Prospect Creek State School. Please find attached an official invitation. All families are welcome to attend. Please note we do require you to RSVP by Friday 29th May. Please RSVP by tearing off the slip at the bottom of the invitation. If you would like to make a monetary contribution towards a gift, it would be appreciated. This can be included with your RSVP.

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**A NEW PROSSIE BABY!**

Congratulations to Leisa Jordan and her family on the birth of their new baby girl Rikki May Jordan. Rikki was born on April 20 2014 (this is certainly a great day to be born!)

We look forward to Leisa bringing Rikki in to show her off at school when things settle down. We are hoping to purchase a small gift for Rikki and are asking our parents to donate a monetary contribution towards a gift if they would like.

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**Hi All,**

A short week this week, but a busy one. Thank you to all that have sent their children to school every day this week. We are currently in an assessment cycle for the next two weeks and any time lost now is difficult to make up. I am aware we are going into show and pony club season. Please think twice before pulling your children out for a day or two. One day each week is two weeks lost for the term!

Our pumpkin continues to grow. If we can avoid Possums and frost we should get some pumpkin soup in a month or so. The children were all excited over the installation of screen doors on the toilets. There is now less chance of them coming across those zero-legged visitors that inhabit our catchment.

As part of our responsible behaviour plan, we are focussing more on being safe. This week we put up signs around the school to remind us to walk and not run.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Quaid Blyton - 18th

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lyndon Urquhart — Improved effort in homework writing
Ivy Neve — Excellent book work

Congratulations Prospect Creek State School!

You are 1 of 5 winners of the ‘Chalk it Up’ Competition. We thought the chalk drawing you submitted was creative and imaginative. We were very impressed. Your school has won, An Apple iPod Shuffle!

School Attendance Term 2

TARGET — 95%
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Family contact details form
- Reading record for school participants
- Year level book lists for reading challenge
- Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Helping your child with writing