Hi Parents,

What a wonderful display Prospect Creek had at the show last week. Many of our students were rewarded with prizes or awards however all students should be proud of their entries. We also noted that many of our families had entries on display. Well done to the entire Prospect Creek community.

Well done to our impressive vocalists! What a wonderful effort from all students at the Biloela Eisteddfod this week. Students sang their hearts out and received a Highly Commended award. Thank you to Ms Stephanie Williams for organising this. Our students looked fantastic on stage.

Last week an attachment was sent home for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This attachment should be used to record all books read during the challenge timeframe. Students can start recording their books now and all forms must be returned by Friday 5th September. I have attached all forms for the reading challenge on our website https://proscress.qld.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Specialevents/Pages/SpecialEvents.aspx

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING A POWER OUTAGE NEXT TUESDAY 27TH MAY

We have received advice that Ergon Energy will be interrupting the power to our school on Tuesday 27th May for the entire school day. This impacts on the use of our amenities here at the school. While we will do all we can to ensure we can use the toilets, could you please ensure that your child comes to school with a labelled water bottle, as the bubblers will also be affected. Also, our fridge doors have opened many times during the day, we would recommend packing a lunch that does not require refrigeration. No yoghurts, cold meat or any other food that may spoil. If it is a cool morning it might be worthwhile packing a pair of shorts as well to change into during the warmer part of the day if your child is in track pants.

P&C Day

Today marks P&C day. Due to our P&C being extremely busy with Wusty’s Run we have decided to acknowledge our P&C representatives during parade on Monday 2nd June. It would be wonderful to have as many members of the P&C there as possible so the students can say thank you for all the hard work you do for our school. A reminder that parade starts at 8:45am. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June.

NEXT P&C MEETING

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June. We will be starting this meeting at 3:15pm sharp, up in the library, and will move downstairs once we have finished with the data projector. Please feel free to come along, have your say and be involved in the school.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Visit our school library on line and reserve your favourite book. CMEWeb - Prospect Creek State School

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 even if your details have not changed recently.

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

I am away next week to attend the Principal Conference in Gladstone. Mrs Terwin will cover the 3-7 class on Monday (and her normal Wednesday) and Mrs Norman will cover Tuesday and Thursday. I will be fortunate enough to attend a forum with our Director General, listen to key note speakers Dr Stephen Brown and Associate Professor John Munro and participate in sessions aimed at improving Explicit Instruction, particularly around literacy and building my capability as an Instructional Leader. I am very much looking forward to the week and am excited to bring back and share all that I learn. Chris Couchman will be available to answer any questions in my absence.

SPORTS DAY

Prospect Creek will hold their annual sports day on Friday 30th May. I look forward to seeing all our families here on this day as I have heard it is a wonderful community event. Events will be running all day with students required at school at 8:30am. We will require some help running some of the stations on the day so it would be great if you could offer some assistance while you wander around with your child. It would be great if younger siblings are super merrier! Please note that all family members, siblings etc. can also use this form to pre order. We would hate for anyone to miss out!

Just a reminder that the Small School Sports Day Friday 13th June will take place at Goovigen. Attached to this newsletter is a Treat Kitchen order form. Lunch at Goovigen will also need to be pre-ordered. This is due back at school with your money on Monday 2nd June 2014.

WRITING TIPS

As you would be aware, writing is our improvement agenda and students have been working on their personal writing goals in class. Attached to the newsletter last week were some writing tips on choosing a topic. Please see the flyer attached on what students should be thinking about when writing. Our focus this week is adding details.
CHAPPY’S CHAT

PARENT TIPS #

Last weekend I went to the Biloela show, and it always does my heart good to see so many families enjoying the day out together. There is plenty of research to support the maxim “Families who share together, stay together” – it’s really great to be able to take time to just appreciate each other’s company. Of course at times, such outings can turn into a bit of a nightmare, with kids constantly demanding or complaining. Here’s a few tips that might help keep your family trips on an even keel:

1) Decide things in advance:
How much you are going to allow each child to spend, which/how many rides/treats you will allow, and any other limitations you feel would be reasonable. For example you might decide on three rides each, two treats (such as candy floss) and $5 for each child to spend as they like.

2) Explain things in advance:
Explain your decisions to the children and elicit their agreement (you may want to allow an older child to negotiate a little). You will have much more leverage at the event if you have agreed beforehand! Similarly, it’s also an advantage to agree on what behaviour you expect, and what you will not tolerate. Be specific – instead of “I expect you all to be good” – try, for example, “You must promise never to wander off on your own, and I do not expect to hear anyone complaining today, OK?” It doesn’t hurt to also have in mind what might happen if a child does start misbehaving – are you going to go home early, or will you employ another strategy?

3) Follow through:
Just make sure you keep to your agreements – although if you feel you’ve been a bit tough, negotiating a new one can be fine. So, instead of “Oh, OK then!” as a response to the “pleeease” try “Well, we did agree on just 3 rides but I can see this one looks like a lot of fun. How about you all have this one extra ride, then we go to the pavilion and you won’t ask for anything else. Agreed?”

Hope this helps make outings more fun!
Chappy Selma

Hi All,
As you might have noticed, I have changed the oral to be another story book. This is to give the children a chance to refine their skills in speaking. Most struggled to remember the content of their oral and needed prompting. I am going to push the orals back a week to give them all a chance to rehearse more at home. Please make sure it is a picture book/story. They have to talk about the main character and the plot and they can’t do that with other types of books. If your child was due for the oral next week, they will be due in week 7 and so on. Palm cards are not necessary, but they might be helpful for the year 1 and 2s as they have more detail to remember.

We will also start construction in a couple of weeks for our science assessment. Any boxes, plastic, string, bubble wrap, old cutlery, etc would be much appreciated.

Hi All,
Our writing goals are looking fabulous. Be sure to ask your child what their bullseye is for the term.

I was so proud of all students in their effort in NAPLAN. We had a 100% participation rate which is FANTASTIC. Results will be distributed to schools late term 3 or early term 4.

Students are working so hard and are starting to run out of school supplies (including the communal class ones!). Students are in dire need of extra glue sticks, scissors and some students require extra books. Please ask your child what they require and if they can bring these materials in ASAP, it will minimise disruption and maximise learning time. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Thank you to Mrs Norman for helping us choose readers this week. Remember to read every night and bring your books back on Friday. These will count for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Betty Bawden’s Retirement Luncheon

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Betty Bawden’s Retirement Luncheon has been postponed until July. Watch this space for an update on the date.

State of Origin Next Week

Next week to mark the first State of Origin game, students will be able to wear their favourite sporting colours to school for a gold coin donation. The donation will go towards Betty Bawden’s retirement luncheon and gift on behalf of the school community.

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...3-7 News...
Joshua Rowe — Working Hard to Improve Writing
Charlley McQuade-Hall — For Consistently applying herself in all areas

CONGRATULATIONS
Joshua

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First prize
DATES TO REMEMBER

Wusty’s Run — Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May
Principal’s conference — 26th – 29th May
PCSS Sports Day — Friday 30th May
P&C Recognition during parade — Monday 2nd June
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
Last day of term 2 — Friday 27th June

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Prospect Creek sports day treat kitchen form
- Chaplaincy Appeal Dinner
- Small Schools sports day tuckshop form
- Prospect Creek Interhouse Athletics Carnival Program
- Writing flyer