Hi Parents

Our students are counting down the days! Two weeks left. Please remember that every day still counts as we are finalising assessments and final grades.

Thank you to those families who have kept us informed of their child’s wellbeing. We have had a few illnesses go around and have appreciated the updates.

A reminder that report cards will go home next Friday. The early distribution allows you to have an opportunity to follow up with your child’s teacher. Please take us up on this opportunity, we are only too happy to discuss your child’s progress with you.

The Australian Curriculum is utilised to assign your child an achievement grade and our effort matrix, will be used to assign your child an effort grade in all subjects. This gives you an indication of how well they are working in class.

Congratulations to our Year 6/7 students who had their official graduation ceremony on Monday. “Oh The Places You’ll Go” was the theme. Well done to Jambin State School, the hall was decorated beautifully and the cake was amazing. Our own Angela Urquhart contributed to the cake design. These students will be the only double cohort moving off into high school and will leave with lasting memories.

The Cooinda Kindy children visited our school this week. They played a few games with the P-2 children and enjoyed touring our school.

Congratulations to our Powers swimmers on Wednesday night. You displayed great sportsmanship as you represented Prospect Creek. Well done to Quaid, Ryan, Mackinlay, Ivy, Fraser, Tane, Kahu and Michael.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for the Biloela Enterprise Christmas Festival. There has been a lot of planning involved in this festival and it will cater for the entire family. We look forward to seeing our families there this Saturday.

On Sunday we have been asked to assist with the clean up of the festival. We will be meeting at the Lions Park at 7am for this. With support from our families, it should be completed within a couple of hours. This is a great way to give back to the community, who have so generously supported our fundraising events, and we need as many Prospect Creek families there on Sunday as possible.

Hand Foot and Mouth is still travelling through our community and we now have one confirmed case of Shingles. If your child is unwell, it is acceptable to keep them at home. Thank you again for your communication around your children’s wellbeing.

Swimming 2015

Swimming will take place on Fridays in Term 1 next year. The cost of the program remains at $4.50 per week per student and it will be a 10 week term. Permission forms are attached to this newsletter and are to be returned by Friday 12 December (the last day of the year) please. Money is to be finalised by Friday 13 February, 2015.

P&C End of Year BBQ

Urgent message from Santa:

Please provide a book to the office of Prospect Creek State School ASAP so I can ensure I deliver the right book to your child. These will be picked up by me, Santa, early next week.

The P&C will provide steak for the BBQ but we ask that each family contributes a plate to share please.

Prep and Year 1: Nibbles
Years 2, 3, 4: Main
Years 5, 6, 7: Dessert

Families are invited to start arriving from 4:30pm, with the evening starting at 5:00pm. Due to Santa’s tight schedule as he needs to return to the North Pole. We will start the evening with Santa’s arrival, then proceed with the whole school performances then move onto the speeches and awards. Once Santa has confirmed his arrival time with the school next week we will send out an updated arrival time.

Leadership 2015 Speeches

All Prospect Creek State School families are welcome to listen to the leadership speeches which will take place on Monday morning at parade. Students will then be able to vote for their school leaders for 2015. Results will be announced on Friday 12th December, before we leave for Break Up Day.

Year 6 and 7 Transition Days

The final Transition Days for the Flying Start Initiative are happening on Tuesday 2nd December for the Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2015 and on Wednesday 3rd December for the Year 7 students going into Year 8 in 2015. Students are to meet at the high school from 8.45am at the Space Frame, as per previous days, for class allocations and rotations for the day. The day will end at 2.55pm, and students can be collected again from the Space Frame, or please ensure that they are informed of their pick up process. If you would like any further information, please contact Lisa Whitworth at the high school on 4992 8666.
Hi All.

Not too long now. I can’t believe this year is almost over. We will be continuing assessment to finish off this year and get set up for next year every day till clean-up day, so please keep sending them to school. Please keep working on homework.

Next week will be the last week for homework, but keep the reading and sight words up after that. The more sight words they know, the better they are at reading. Thanks to all that have persisted with the homework this year. I know it has been a trial for some, but it shows now at the end of the year. Those who have consistently completed homework have made good progress. Doing homework with your child is also a good way to be involved in your child’s education and also to show them that learning matters. Children only value the things they see adults around them value.

Congratulations to our senior students. We all had a fantastic night on Monday at graduation. ‘Oh, The Places You’ll Go!’ was a fantastic theme as you move forward into high school. Thank you Ali Natoli for the photos.

Jordan Rowe

The Great Barrier Reef is located on the Queensland coast in Australia. It has beautiful animals living in it. It is a huge reef, a lot of people go to the Great Barrier Reef and they love it.

Cameron Muller

There’s a variety of animals on the Great Barrier Reef. Some of the animals are endangered. Over 1,500 different species of fish are found in the Great Barrier Reef including whales, dolphins and dugongs.

Charley McQuade-Hall

Marine life is a big part of the aquatic ecosystem. It is the biggest structure built by animals in the world. Over millions of years, polyps which are tiny living creatures have formed a lime stone formation which made the reef today, it is said to be the only living thing you can see from space.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Mackinlay Marxsen—Thoughtfulness and focus during literacy activities.

Kahu Norman—Acting on feedback to improve his writing.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 4 & 5 Leadership Speeches—Monday 1st December 9.00am
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 2nd December 3.15pm
Year 6 Transition Day—Tuesday 2nd December
Year 7 Transition Day—Wednesday 3rd December
Reports sent home—Friday 5th December
P&C End of Year BBQ—Friday 5th December 5.00pm
Break Up Day / Last day of term—Friday 12th December

First day back—Tuesday 27th January 2015

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Break up Day note
- Swimming note
- Police 150 year celebration expo
- Festival flyer
- Bronco’s players visiting Biloela
- Community Date claimers