From the Principal...

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

Hi Parents

Welcome back to what will be no doubt, a fast, fun and rewarding term as we finish off the school year. Already we have a few things on this term with swimming, camp and graduation. Graduation will be for both Year 6 and 7 students this year as they make their way off into high school in 2015.

This week we saw the first week of our Pre-Prep program. This is a wonderful way for our future students to become familiar with staff, peers and the school environment and prepare them for their first official day. The aim of the program is to build some early literacy, numeracy and social skills while having fun to enable them to hit the ground running next year. Sally Neve is leading the program, being extremely familiar with the Prep activities. Throughout the program students will have opportunities to socialise with other students, learn basic school routines, enjoy the library and classroom while having fun with their peers for 2015.

Once students are familiar and comfortable, I will be working with parents on what to expect in Prep? I will also be running another Ready Readers workshop to include the pre -prep parents but of course this is open to anyone. The Ready Readers workshop will take place at school on Wednesday 5th November. Please register your interest by Monday 3rd November for catering and resources.

Swimming starts on Monday. Staff members will be Jodie Cleave, Sally Neve, Belinda Gardiner, Chris Couchman and Jo Northey. Thank you to Kylie Wormington and Linda Marxsen, who have once again, volunteered their afternoon to support our swimming program. Thank you also to Rechelle Rowe who has offered to help out when she can.

Without parent helpers at swimming, we would not be able to offer small groupings. A reminder that the program we run is a program by the Royal Life Saving Society. The aim of the program is to teach safety and survival skills in aquatic environments. Some students may wish to be picked up from the pool on Monday. Students will need to be collected between 2:30 and 2:45pm. Please remember the bus leaves promptly at 2:45pm. Please remember that as this is open during school hours, we can’t allow students to walk home unaccompanied by an adult. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

High School Enrolments 2015

Those students who are wanting to enrol at Biloela State High School but are yet to do so are asked that this occurs by the end of next week. You will need to make an appointment with BSHS and take with you all enrolment paperwork. Please contact Biloela State High School on 4992 8666 for more information.

Camp Meeting

Next Wednesday 15th October we will have a camp meeting straight after school for all families to go through the program and a list of what to bring (and not to bring). This will be a chance for you to ask any questions. It shouldn’t take long. A reminder that camp money can be finalised at any time, but please, no later than Friday 31st October. We need this money to pay for expenses prior to our departure. Please bring your medical form to the camp meeting if you have not yet returned this. We need medical information including dietary requirements to organise our menu.

Remember to keep your eye out for cheap pairs of wet shoes next time you are in Rockhampton or Gladstone. These will be helpful when walking in shallow water along the beach.

Support-a-reader

If you are available from 2 o’clock on either Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays this term and could help with Support-a-reader, please let the office know. We have found that students who read on a regular basis improve their reading level and comprehension ability by a great amount. You will work one-on-one with a student, listen to them read and ask some questions along the way. It’s not the same as reading with your own child so don’t be put off if it’s sometimes a “battle” at home as Support-a-reader is a different experience:)

Gazetted Student Free Day

All state schools in Queensland have their third gazetted student free day on Monday 20th October. Staff will be involved in Professional Development on this day and students are not required to attend.

P&C Meeting

Next Tuesday afternoon we have our next P&C meeting after school. We will be setting a date for our end of year BBQ as well as discussing our School Plan. We look forward to seeing you there.

Capricornia Helicopter Rescue

The school will receive a visit from Capricornia Helicopter Rescue on Monday morning. This is to help celebrate Rescue Chopper day on Friday 7th November. A film crew will be filming on the day so be sure to watch the news!

Graduation Day

Year 6 & 7 Graduation Day will be on Monday 24th November at Jambin. More information will be sent home shortly.
Hi All,

Another jam-packed term to finish off the year. This term we are doing square dancing. We hope you will enjoy the performance at the end of the year.

This week we learned about data collection through organising, sorting and recording what was in a huge garbage bag full of pens and pencils my neighbour over the back gave me. The kids had heaps of fun and even learned something as well!

Our garden continues to grow in leaps and bounds. Zucchinis are ready for harvest. If you have any great recipe ideas for treat kitchen, please pass them on. Beans and snow peas are not far off either. Tomatoes are on the vine and just need to ripen.

Hi All,

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces back at school this term. We will be focusing on information reports in English, learning about the structure and language features and how these are similar and different to other text types. In Maths, Year 3 have started measurement while 4-7 have been finishing off their place value and number properties work.

You may have noticed some slight changes in the homework. Spelling is now over a two week cycle, allowing for the teaching opportunities within each sort to be taught effectively. Spelling homework has therefore changed slightly. Week 1 of this cycle will be look, say, cover, write, check and week 2 of the cycle will be alphabetical order. Students can do 5 or 6 words a night which will see the activity be completed by the end of the week. Handwriting books have also been sent home in the homework folders to allow for some independent focus work on handwriting to be completed at home. This will help with their bookwork.

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**SWIMMING**

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- **SWIMMERS**
- 2X TOWELS (SPARE)
- GOGGLES
- CAP (IF REQUIRED)
- WATER BOTTLE

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED

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**Holiday Birthdays**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Jordan Rowe—2nd Oct
Michael Steger—5th Oct
Wanted house on acreage
In need of a house on acreage preferably within travelling distance to Prospect Creek State School. Suitable for horses and dogs.
Requiring by middle of November.
Please call Ali on — 0421 337 981 if you have anything or know of anything available.

Expression of interest for casual grounds care position
5 hrs per fortnight
Immediate start
For further details please contact the office or email the.principal@proscreess.eq.edu.
DATES TO REMEMBER

School swimming starts— Monday 13th October
P&C meeting— Tuesday 14th October 3.30pm
School camp meeting— Wednesday 15th October 3.30pm
Gazetted Student Free Day— Monday 20th October
Bookclub— Friday 24th October (due back)
Day for Daniel— Friday 31st October
Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Day— Friday 7th November
RSL Raffles— Friday 7th November 6.30pm
Ready Readers Program— Wednesday 5th November
School camp— Monday 10th to Friday 14th November
Year 6 & 7 Graduation— Monday 24th November at Jambin
Friday 5th December— Reports sent home
Friday 5th December— P&C BBQ 5.00pm

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- North QLD Toyota Cowboys 2014 Christmas Card Comp
- Bookclub