From the Principal...

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

Hi Parents

It has sure been a week of wonderful weather this week. A highlight for students this week was the return of the Mobile Library. After our library evening last term, students had asked for it to return. A reminder that students are responsible for the books which are on loan from the Biloela Library.

Our garden is growing and some of our vegetables are ready to be picked. Last week a few students helped me make zucchini fritters which had beans, snow peas and zucchini from our garden. After telling me they wouldn’t eat it because they don’t like zucchini – they LOVED it! They have asked for the recipe so it is included in this newsletter. We have more zucchini’s ready to be picked with carrots and spinach almost ready. If you can think of a delicious recipe, we would love for you to use our fresh produce to create something delicious in Treat Kitchen. Please contact the school if you are able to help out with this.

Next Thursday we have the Red Cross Disaster Management Group here to discuss with students how they can be prepared for storm season. The 3-7 session will be from 12:15-1:15pm and the P-2 session will be from 2:00-3:00pm. Of course, families are very welcome to come and listen to these important messages also.

Don’t forget the Ready Readers program will be run this term. This program is very worthwhile as it provides practical tips on reading with your children, whether they are pre-schoolers, junior or senior students. The session takes 2 hours and will be run from 9-11am on Wednesday 5th November. Please RSVP by Monday 3rd November for catering and resources. This is open to the entire community so please bring along a friend and let others out there know about it.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Next Friday 31st October is Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is a national day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Wear red and educate is the theme for the day and we aim to do just that! Students are able to wear red next Friday as we discuss this important issue. A walk for Daniel will take place at 7:00am starting from Jim Hooper Park in Biloela. It would be great to see as many Prospect Creek families participate in this community event before school next Friday. I will be walking before school and will return to school at 8:15am. For those of us not walking, please remember that there will be no one at school before 8:15am. Please ensure students arrive at school after this time.

RSL RAFFLES

Our next date for doing the raffles at the Anzac Memorial Club will be on Friday 7th November, 6.30-7.30pm. Please contact the office if you are able to help out with this.

CAMP

Don’t forget that camp money is due on Friday 31st October (next Friday). The balance remaining after the deposit is $100 and invoices have been sent home with those families who are yet to finalise payment. We cannot allow anyone to board the bus without making the final payment. I would like to acknowledge the P&C for their tremendous contribution to our camp. They have contributed $200 per child which equates to a substantial amount of money. On behalf of all families at Prospect Creek State School, thank you!

A reminder that ALL medication (including Panadol and travel sickness tablets) must have a sticker from the pharmacist or doctor with the child’s name and directions. We cannot provide ANY medication to students without this label. A medication form has been attached to this newsletter for you to fill in and return with your child’s medication.

A reminder to check asthma puffers for expiry dates and ensure these are current. It would be fantastic if you could supply two puffers, one for your child and one for our first aid kit on camp. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

I have already started thinking about camp for 2015! The 3-6 class will be heading west...

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 :)

Graduation Day

Year 6 & 7 The Graduation Dinner will take place at the Jambin Hall on Monday 24th November. A photographer will be taking photos on the night and each school will get a memory stick with all their photos on it. Tentative times for photos and dinner are 5:30 to 6:30 for family photos and dinner starting at 6:30 but further confirmed information will be sent home as soon as we receive it.

P&C BBQ

The P&C End of Year BBQ will take place on Friday 5th December. Students have been learning some square dances so it is sure to be a lot of fun! Put the date on your calendar.
Hi All,

When I was growing up, I used to handle coins all the time for pocket money and when buying my own treats. Eftpos has sort of put an end to that to a degree. We have been doing money for the past little while and it seems not many of the children are getting the exposure to handling money that we got in our day-to-day lives.

With this in mind, next time you have some coins, get your kids to count them for you or add up how much money they get for pocket money or could get in change after buying something.

You could even put a cost on each job they do around home and they can work out how much they have earned at the end of the week. E.g washing dishes 20c, hanging out clothes 50c, clean room 80c, make the bed 20c. I have attached an example you could print off and put on the fridge. If you want to get fancy, you could laminate it and reuse it each week.

Hi All,

Students are getting excited about camp and are very keen to find out who they will be sharing a cabin with. I promise I will get this information to you very soon.

It is great to see students taking photos throughout the day for their graduation presentation. Some of the younger students are helping with photos so it is a great team effort.

It is almost time to start thinking about leadership positions for next year. Our current year 5 students can start thinking about writing a speech to present to the school on why they would make a great School Captain. Due to our small cohorts, our current year 4 students will be helping out with sports; they will be required to write a speech on why they should be a Sports Captain. Speeches will be made on Monday 1st December (week 9) with announcements being made on Break Up Day.

Technology this term is design, make and appraise a natural fly trap. These will go in our vegetable garden to protect our vegetables. We look forward to the creations!

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**HOW TO GET YOUR CHILDREN TO EAT ZUCCHINI!!**

**Zucchini Fritters**

3 Zucchinis - finely chopped (we also added beans and snow peas)

½ cup Self Raising Flour

½ cup Parmesan Cheese

3 Shallots—finely chopped

1 tsp Salt

Olive oil for frying

Mix all ingredients together in bowl, spoon fritters in to pan and shallow fry in oil.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Aaron Picton — Improving every day through hard work and determination

Nicholas Wickham — Working very hard on reaching his goals

School Attendance Term 4

TARGET—95%
DATES TO REMEMBER

Red Cross Disaster Management Group — Thursday 30th October (12.15pm – 3.00pm)

Day for Daniel — Friday 31st October

Ready Readers Program — Wednesday 5th November 9-11am

Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Day — Friday 7th November

RSL Raffles — Friday 7th November 6.30pm

School camp — Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

Year 6 & 7 Graduation — Monday 24th November at Jambin

Reports sent home — Friday 5th December

P&C End of Year BBQ — Friday 5th December 5.00pm

Last day of term — Friday 12th December

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Medication form
- Camp invoices
- Banana Shire Library Borrower Registration form
- Parent Ready Reader flyer
- P-2 Chores List
- Theme Park vouchers