Hi Parents

This week we began many of our programs with our literacy and numeracy blocks now in full swing. Chappy Selma returned on Monday and our Chappy Breakfast is a great way to start the week. Families are more than welcome to join us for breakfast and to stay for parade afterwards.

For the information of our new families, we like to notify you if your child is receiving an award at parade on Monday, so be sure to keep your phones close on Friday afternoons (or sometimes the weekend!) as we will call and let you know in advance.

As you would be aware through the correspondence this week, our regular swimming session was postponed. We will be making this up on Monday afternoon. **We need the permission note signed and returned to school to allow your child to travel by bus this Monday.** Please return this on Monday if you have not yet done so. I would also like to acknowledge some last minute helpers who are volunteering at the pool. We now have Trudy, Cherie, Kylie, Emma, Rechelle and Ali helping us out. This was a great help last week and we look forward to seeing our helpers on Monday.

Cross Country training started this week. While we will provide every opportunity possible to help increase your child’s fitness, some extra practice outside of school may be necessary if your child would like to make the distance without stopping. This will be a requirement to move on to the Port Curtis Cross Country competition for the older students who wish to do so.

Every second Wednesday, we will have two eKindy children participating in some kindy activities and joining in at school.

You may have seen a new face around the school. Jacinta Phillips has been replacing Jodie Cleave as a teacher aide until Day 8 of the year and we are pleased to advise that Jacinta has been able to extend her time at Prospect Creek to work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings as part of our Great Results Guarantee agreement. This is to prioritise targeted explicit instruction at instructional levels during our literacy block. Our Great Results Guarantee will be explained at our P&C meeting next week.

**Forms to sign**

Every year there are forms that the school requires parents to update and sign. An updated Contact Details form is vital so that the office has all current phone numbers and emergency contacts available. Last week a Contact Details form was sent home with the newsletter. Please read and complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

**Bus meeting and P&C AGM**

There will be a bus meeting followed by our P&C AGM and meeting at school on Tuesday February 10. The bus meeting is for parents who have children travelling to and from school by bus and will take place from 6:00pm with the P&C AGM to follow at 7pm. At our first P&C meeting, some of the items we will be discussing are the small schools sports rotations and the Years 3-6 camp indicative costs and fund-raising. The P&C is a great way for you to become more involved in the school and have a say in your child/ren’s education. We look forward to seeing as many of our parents at this meeting as possible.

**Treat Kitchen**

For those of you who are unaware, we rely on our fabulous volunteers to provide Treat Kitchen for our students. If you are able to donate your time (even if it is cooking a meal the night before) we would love to hear from you!

**Parent meeting**

With a new year comes some new changes. To explain these changes a parent meeting will take place on Thursday February 12 after school. All parents are encouraged to attend. Some of the items on the agenda will be timetables, homework, social media, ICT agreement, curriculum and expectations. An official agenda will be sent home with the newsletter this week.

**Every Day Counts**

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school. To do this, Every Day Counts promotes four key messages: all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day, schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance, truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices, attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

I am pleased to say our attendance has started with an extremely high rate of 99.6%, which is fantastic! Well done Prospect Creek families. Attendance rates are published in the newsletter each week for your information.

**School Disco**

We would like to start the year with a school disco on Friday February 20 from 6-8pm at school on the multi-purpose court. This is a great chance to welcome our new students and families to Prossy and give the kids a “night out”. For those interested, karaoke will follow the disco… More details will come out in next week’s newsletter but at this stage please put the date in your calendar.
Dear parents,

Welcome back to the 2015 school year!

I hope you have all had a fantastic holiday and your children are returning to school feeling refreshed and excited.

Being a parent myself, I get that raising children is full of both joys and frustrations, but being older I can also remind you that we don’t get to keep them for long! The whole lunch-box, family holidays and teenage discipline things disappear way too quickly.

In the meantime, parenting can certainly be challenging at times, so I would like to encourage you all by reminding you that you are all they have and you are immeasurably important to them. Whether you make mistakes or not, they love you!

God bless,
Selma Dredge
School Chaplain

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Hi all,

This week has been fantastic. The kids are all settling in well and have been working really hard. We have had a great week.

Thanks for all those that made sure homework got done. I know it can be a bit of a chore, especially in the first few weeks, but the effort will pay off as the more they practice, the better they will get and the easier they will find the work at school.

See you all next week for the parent information afternoon.

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Hi All,

A busy week in the 3-6 classroom with our classroom routines now underway. Homework was sent home this week. This was explained to the students on Monday and will be explained to you all at the parent meeting next week. I encourage you to touch base at some stage to see how your child is going and ask them regularly about what they are learning at school. We have been finishing off with our learnings at the end of each day so there should be no excuse for the ‘nothing’ response when they get home!

Students were asked to do a piece of writing using the stimulus ‘What a Mess’. We had some fantastic stories.

Next week in writing we will be focusing on Creating the Lead in our stories. Students will be learning how to create brilliant beginnings to their story. Have you noticed that movies and short stories all engage the reader through a hook – e.g. the shark scene in Finding Nemo, The Buzz Lightyear scene in Toy Story? If you are watching a movie over the weekend, discuss with your child the start to the movie.

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Zeke
In a tidy street lives a messy man. He never does anything without making a mess.
Bob is a messy person. His house is a mess, his lawn is a mess, everything is a mess. That is how Bob has always lived his life. The whole town is always complaining about how he leaves a mess everywhere he goes....

Mackinlay
It was the afternoon when the garbage bin exploded all over the town and I was terrified....

Tane
One windy morning at my place, Mum awoke with a terrible feeling. She thought she lost a very important piece of information for a meeting. She got out of bed and started looking around....
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joshua Matheson - 11th Feb
Chappy Selma - 14th Feb

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Adya Labuschewski – Starting the new year ready to work
Mackinaly Marxson – Well done on an excellent start to the year
Fraser Blyton – Well done on an excellent start to the year

School Attendance Term 1, 2015

TARGET—95%
DATES TO REMEMBER

Bus Meeting—Tuesday 10th Feb 6.00pm
P&C AGM and Meeting—Tuesday 10th Feb 7.00pm
Parent Meeting: Prep—Year 6—Thursday 12th Feb 3.15pm
Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 13th Feb (volunteers needed)
School Disco—Friday 20th February 6-8pm
Cross Country—Friday 13th March
Small School’s Cross Country—Friday 27th March (Years 4-6)
Last day of term—Thursday 2nd April

Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 24th April
Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 8th May

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Tennis
Treat kitchen
Agenda for parent meeting