Fri 13th
Feb 2015

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

From the Principal...

Hi Parents

What a fabulous turn out we had at our P&C meeting this week. We are pleased to announce we have a new executive committee:

President: Sally Neve
Vice President: Cherie Gooding
Treasurer: Adam Northey
Secretary: Robyn Matheson
Fundraising Coordinator and Treat Kitchen: Trudy Tappin
QCPCA Rep: Kylie Wormington

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the P&C. Please call the office to organise a membership form.

Thank you to our Tuesday Treat Kitchen volunteers, Karen Labuschewski and Rechelle Rowe. Our students really enjoyed their food! If you are available to do a Treat Kitchen this term, please register your interest with either the school or Trudy Tappin.

Yesterday we held our parent meeting. It was great to see families attend to find out what is happening in the classrooms. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to touch base with your child’s teacher as homework expectations and classroom details were discussed and clarified.

This evening we have our first of the RSL Raffles for this year. Thank you to the Steger family and the Northe family who will be conducting the raffles this evening. The P&C are asking families to support this fundraiser by nominating themselves for one of our evenings this year to sell tickets at the Anzac Memorial Club. Attached to the newsletter is a slip to return to school to nominate your evening. Thank you to Mary Steger and Joslyn Picton who have volunteered to organise this.

On Monday evening next week, staff have our first twilight PD of the year. Eric Frangenheim, creator of the ITC Thinking Skills Framework, will be working with us in our second session. He will then be visiting our school on Tuesday 3 March. Please keep your eye out for more information about this at a later date.

Swimming money was due today. If you have not paid your swimming fees, please do so by Wednesday. This can be paid in cash or via direct debit (please remember to use your surname as the reference). The school heavily subsidises the swimming program, but we require parent contributions to help with costs. It was decided at P&C last year that students who do not pay, do not swim. If you have any issues with making payment, please contact the school.

At our P&C meeting on Tuesday we discussed the 3-6 camp. Students will be combining with Jambin State School and will be travelling to Barcaldine. A draft itinerary and note has been attached to this newsletter. You will notice that there is a $75 discount per child. I was successful in applying for a grant through the Outback Education Tour Subsidy Scheme. This money has come off the total cost. As discussed at P&C, fundraising will be required to minimise the cost of the camp. Please contact the school or P&C with any fundraising ideas. The more we fundraise, the cheaper the cost of the camp will be! We are asking for a $50 deposit so we can finalise numbers at this stage. The $50 deposit will secure a spot on the bus and could this please be paid by Friday 13 March.

Contact Details form

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. Please read and complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Disco

The P&C will host a disco next Friday 20 February at school from 6-8pm. Entry will cost $5 per child and will include a sausage on bread, popper/can of drink and a glow stick. There will be extra sausages and drinks for sale on the evening. Hawaiian is the theme so practise your hula and start creating your leis.

Cross Country

The dates have been set for Cross Country this year. The Prospect Creek Cross Country event will involve all students. It will take place from 9am on Friday 13 March. This should be completed by 11am. Prospect Creek is then hosting the Small Schools Cross Country event. This will take place on Friday 27 March at 9:30am. This event is only for students who are 9 and older. To be competitive in this event you are expected to run the distance without stopping. Students will be given the opportunity to practise at school, but students should also be practising at home if they are trying to increase their fitness for this event. Successful students will then move on the Port Curtis event early in Term 2. We will be looking for families to provide baked goods to sell for morning tea at the Small Schools Event please.

Traits Writing

Next week we are focusing on ‘Establishing a Tone’ in our writing. This is the beginning of the Voice Trait. It is the quality of voice in our writing that makes the writing come alive and engages the reader in the text. The voice is what draws an emotional response out of the reader. Have you ever read a book and cried, or laughed? This is actually the voice of the writer.
Hi All,

Another great week in the P12 class. Swimming twice this week!! We also started an experiment growing seeds. We have put some outside, some inside, some in the fridge and some in a cupboard. Predictions vary, but we are all agreed the ones in the fridge don’t have much hope. Time will tell...

Hi All,

I am still so excited about how smoothly our first online LOTE (Japanese) session went this week. It was the first time using eLearning for many of these students and they handled it very well. LOTE will continue from 12:15-1:15 on Tuesdays. What an exciting way to learn a new language.

We have four students in Years 4 and 5 who have started their Unify Critical Thinking course. This is also via webconference and focuses on using their Higher Order Thinking skills. Thank you parents for getting your students to school on time for their first lesson!

This week in writing we were working on creating an engaging lead. Paige, Nick, Seth and Mikalah came up with this great story starter:

Splash! The water felt icy as I began to hit the surface. My hair spread like the tentacles of an octopus. I begin to exhale and bubbles float up towards the surface. Hitting the bottom, the slippery tiles made it hard to bounce up.

Students always need to be practising their times tables. This multiplication invasion game was introduced to students this week. The students loved it and it reinforces multiplication facts.

http://www.mathplayground.com/balloon_invaders.html

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Biloela Netball Sign On
14th February 2014
Biloela Shopping Centre
8.30am - 1.30pm
Don’t have a team? Still feel free to come and fill in a registration form
Also follow us on Facebook
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Hayden Urquhart — Working hard in writing

Seth Jackson — Excellent focus and determination to reach learning goals in all areas.

School Attendance Term 1, 2015

TARGET — 95%
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 13th February
School Disco—Friday 20th February 6-8pm
Cross Country—Friday 13th March 9-11am
Small School’s Cross Country—Friday 27th March (Years 4–6) 9.30am
Last day of term—Thursday 2nd April

Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 24th April (volunteers needed)
Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 8th May (volunteers needed)

**INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:**
- Raffles night nomination
- Years 3-6 Camp 2015 itinerary and note
- Disco flyer
- PCYC Biloela Carnival
- ICT Form
- Social media information
- Year 3–6 time table
- Treat kitchen