Hi Parents

A very WARM welcome back to school. I trust you all had a wonderful break with your families.

We have quite a few things on this term and they will pop up quickly. A note went home this week asking for a donation of crackers from each family for our Club 28 platter fundraiser and your assistance with this is appreciated. Please ask your child to bring these up to the office.

Thank you to those families who have already paid for their 3-6 camp. The final payment for this is Friday 31st July. Please ensure all money is received by this time. A camp meeting will take place next Wednesday 22nd July at 3:30pm. This won’t take long, just a chance to go through the itinerary and for you to ask any questions.

Next Friday we have three students competing in the Port Curtis Athletics Carnival. Good luck to Sam, Fraser and Tane who are representing Callide Valley in various events.

Our students will participate in a three week Rugby League program starting Friday 24 July, delivered by local development officers. Both classes will participate on Friday afternoon. P-2 will participate from 12:35-1:15pm and the 3-6 class will participate from 2-3pm. The 3-6 class will then host a Gala Day for other Year 3-6 students in our cluster on Friday 18th September at the end of term. A treat kitchen will be available on this day and we will be asking parents to help closer to the day.

The Under 8s/Year 3-6 Sports Day has been postponed due to a new Principal starting at Goovigen. The date will now be Friday 14 August. A note is attached to the newsletter asking parents to help with a car pool to Goovigen on that day. A reminder that students under 7 years old will be required to bring a car seat to school if they are requiring transport. Please return this note on Monday or Tuesday next week, as we need to gauge where we are at for transport.

Our school has been invited to participate in the Age Appropriate Pedagogies Project, which is a fully funded project with Griffith University and supported by the Department to ensure lessons delivered to students are age appropriate (and for us, within a multi age context). The project involves two face to face meetings and numerous school visits by the Department and the University. The first meeting will be held in Mackay on Tuesday 28 July and the first visit from the University will take place in the afternoon on Thursday 30 July. Dorah and I will attend this meeting in Mackay and we will leave on Sunday 26 July. This will allow us to visit other small schools on Monday to collaborate, share and observe lessons. We will return to school on the Wednesday afternoon. Teachers have been organised with Patrice Baird being available for all three days to answer any questions which may pop up. Sarah Beaumont, Shelley Downs and Bridgette Bongers will also be teaching over these days.

Katrina Anderson, a student from Central Queensland University, will be completing her second practicum at Prospect Creek. Katrina will complete ten induction days (every Thursday this term) and a block prac in Term Four. Katrina will be working in the 3-6 class and we welcome Katrina to our school.

Stephanie Williams is taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the year. Mr Jin will be replacing Miss Williams.

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to Dorah Mutandwa. Dorah is replacing Chris in the P-2 class. Within a week, Dorah has got to know all her students and many of the families at Prospect Creek. Please feel free to come in and say hi to Dorah, and as always, be sure to ask any questions that may pop up.
P-2 NEWS

Hello everyone.

My name is Dorah Mutandwa and I am the new P-2 teacher. I come from Botswana in Southern Africa and have lived in Australia for nearly ten years. Before coming to Biloela I lived in Katherine NT where I worked right next door to Mrs Northey.

My family and I have been in Biloela since 2010 and I have worked at various schools in Biloela.

I am very excited to join Prospect Creek State School and I look forward to getting to know our students and their families.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Attached to this newsletter is the School Opinion Survey. The annual School Opinion Survey is open now and will remain open until Friday 31st July. This aim of the survey is to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and all school staff. All families are encouraged to complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our school’s reports, which we will receive later this year. The reports will help our school and Education Queensland to further understand how to better meet the needs of our community. The Parent/Caregiver Survey can only be completed online. Computers are available at the school if you are unable to access the online survey from home.

MARKET DAY HELP REQUIRED

Our Market Day is coming up on Saturday 29th August and we require all families to help in some way. Over the next few weeks, I will be calling families asking for a time when you will be able to help out either on the BBQ or with a stall or activity at the Market Day. If you are busy on that particular day, you could help out in other ways by pinning photos and working on a banner to showcase our school, visiting local businesses, preparing food or wrapping lucky dip prizes prior to the event. And, we still need treats for the lucky jars to keep coming in to school please. Nicole Holmes is coordinating a fundraiser for the 2016 Canberra Camp on the day and requires some 3-6 helpers to sell popcorn and spiders.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are asking you to COLLECT! COLLECT! COLLECT! Our families are already doing a terrific job in collecting Woolworths and Learn Stickers. The more you collect, the more our students get! So please encourage family members, extended family members, and super-extended family members to collect on our behalf as well!
Hi All,

Welcome back to school! It is great to see the lovely smiling faces return to school ready to go. A warm welcome tour prac student Mrs Anderson. Mrs Anderson will be with us on Thursday.

We are continuing our work on our persuasive speeches. Students are as keen as ever to continue working on them and this is great to see!

Hey Little Ant Persuasive OREO paragraph using complex sentences.

Seth – The boy must squish the ant because the ants steal their breadcrumbs and chips. Food can cost a lot of money so you wouldn’t want the ants to get it. This is why the boy must demolish the ant!

Mikalah - The boy must not squish the ant because the ant persuaded the boy not to squish him by saying ‘I’m not rude or selfish’. Therefore the boy must not squish the ant.

Joshua M. The boy must squish the ant because the ant might retaliate. Then the boy will fall to the ground anyway and get squished. The boy will then win because the ant will be as flat as a pancake

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What is happening in Science and Geography this semester for the 3-6 students:

Science: Exploring solids, liquids and gases

Geography: Mapping and exploring other parts of our world.

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Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary – Robyn Matheson

DATES TO REMEMBER

Camp meeting (3-6) - Wednesday 22 July 3.30pm
Port Curtis Athletics—Friday 24 July
Rugby League clinic—24 July (12.30pm —3.00pm)
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Mrs Northey & Mrs Mutandwa away—27, 28 & 29 July
Maths Competition—Thursday 30 July Biloela State High School
Rugby League clinic—31July (12.30pm —3.00pm)
Camp money due (3-6) Friday 31 July
Under 8’s / Year 3-6 Sports Day—Friday 14 August Goovigen SS
Market Day Fair & Open Day—Saturday 29 August
Persuasive speaking competition—7 September Goovigen SS
School Photos—Wednesday 9 September
Persuasive speaking competition—14 September Moura SS (Finals)
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs Philips—12 July