Hi Parents

It was wonderful to see so many of our families turn up for the ANZAC Day March on Saturday. Lots of people commented on how smart we all looked. Well done.

There was a very important date change in the newsletter last week. The Callide Valley Small Schools Sports Day is now on Thursday 11 June. This is due to Wowan having a show holiday on Friday 12 June. Please update your calendars accordingly.

Students have already started to practise for sports day, not only with Rebecca Nielsen in PE on Wednesdays, but with Ray Robins on a Friday afternoon. So far students have had opportunities to practise high jump and long jump. Tish Gooding will be helping with discuss and Rechelle Rowe will be helping with shot put. Thank you to all who are helping to train our students.

Thank you to all those families who were at the ANZAC Memorial Club last Friday night selling raffle tickets. Many hands make light work (and also fun work) so thank you. Thank you also goes to Robyn, Trudy and Emma who fed us all this week.

Students received a CD from Ms Williams to practise their song for Eisteddfod. Students have been practising in Music but they still need some more work. It would be great if they could listen to the song and sing along at home. Our session in the Eisteddfod will take place on Wednesday 20 May, starting at 9.30am. Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch. This is a whole school event supporting our local Eisteddfod. Please sign the attached permission note to allow your child to travel on the bus to the event.

No doubt you are all preparing for the Aloha Disco this evening. Thank you to the Norman family who have worked hard getting the disco up and running. Enjoy your evening tonight everyone and have fun!

Finally, good luck to our Port Curtis runners who will be representing our Small School Cluster in the Cross Country at Ubobo next Friday. Making it to the Port Curtis level is a great achievement so well done.

School Drop Off Times

Please do not drop students at school before 8.15am. Only our Unify families are here early on Wednesday mornings up until NAPLAN. If staff are at school before this time, it is to prepare for their day and no supervision of students starts in the playground until 8.15am. Please don't risk your children's safety by dropping them at school when there is not going to be a staff member on duty.

Mother's Day morning tea

In celebration of mothers everywhere, we would like to hold a Mother's Day morning tea at 11 o'clock next Thursday 7th May and invite all our Mums, Step-Mums and Grandmothers to come and enjoy some great food and good company. Could the Dads help the children to prepare a plate to bring in the morning please.
P-2 NEWS

Hi All,

We had fun this week talking about, learning about and constructing 2D shapes for the class and around the school. We also worked on properties of materials in science and made some pretty good posters. The Year Twos have finished their persuasive writing group task and I have put it in the newsletter for you to look at. They all had input in it and should be able to tell you which parts were their idea. They have done a great job. Next step is to see how they go by themselves.

WUSTY’S RUN : 23 & 24 MAY

Preparations are coming together for Wusty’s Run on May 23rd/24th. We still need more volunteers for help on the Saturday night and Sunday morning. Please contact the office if you are available. As yet, we have not had any offers of donations of food items and these items are very much needed so that we can reduce our costs: eggs, onions, tinned beetroot, sugar, cheese and bbq sauce. If you are able to donate a Woolies voucher this would be a great help too as these are no longer being given out to help with fundraising.

3-6 CAMP

Don’t forget money can be deposited at any time to pay off the camp. Please make sure you reference your surname when making a payment so we can allocate the money to the correct account. An itinerary and an official permission note is attached to this newsletter. Can the permission note please be returned in the next couple of weeks please.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will begin preparations for the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). Since 2009, results from the AEDC have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families where it is needed most.

The AEDC measures childhood development in children during their first year of full-time school to establish a national picture of health and wellbeing. Teachers are trained to assess children individually, but the final results are reported as groups of anonymous children at school, community, state/territory and national levels.

Census results are already being used to help young children and families in a range of ways: communities providing new playgrounds and parental services, schools seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes and governments using results as evidence to develop more targeted policies for children.

Aside from the usefulness of the data for helping communities, teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results helped in their planning for transitions to school and in developing class programmes.

Participation in the census is voluntary, and it is not a test. Parents/carers only have to notify the school if they choose to have their child excluded. A poster is attached to the newsletter of our Prep families.

To find out how other communities are using census results to help children and families visit the school stories page on the AEDC website.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

Our Mother’s Day raffle will be drawn next Friday afternoon. All tickets that have been sent out to families need to come back with the money this Monday 4th May please. We have one more session selling raffle tickets at the shopping centre on Friday 8th May, please contact Trudy or the office if you can help for an hour or two.

P-2 PERSUASIVE WRITING

Nerds are Much Better than Warheads

Nerds are much better than Warheads for many different reasons.

Firstly, Nerds are nicer because they are sweet and fruity. Warheads are sour and they burn your tongue. If you eat too many Warheads, they can hurt your mouth and make you sick. Nerds don’t burn your mouth but Warheads do.

There are many different flavours in the share packs. They are much more exciting to eat than Warheads. They look like delicious little pebbles.

Lastly, Nerds are better for the environment because the packaging is cardboard and it is biodegradable. It is better than Warheads because the Warhead’s packaging is not biodegradable. Plastic takes up to 600 years to break down. Warhead’s packaging is plastic and bad for the environment. If an animal eats it they can die.
3-6 NEWS

Our edStudio is a hit! It is wonderful to see students using this to complete their writing and it is proving to be a more engaging way of completing writing tasks. Students are enjoying giving each other feedback and I am able to give feedback daily on their work at home. As we develop our edStudio further, we will have pictures and learning goals available to share with you at home. This is an exciting work in progress.

Students are refining their persuasive oreo paragraphs with our Year 4s learning about logos and our Year 5s and 6s learning about ethos, logos and pathos. Ask your child what these words mean, they should be able to tell you!

Persuasive reasons – Subway is better than KFC

Subway is much healthier than KFC because KFC is just junk food. The food is healthier at Subway because they have salads, burgers, wraps and others.

Mikalal

Subway is better than KFC because Subway is healthier and KFC is deep fried. You can see your food being made at Subway.

Mackinlay

Subway is better than KFC because Subway is healthier and doesn’t have as much fat as the food at KFC.

Kahu

GIVE AWAY—TWO BANTAM ROOSTERS

Prospect Creek State School has two Bantam Roosters to give away to a loving home.

We are looking for laying hens if anyone has some to give away.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Return Mothers Day Raffle tickets—Monday 4 May

Mobile library visit—Tuesday 5 May
Mother’s Day morning tea—Thursday 7 May
Port Curtis Cross Country (qualifying students only) - Friday 8 May—Ubobo
Mothers Day Raffle Drawn—Friday 8 May
Biloela ANZAC Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 8 May

Book club orders due back—Friday 8 May
NAPLAN—Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May
Callide Valley Show Holiday—Friday 15 May
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 19 May
Biloela Eisteddfod—Wednesday 20 May
Wusty’s Run—Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 May
Prospect Creek Athletics Carnival—Friday 29 May
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 8 June

Smalls School Athletics Carnival Prospect Creek—Thursday 11 June
Under 8’s / Year 3-6 Sports Day—Friday 17 July Goovigen SS
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adya Labuschewski—2nd May
Oscar Swindley—7th May