Hi Parents

I would like to acknowledge all students for their hard work during last week’s NAPLAN testing. All students gave their best effort and worked hard in preparation for the week. Results will be sent home with students later in the year.

It was great to see some of you at the show last weekend. Students worked hard in their art lessons to create masterpieces to put into the show. We picked up some prizes and our show banner looked great! Congratulations to Mikaylah Wormington, Thomas Natoli, Awhena Kororiko and Fraser Blyton on placing third, Kahu Norman for placing second and Ayda Labuschewski, Zoey Johnson and Cooper Gooding for Highly Commended with their show entries in various art sections. A big congratulation also goes out to the whole school for placing first with our entry in the Folk Art section. Well done to everyone involved and to our students and family members who did themselves proud in horse events, baking and other areas at the show too. There is a lot of talent at Prospect Creek!

Attached to this newsletter is an individual attendance letter for each student for Term One. While we had great overall attendance at school during this term, it is still important to inform you of your child’s individual attendance. Students with 100% attendance for the entire semester will receive a special award and pin on parade in early Term Three. Please remember that our target for both school and individual attendance is 95%. This is due to the strong research which links student achievement and improvement with regular attendance at school. If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to come and see me at school.

I am pleased to announce that we have seven new desktop computers and three new laptops in action at our school. All computers have now been updated in the last year and the three laptops will be utilised by staff and students where required. The P&C has kindly supported our technology hub which will be put in upstairs in August. This hub will tidy up our printing area and will house our laptops for use by the entire community.

At our recent P&C meeting, semester reports were discussed. There will be a slight change to the layout of semester reports this year with comments for individual subjects reflecting what students have been taught only. The personalised comment at the end of the report card will give you information about how your child is travelling in English, Maths, other learning areas and overall. This new format will hopefully make our report cards easier to understand and interpret. They will be sent home on Friday of Week 9 and we encourage you to touch base with your child’s teacher in Week 10. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The P&C has installed their own mail box upstairs for treat kitchen forms, raffle tickets etc. The P&C notes will always be printed on blue to match the blue mail box.

WUSTY’S RUN

We have many families giving up their weekend to help out with one of our major fundraisers of the year. A lot of work has been put in by the P&C and we can’t thank them enough. All students benefit from the funds raised by the P&C so it is important that the community gets behind our fundraising events.
SPORTS DAY

Next Friday 29 May, we will hold our Prospect Creek State School Sports Day. This will be inter-house with Kroombit and Grevillea competing for the trophy. All families are welcome to attend the day. A BBQ will be cooking thanks to our P&C and sausages will be available for pre order. A blue order form is attached to this newsletter. Please ensure all orders, including parents, grandparents, siblings etc are ordered on this form. This can be returned in the blue P&C note box in the office.

Students have been practising their athletics skills in both PE lessons and sessions with Mr Robins and members of our school community. This has been a great opportunity for students to learn and refine skills and techniques for the big day. All students will give all events a go during our school event. Selected students in the 8-12 years age groups will be selected to participate in athletic events at our Small School Sports Day. This carnival will take place on Thursday 11 June at Prospect Creek. Although only selected students will participate in the athletic events, all students aged 5-7 will participate in rotational activities on the day and every student will run in the sprints.

26 STOREY TREEHOUSE EXCURSION

On Thursday 25 June, we will be travelling to Rockhampton’s Pilbeam Theatre to see the play of Andy Griffiths 26 Storey Treehouse. The cost for the excursion is $15 and the remainder will be subsidised by the school. This is a great opportunity for our students as Andy Griffiths is a popular author of many of our students. Money and note is to be returned to school no later than Friday 19 June.

CAR WASH

The Year 3-6 class are busy fundraising for their school camp. On Friday June 12, they will be holding a car wash on the Prospect Creek State School oval. A flyer designed by students is attached electronically to this newsletter and will be displayed on Facebook at a later date. At this stage we are after donations of car wash products to help with this event. I am also hoping one or two parents might be able to help out for some of the day or bake a cake/slice during wait time. Please let me know if you are available to help in any way. If you have any other ideas for fundraising please let me know!

UNIFORM POLICY

Please remember that our school uniform is an orange and black shirt, black bottoms and the orange and black jacket. Your assistance in ensuring our students look neat and tidy at school is appreciated. If you have any questions, or require new uniforms, please see Robyn in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

PACE COMMUNITY BBQ

With the PaCE program finishing at the end of June 2015 we have set a date for our next & last PaCE Community BBQ to be held on Friday 12th June at Lions Park from 3pm.

The Deadly Student of the Month Awards will be presented then and as we have not had a BBQ in April, May & June the awards will be presented for these months. We have had discussions with Matt at the primary school about keeping the BBQ’s & awards going after the program finishes to keep encouraging & acknowledge our kids coming to school.

I will be in touch closer to the date for names for the awards and flyer to go out to parents.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Beck - Senior PaCE Worker at Anglicare.
Please see attached flyer and information about our upcoming car wash. Students are extremely excited about it and they hope that it will be well supported by the school community.

Students have begun learning about information reports this week. While learning about the structure of this genre, we have come back to our Traits of Writing and focused on our idea. One idea per paragraph is all that is required in our information report with our introduction giving basic factual information. Students learnt the difference between facts and opinions and this proved to be more challenging than you may think. They wrote facts about their weekend and then turned this into a paragraph.

Sam - The Cha-cha span round and round for 5 minutes. The music trip lifted me off the seat as I was talking to Kahu. They made me almost vomit in my hat.

Josh R - The show had rides and jumping castles. There was also a game where you had smash bottles with a big ball. The show had events like the wood chopping and the bull riding.

Zoey - People went to the Bi-loela Show and people were there riding in it. There was also a motor bike race and performances from the Crack Up Sisters.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wusty’s Run—Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 May
Prospect Creek Athletics Carnival—Friday 29 May
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 2 June
Queen’s Birthday—Monday 8 June
Smalls School Athletics Carnival Prospect Creek—Thursday 11 June
Car wash / Free dress day—Friday 12 June
Reports sent home—Friday 19 June
26 Storey Treehouse excursion—Thursday 25 June
Free dress day—Friday 26 June
Last day Term 2—Friday 26 June

First day Term 3—Monday 14 July
Under 8’s / Year 3-6 Sports Day—Friday 17 July Goovigen SS
Market Day Fair & Open Day—Saturday 29 August
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)

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