Hi Parents

Week 4 is down and students are getting into the swing of assessments and finalising units of work in preparation for the reporting period in Semester 2. Students are learning or consolidating new skills and concepts every day. Every missed day is learning or consolidation missed. Students should attend school every day possible to ensure they have the best chance at learning and remembering skills taught.

We had a couple of large storms over the weekend which severely impacted on the school earlier this week. A power issue caused a major disruption to the day on Monday but we all coped without air conditioning and computers! As we come into storm season, remember to be prepared in your own home and look out for any weather warnings for our area. We’ll pass any information on that comes through us.

Attached to this newsletter is a small book of raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. First prize is an iPad, donated by Fairy’s Biloela. 2nd prize is a Norwex gift pack, donated by Trudy Tappin and 3rd prize is a Nutrimetics gift pack, donated by Alana Carter. Tickets are $2 each and we are asking all families to help sell these tickets. take them to work, ask family and friends or, with such great prizes on offer, you could buy them yourself. Please remember, if you are not going to sell the tickets, please return them to school ASAP. We will be able to give them to families who require more tickets, and we require all tickets to be returned due to audit regulations. It is time consuming to chase up unreturned raffle tickets so your assistance with this is appreciated.

Next Tuesday we will have our November P&C Meeting. This has been brought forward as I am away next week. We will be discussing staffing for 2016, sports shirts (Kroombit and Grevillea) as well as swimming options for 2016. As previously advised, swimming has become incredibly expensive for our school. We will be making a decision about how we offer swimming in 2016 after this P&C meeting, so please come along and have your say.

We are still chasing some Age Appropriate Project notes from the P-2 class. This is a requirement from the Griffith University for participation in the project. If you have not returned these notes, could you please do so ASAP. It is extremely time consuming to continue chasing up notes so your assistance in returning any paperwork promptly is appreciated.

Lyn Hughes (our Regional Transition Officer) will be addressing parents in our Prior to Prep program next Wednesday. She will be discussing some key transition issues and how to prepare your child for school. She will be running two sessions. One from 1pm-2pm and the other from 2pm-3pm. While this is targeted towards our Prior to Prep parents, all parents are invited to attend. A cuppa and afternoon tea will be provided.

Thank you to the families who baked and helped at our stall last weekend for the markets. We raised $844 with our baked goods and craft and another $146 with our raffle. This money will go towards camp next year.

Retraction
My apologies to Mitch from Callide Valley Tyres for the mistake in last week’s newsletter. Callide Valley Tyres donated the cricket set to the school, not Tyre Max as previously stated.
P-2 NEWS
This week we have been learning about Location and position in Maths. We did a lot of outside activities about giving and following directions and also used mathematical language to give directions to a specific location. The Year 2s learned about coordinates and enjoyed a game of battleships to consolidate their learning.

In Writing we have been learning about characters and identifying their different attributes. The Year 1s are working towards creating a ‘wanted poster of their favourite character. The Year 2s are working hard to write a persuasive and use convincing language in their writing. We have just completed our writing for our Geography unit about ‘My Special Place’. Students produced very beautiful work and they all had fun working on their project.

DAY FOR DANIEL
Today is Day for Daniel. We are wearing red too as we learn about recognising our body clues for nervous and anxious feelings, particularly if feeling unsafe. Thank you to the Biloela Police who came and addressed our school. It is an extremely important message about personal safety.

Recogise: Our bodies tell us when we don’t feel safe through our Body Clues. Hair stands on end, butterflies in your tummy, heart pounding, wobbly knees, crying and sweaty palms.

React: If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT—Run, scream, say no, ring for help.

Report: “I can get help”
Please chat to your child at home about what was discussed.

STAFFING FOR 2016
Mrs M. has decided to finish her time here at Prospect Creek at the end of this year. She will be travelling with family to Africa and then returning to be a Mum. Dorah has done a great job in the P-2 classroom and we thank her for her work. We wish Dorah and her family all the best and look forward to her popping her head in to the school for various events. We will farewell Dorah officially at the P&C BBQ.

Rebecca Young will be the new teacher in the P-2 classroom as a permanent teacher. She is extremely enthusiastic, is early childhood trained and has a wealth of up to date knowledge in curriculum and pedagogy. Rebecca will join us on Wednesdays as she gets to know the students (including our new preps). We look forward to having Rebecca join us at Prospect Creek officially next year.

CAR WASH AND 2016 CAMP INFORMATION
Yesterday we had a fundraising meeting for camp 2016. Thank you to those families who were able to attend. Our car wash, which will be held at Toyota, will be held on Saturday 14 November. Each family in the 3-6 class has been allocated a time slot for the day.

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Also attached to this newsletter is the first letter for our Canberra camp next year (3-6 families only). Each student is required to pay a non-refundable $100 deposit to secure a place. This will be due by the end of the year to enable us to finalise costings, staffing and look at flight options. Please note this camp is optional and will be the only camp offered in 2016.
Year 3 and 4 students have been finishing off their work with procedural texts this week. The Year 5 students have finished their work around explanations.

Next week, students will revise the narrative genre in preparation for an assessment. We will then move into poetry to finish the year off.

In Maths, Year 3 and 4 students have been working on fractions, while Year 5 students have revised multiples, fractions and order of operations.

Thank you again to those families who were able to stay for the fund-raising meeting yesterday. We have some wonderful things planned to raise money for our excursion next year. We will require all hands on deck to bring the cost down!

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Shakina—Doing an excellent job at writing and trying your best in all learning areas.

Joshua—Well done on your improved focus and behaviour in class. Keep it up!
DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C Meeting—Tuesday 3 November (3.30pm)

Biloela Anzac raffles—Friday 6 November
Car wash—Saturday 14 November (Toyota)
Biloela Markets—21 November (Selling raffle tickets)
Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 24 November

Powers Investments Swim Meet—Wednesday 25 November

Prior to Prep last day—Wednesday 2 December
P&C BBQ—Friday 4 December
Reports sent home—Friday 4 December
Last day of term 4—Friday 11 December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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