Hi Parents

This is our second last newsletter for Term 3 and I think you would agree with me that like every other term, it has flown! Even though next week is the last week of term, assessments and learning are still underway. Please ensure your child attends every day as every day missed is teaching and learning missed.

Swimming notes went home last week and it is vital we have these returned by Wednesday 7 October. This is Week 1 next term. As you can imagine, continually chasing up money and notes is time consuming. Please help Mrs Matheson out by having these in on time. We cannot take students to the pool without returned permission notes.

Congratulations to our persuasive speakers who represented Prospect Creek at Goovigen on Monday. They all spoke extremely well and were cool, calm and collected! Kahu and Sam will be representing the Callide Cluster of Small Schools at Moura State School on Monday. We wish them all the best.

Please be aware that the office is attended only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At times, the office is unattended from 2:30pm due to banking. Could you please ensure any phone calls about student departures are made before this time. The phones may not be answered as we are busy working with students during lesson time. Break times are perfect on Tuesdays and Thursdays as there will always be someone available to take your call! A reminder that our breaks are from 11:00am -11:45am and 1:15pm- 2:00pm.

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Please remember to bring your enrolment packs in for students starting in Prep next year. Our Prior to Prep program starts in Week 1 next term and it would be great to have all our future families involved. If you know of a new family who is enrolling, could you please encourage them to touch base with the school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

On Wednesday, a note went home with each family asking for a donation of a home bake item to sell at a cake stall next Tuesday. Each family has been asked to return either a slice, cake, muffins/cupcakes to sell. We have divided families up so we have a nice mixture of each. If you would prefer to make something else, could you please organise to swap with another family. All items will need to be returned to school on Monday.

Rugby League Gala Day

Just a reminder that next Friday we will welcome our cluster of small schools’ 3-6 students to Prospect Creek for a Rugby League Gala Day. We will have Rod Dahl return to help out with this event and thank you to our P&C who will cater lunch on the day. All students will be able to purchase lunch (including the P2 class). Lunch orders where due back today if you have not returned your order please do so on Monday.

Earn and Learn Stickers

The Earn and Learn promotion has now finished. Please remember to return all Earn and Learn stickers to school so we can trade them for valuable resources. Every sticker counts! Thank you to all families and friends who have helped us to collect our stickers this year. Your contributions were appreciated.
In the P-2 class this week we have been very busy doing a lot of hands on activities in our learning.

We had a fun time reconstructing the market day using our Lego.

During science we made pin wheels and made observations to explain why our pin wheels worked faster under the fan.

In reading and writing this week we enjoyed reading “Brown Bear Brown Bear”. We also made our own big book about “Our Friends” with each student contributing a page to it.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT IN THE LAST WEEK

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING BY BUS

Parents and carers play an important role in teaching children about appropriate behaviour when travelling on public transport.

While most students are well-behaved when travelling by public transport, a few misbehaving students can make it an unpleasant journey for all commuters.

With almost a third of all Queensland students travelling to school by bus, the Department of Transport and Main Roads has developed a Code of Conduct for students travelling by bus.

The Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses sets out the rights, roles and responsibilities of students, parents and carers and bus drivers to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip to and from school.

To keep our students happy and safe, parents and carers are encouraged to discuss expected student behaviour with their children, including:

- showing respect for other passengers and their property
- waiting for the bus in an orderly manner
- behaving appropriately at all times while on the bus
- using only designated bus stops
- behaving safely and using caution when getting on or off the bus
- following directions of the driver in case of an emergency or a breakdown

The Code was developed in consultation with the Department of Education and Training, police, bus operators and parent groups.

The student and parent fact sheet is attached electronically to the email. If you require a hard copy, please contact the
**3-6 NEWS**

We have a packed program next week which includes netball on Wednesday and our Rugby League Gala day on Friday.

Mrs Baird, Mrs Nielsen and Mrs Gardiner will be supervising students at the netball carnival on Wednesday. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch. Thank you to David Steger who has offered to referee on the day.

Students have been busy learning about letter writing. Over the holidays, why not ask your child to write a letter to a distant relative or friend? Students will be writing a letter next week to form part of their assessment for English.

Congratulations again to all our persuasive speakers. You did a fantastic job!

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Nicholas — Having a good attitude towards your learning and striving to improve the quality of your work. Good job!

Aaron — Well done on working so hard to improve your learning goals. Keep it up, Aaron!

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**3-6 Class Enjoying the weather and surroundings as they find inspiration for their writing task.**

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**School Attendance Term 3, 2015**

![Attendance Chart:](chart)

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Sally Neve & Jacinta Philips
Admin Officer: Robyn Matheson
Administration days: Monday,
Wednesday & Friday
Grounds Person—Tim Boyd
Cleaner - Brenda Kororiko

P&C Committee
President — Sally Neve
Vice President — Cherie Gooding
Treasurer — Adam Northey
Secretary — Robyn Matheson

DATES TO REMEMBER

Persuasive speaking competition—Monday 14 September Moura SS (Finals)
Cake stall, Woolworths Shopping Centre —Tuesday 15 September 9.00—1.00

3-6 Interschool Netball Carnival—Wednesday 16 September
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)

Last day of term—Friday 18 September

First day of term—Tuesday 6 October
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 6 October
Final payment for swimming—Wednesday 7th October
Swimming starts—Friday 9th October

P&C meeting—Tuesday 13 October (3.30pm)

Pupil free day—Monday 19 October
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 20 October

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sam Steger—18 September
Mackinlay Marxsen—18 September