Hi Parents,

Our orange became red today for the annual Day for Daniel. We discussed key messages about keeping ourselves safe and listening to our body cues if things don’t feel right. We asked students to think about who they trust and reiterated that the police are here to help us. Thank you to our Adopt-a-cop, Brad who addressed the school.

We enjoyed lunch today to celebrate Teachers’ Day. Teacher Aide day was celebrated late last term. All our staff do a wonderful job of ensuring every child is successful, every day. We have an extremely dedicated team who go above and beyond. On behalf of the Prospect Creek State School community, I would like to thank our entire team who make Prospect Creek State School a wonderful place to be.

We are starting to finalise our Age Appropriate Pedagogies report and presentation and as a result, Rebecca and I will be off line on Monday. We will be collating data, writing reports and creating a presentation to share with Griffith University and DET. I would like to acknowledge Rebecca for embracing this project in her first year at Prospect Creek. We have had a successful year with the range and balance of teaching approaches and look forward to sharing this with the region and state. Emma Smith and Clare Harcla will be replacing us in the classroom on Monday.

We were extremely pleased to have Sarah Beckman return to school this week. Sarah has been off on leave after an accident late last term. Welcome back, Sarah!

Our attendance was exceptional last week. 97.7%. This is an excellent achievement. Our families are also being extremely proactive with notifying us of absences. Thank you! We are currently looking into an automated SMS system where the messages are linked to our electronic roll.

Just a reminder that we swim every Monday. The afternoons normally warm up even if the mornings are cool. We are also fortunate enough to be able to share the heated pool for some of our lesson. We only have 6 weeks left so every week counts!
This week has been very busy! Students have been continuing their creations of musical instruments. They have begun decorating, analysing and making changes to make great musical instruments.

Please keep up the sight word practice! The students are doing a great job recognising reading them.

Thank you for the prompt return of the Year 2 family connections. We will be analysing the responses, looking at maps and discussing how important it is to keep connections.

Due to recent events at Biloela High School we are looking to relocate the venue of the information evening.

**Venue:** Civic Centre
**Date:** Wednesday 2nd of November
**Time:**
- Arrive 6pm (Sausage sizzle - free)
- 6:30 – 7:15 Information evening:
  - Expectations for High School in 2017
  - Transition days (Week 9)
  - Year 7 Camp (2017)

We look forward to seeing you there.

David Hall
Deputy Principal

Interviews will take place at Prospect Creek State School on Thursday 10th November from 8:15am – 9:00. This is an opportunity for parent and students to meet with the staff and ask questions. This is also an opportunity to hand in your enrolment forms. Exact times for individual families will be confirmed at a later date.

“knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference”
Students are starting to complete some diagnostic tests for tracking and monitoring. We completed Maths last week and it was great to see the improved results throughout the year. Reading and spelling will be completed in the next two weeks.

Students have been having fun with the iMovie app on the iPads. We are creating a trailer to represent our poems that we are analysing. It is great to see students get creative. I will load these on students USB sticks once they are finished.

We have introduced assonance to students this week. This is a common sound device used in rap. Assonance is when rhyme is difficult. The vowel sound stays the same but the consonants change. Like rhyme, it creates rhythm e.g. night and life both have the same long I sound but their endings are different. We unpacked a rap song this week identifying all the examples of assonance. We got a writer’s cramp!

Spelling Story Challenge – students were challenged this week to create an interesting story that used as many of their spelling words as possible. Can you guess what their focus was?

Attached to this newsletter are the book lists for 2017. I am very aware that shopping for school supplies is not a fun job. This year, we are offering a delivery option. Office national in Gladstone will provide complete book packs for families and have it delivered to the school (free of charge) before the end of term. The prices are comparable with any other company and the P&C will receive a donation for every book pack ordered. Please note: this is an option only. It is not compulsory that you order your supplies this way, however if you choose not to go this way, It is expected that students will have all their supplies to start the 2017 school year.

For those students going into Year 3, the book lists are a little more expensive. This is due to the students needing a dictionary and atlas to start their time in the 3-6 classroom. They will hold on to this for subsequent years.

Please note, there are compulsory items and optional items (on most lists). We are not able to deselect items from the compulsory list. If you do not want to order the complete book pack, you will need to go with option B (which is to do your own shop for book list items). Orders do not have to come back through the school but we can support you to scan and send if you are unable to do so. It is vital that you pop your phone number on your order as Office national will make contact with you regarding payment.

We will not know who has placed and order and who has not (apart from those who scan and send from school) so we will not be able to chase individual families. Orders must be returned to Office National by Tuesday 22 November at the absolute latest.

I look forward to your feedback on this and hope it eases the pressure of the ‘back to school’ shop!

“Mistakes are proof that you are trying”
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Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
RREAP Representative—Melissa Blyton
Treat Kitchen Co-ordinator—Emma Corfield

“Happy moments, Happy thoughts, happy dreams, Happy feelings, happy birthdays”

Attendance 2016—Target 96%

School Attendance Term 4

Students of the Week

Ellie—Putting in a fantastic effort in class, and as a result, has produced excellent work.

Ashton—Fantastic focus and effort in the classroom.