Hi Parents

Wow! Another year of newsletters! Just a reminder that the newsletters contain all necessary information regarding events and happenings, so it is important that you use these to touch base with what’s on each week.

Facebook is utilised to provide urgent reminders and happenings within the school as well. Be sure to ‘like’ the page if you have not yet done so.

We have had a good start to the year with all transitions (both into the P-2 classroom and into the 3-6 class happening smoothly. Mrs Gardiner is on leave until Monday 6 February and Mrs Campbell is helping us out on Tuesday and Wednesday for these two weeks. Mrs Campbell was a previous teacher aide at Prospect Creek and it is wonderful to have her back.

Mrs Beckmann will be providing Health/Physical Education to students on Tuesday. Yes, your child was right if they told you it was sports shirt day on Tuesday. We will continue with our official count and decorating of the scarecrow next week.

Classroom timetables are attached to this newsletter and these will be unpacked with families at our welcome BBQ on Friday 10 February. We will have more information about our welcome BBQ in next week’s newsletter, but in the meantime, please keep this evening free.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2017:

**School Leaders:** Ivy and Zoey

**Kroombit House Captain:** Fraser

**Grevillea House Captain:** Mikalah

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Like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prospect-Creek-State-School/704480269633200
P-2 News

P-2 have had a great start to the year! The year 1 and 2 students have been teaching the two new preps the rules and expectations of our classroom.

On Monday, our new door display will be up and ready to view. Come and check it out, as well as our 'All About Me' posters.

Homework will be out on Monday and reader folders will be out on Thursday (returning the next Wednesday). In the homework folders are each students login details for Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Reader Folders will have a date and sign sheet to complete also.

School Chaplain

Chappy Selma will return to Prospect Creek on Monday. She will be working with students in both classes and will lead a social/emotional wellbeing program. Chappy will continue to run her Homework Club after school for any students interested.

Cross Country

Cross country will be here before we know it. We are waiting to hear back from the school hosting the Callide Valley Small Schools Cross Country before we set a date for our school event. I anticipate that our school event will happen Week 8. Students should start practising for Cross Country to improve their fitness.

P&C AGM & Bus Meeting

As per previous years, the bus meeting will take place at Prospect Creek at 6pm and our P&C AGM will follow. Please keep this date free and come along and support our school and P&C. We had an extremely active P&C in 2016 which resulted in lots of improvements and opportunities for all students. Please come along and support our school by being a member of our P&C. It is a great way to keep updated about what’s on as well as have input into important decisions. Our 2017 Annual Operational Plan will be shared following the AGM at the February meeting.

Absence Notifications

A reminder that same day notifications of absences is a requirement in all state schools. This means, if we have not heard from you regarding your child’s absence, we will need to call/message you for a notification. Once we receive the notification, we update our records to accurately reflect the reason for the absence. Please remember that notification must come from a parent/guardian. A child cannot provide the notification. For 2016, we had just over 25% of all absences unexplained. We need to work on reducing this percentage in 2017.

Office Hours

MONDAY: 9am—11:30am
TUESDAY: 8:30—2:30pm
THURSDAY: 8:30—2:30pm
FRIDAY: 8:30—2:00pm
It is wonderful to see the new students settle into their new classroom. Attached is a classroom timetable. Ms Gray is teaching all Maths and Science and I am teaching all English, History and The Arts.

Students will start receiving homework next week. The weeks will alternate between literacy and mathematics. Homework tasks are not meant to be arduous. They are a way for students to practise independence, accountability and time management. Students are welcome to complete their homework on Monday with Chappy Selma if they wish, this way they will be done for the week.

Please note that reading is not considered homework. Reading should be an enjoyable experience and should be practised every night to maintain fluency and accuracy while improving comprehension and vocabulary. Students have a reading goal and are aware that practise at home is required in order to be successful in reaching this goal. Our library day is Monday. Students will be asked to borrow from the library every week to support reading at home. This will be a text chosen by the student that interests them.

Congratulations 2017 Leaders!!
DATES TO REMEMBER

RSL Raffles—Friday 3rd February
Mobile Library—Tuesday 7th February
Welcome BBQ - Friday 10th February
P&C AGM & Bus Meeting—Tuesday 14th February
Mobile Library—Tuesday 21st February
Mobile Library—Tuesday 7th March
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 14th March
Last Day Term 1—Friday 31st March
School Photo’s—Wednesday 19th April
RSL Raffles—Friday 28th April
School Camp—29th August—1st Sept. 2017

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin

Students of the Week

...COMING NEXT WEEK!