



PROSERPINE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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112 YEARS OF
 EDUCATION
 IN
 PROSERPINE

PSS Events	Date
November	
Remembrance Day	11
Middle Phase Projects Yrs 4,5(1)	12
6/7 Sport Farewell Function for Helen Hughes	13
4-7 Assembly 10.20 Year 6 Leadership Process begins—School Captains 2010	16
Swimming Carnival 11/12/13yrs	18
Swimming Carnival 9/10 yrs Middle Phase Projects Yrs 4,5(2) P & C Meeting (Final) 7.30	19
Swimming commences for 1AL, 1EM, 2CP, 3BG 6/7 Sport	20
P-3 Assembly 10.20	23
Instrumental Music Recruitment Night for 2010	24
6/7 Sport	27
4-7 Assembly 10.20 PSS Band Recital Evening 7.00	30
DECEMBER	
Middle Phase Projects Yrs 6,7 2.00 each day	01, 02, 03
Middle Phase Projects Yrs 4,5(3)	03
RE Ecumenical Service 1.45 PSHS Hall	04
Year 7s at High School 9.00 Year 8 Parent Night 7.30	07
Student Council Break-up 10.50 TLC Day	08
Report Card Assembly Announcement of School Captains 2010 Year 7 Farewell Function PEC 6.30 for 7.00	09
Break Up Party Day	10
Break-Up Clean-Up Day Farewell Assembly 1.00 School Concludes for 2009	11

SCHOOL NEWS FROM ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

P&C MEETING

The last meeting for 2009 will be held on Thursday 19 November at 7.30pm in the Staff Lounge. All welcome. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the dedication of the members of our hardworking P&C Executive and members for their untiring efforts in assisting the school during the year.

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Next week on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 November, we are conducting our Inter-house Swimming Carnivals. The 11 / 12 / 13 years Carnival will be held on Wednesday 18 November and the 9 / 10 years on Thursday 19 November. The swimming carnival is open and free of charge to all those students who participated in the Learn to Swim Program this term.

On the day, please ensure your child has the appropriate gear for the carnival. Each student must bring adequate lunch and water as well as sunscreen.

To allow our carnival to operate successfully, we require the assistance of parents to take on a timekeeping role on the day/s of the carnival. If you are attending the carnival on either day to support your child, you are more than welcome to be a timekeeper. On the day, those parents who are able to be timekeepers will just need to register their name at the pool kiosk. Parents who are timekeeping on the day will not be required to pay the admission fee that is normally charged by the pool.

At these carnivals, times recorded will enable nominations to be made straight to Whitsunday level to attend the NQ Trials in late February 2010. A decision has been made by Proserpine District and Whitsunday District Sport Associations that there will be no Proserpine and Whitsunday Swimming Carnivals and nominations to NQ will be on times recorded from school or club trials.

MIDDLE PHASE PROJECTS

Middle Phase Projects for Years 4 and 5 commenced yesterday for three sessions over the following Thursday afternoons. Years 6 and 7 Middle Phase Projects will be held on three afternoons in Week 9 on 01, 02, 03 December. Students have selected an investigation project to work on with their respective teachers.

YEARS 4-7 TEACHERS LITERACY TRAINING

In Week 8, 23-27 November, the majority of Year 4-7 teachers will be attending education Qld's Literacy Training for the whole week. If your child's class is having a change of teaching arrangements during this week, you will be notified by a special note.

INSTRUMENTAL RECRUITMENT NIGHT

We are currently in the process of recruiting new students to enter the instrumental program in 2010. Students who have applied will be meeting with Mrs Tunbridge on Monday or Tuesday next week to establish their suitability to specific instruments. For those who are selected and offered a place in the program, a Recruitment Night will be held in the PSHS Hall on Tuesday 24 November. Children and parents will be advised by the end of next week if they have been selected in the program for next year.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECITAL NIGHT

Our current instrumental students will be performing for their parents on Monday 30 November in the PSHS Hall. A special invitation letter is being distributed to parents.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2010

Year 6 students have submitted their Leadership Logs today. The process for selecting our School Captains for 2010 will occur over the next few weeks with the announcement being made on Wednesday 09 December. Other leadership positions (House Captains, Student Councillors, Year 7 Student Leaders) for 2010 will be determined at the beginning of next year.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

Order forms are on the last page of this newsletter. Closing date is Friday 20 November for a limited print run. No late orders can be accepted!

REPORTING

We will be having one Report Card assembly on Wednesday 09 December at which certificates of academic achievement will be distributed as well as the announcement and presentation of badges for our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2010.

DONATIONS

A huge thank you to QUOTA Club of Whitsunday and Proserpine RSL Sub-Branch for their kind donations towards purchase of Front Row Amplification Systems for classrooms. These will further enable all students, but most especially, those with hearing impairments to more actively engage in the curriculum

TERM 1 2010

Booklists for Semester 1 accompany this newsletter. Please read the information at the top of the page prior to purchasing resources.

Please keep in mind that the following contributions will be requested at the beginning of the year for Technology \$10.00 – (peripheral resources, printing); Home Readers \$4.00; School-produced booklets \$8.00; Religious Education per attendee \$8.00; Parents & Citizens Association \$25.00 per family. Statements will be distributed at beginning of the year. Years 2-5 classes will also attend swimming lessons in Term \$24.00.

YEAR 6 CAMP

YEAR 6 CAMP—Kinchant Dam

On the G Swing when I went up the whole 20 metres, I almost said stop at half way. I felt a bit scared to pull the bungee cord at the top and when I did pull it, I was screaming really loudly! I free fell for about 5 metres before I swung. I'm glad I did it though—I would regret it now if I hadn't gone the whole way. Kate R (6PH)

The flying fox was incredible because we had to have lots of safety things and you go pretty fast. I got to the second stopper. It made me feel good because I was brave enough to do it. Randall K (6PH)

The catapults were fun to make and, when we'd finished, we filled up water balloons and catapulted them at targets. If we were really lucky, we got to have a go on the large catapults. It was great fun and we got to work as a team. Jeseka R (6KM)
Down at the dam, we did biscuiting. There were three speeds and three was the highest. Three people got to sit on each biscuit and get pulled behind a speed boat. We had 10 minutes for each turn. If we wanted, we were allowed to even stand up. I fell off. It was just great fun! Dean S (6KM)

On the high ropes, we had to wear a safety harness and walk along wires and beams. If we wanted to go up to the highest level, we could and the goal was to hit the Sumo Guy (a ball). Braydon T was the only one in my group who did this. It was a really challenging activity to do but a lot of fun. Dan S (6DJ)

The best thing about camp was being away from school, having lots of fun with friends and challenging ourselves. The biggest challenge for me was the climbing wall. I got to the top twice! Mikayla R (6DJ)

Down at the dam, we got all muddy throwing sponges at each other. I even threw some at Mr Richardson. This was part of a game called 'Run the Gauntlet'. The best part of camp for me was going on the G Swing. Kain M (6MG)

Raft building was hilarious. We had to work as a team and the girls beat the boys because their boat sank....it sank because all of us girls jumped on it! Nikaela L (6MG)

Thank you to the wonderful parents and teachers who helped make the camp such a success!

Year Seven Canberra Tour 2009

The Year Seven students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on tour, they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. Some of the places visited by the students while in Canberra included Parliament House, Old Parliament House, National Archives of Australia, Australian War Memorial, National Capital Exhibition, Questacon, Electoral Education Centre and Royal Australian Mint.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program. This rebate is available to all students who attended the excursion and will be paid to the school shortly.

On behalf of the parents and students of Year Seven, Proserpine State School would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for the excellent response to our Behaviour Survey that was sent out last month. It was pleasing to see that parents made the effort not only to respond, but also to provide constructive remarks to assist us in making our school a great learning place. We especially liked the many positive comments that were made and, like our students, these positives encourage us to do even better. We were disappointed that a couple of families who made very strong points did not include their names therefore we are unable to address their issues. We urge you to contact the school and air any grievances that you may have so that they can be acted upon – it is impossible to remedy a problem if we do not know that the problem exists.

The data that was extracted from the survey was very pleasing and already the SWPBS committee has analysed this information to determine our focus for 2010. The results to **QUESTION 3** however, were somewhat alarming. 45% of students at this school have been victims of ongoing, unwanted bullying in the past year. On following up on some families whose names were on the surveys, we have discovered some parents have just ticked all the way down the 'yes' column without reading each of the questions and this will have skewed our data. The important message that we wish to convey to both parents and students is to encourage your child to report bullying to either their teacher or an administration member. If your child is reluctant to report please inform the school yourself as it is imperative that we minimise bullying in our school. We welcome any further comment on this survey.

See Survey Results on next page.

MONEY COLLECTION

When sending money via your child to the office, please make sure that it is in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class, the amount of money enclosed and what the payment is for. This way, the children can "post" their envelope in the money collection letter-box to save waiting and congestion at the office counter. This saves lots of time for both the children and the office ladies! Also be aware that our money collection window operates from 8.30am to 2.30 pm. All payments must be made the day before the activity. No exceptions.

FANTASEA CRUISES CRACKER NIGHT

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2009

Once again, Fantasea Adventure Cruising is conducting a colouring-in competition for Cracker Night 2009 and we would like again to invite your school to participate.

For Years Pre – 4, we will supply a poster to be coloured in. The prize for the best coloured poster in each year level (from all schools combined) will be a family prize for 2 adults and 3 children (aged 5-15) to travel on our Great Barrier Reef Cruise to Reefworld. We will collect the completed posters on Thursday 19th November 2009. Entry posters are available from the school office.

As in previous years, Years 5 – 7 are invited to design their own poster for the competition. We will also offer a prize for each year level (from all schools combined) a family ticket for 2 adults and 3 children (aged 5-15) to travel on our Great Barrier Reef Cruise to Reefworld. Please ensure that any posters from these year levels are also available for collection on Thursday 19th November 2009. Please ask the children to write their names, school and year level on their posters before they are returned.



PROSERPINE YOUTH SPACE

"Check out the exciting new activities at Youth Space!! For the month of November, we will offer Beginner guitar lessons, boxercise workshops with trained instructor, movie & popcorn arvos, basketball workshops, various girls workshops, & loads more. Most activities are FREE!! But you've got to get in quick as places are strictly limited.

Keep your eyes open for Youth Space flyers too as we are planning more awesome activities for December and Friday evenings. You can find us most afternoons at the Proserpine Community Centre. You can also email us on prosiyouthspace@live.com.au or phone us on Ph: 0414691681 for more info. We'd love to hear from you! See you at Youth Space!!"

DEE JAYS SCHOOL OF DANCE ANNUAL CONCERT

Fri 13th & Sat 14th November
7.00pm

Tickets and more info available at Proserpine Entertainment Centre



MISSING FROM B BLOCK CLASSROOM:

1 Bike Helmet - black and brown in colour, black sticker with white cross on the back. Clearly named. Please return to office if taken by mistake.

School Magazine 2009

The School Magazine for 2009 is almost complete and orders are now being taken at the school office. The magazine is a wonderful reflection of the year and a great memento for your child. A limited number are ordered each year, so if you plan on purchasing, please **get in early** to avoid disappointment. **Magazines cost \$10.00** and will be distributed in the last week of school.

Please use the section below to order your copy. Orders will close on Friday 20th November.

School Magazine Order Form

Student Name: _____ ID Number (if known): _____

Number of Magazines required: _____ at **\$10.00 each** = Amount enclosed \$ _____