PRAIRIE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 4th April 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to Week 10, our last week of the term. Students at Prairie have been working well up until the last minute, to complete their assessment tasks for the term. They have also been very busy working on artwork for the Hughenden show next term and have created their own pinball machines in technology. I congratulate them for their hard work and steady improvement across the last ten weeks.

Last week, the P&C held their AGM with all executive positions filled. They are as follows: President Andrea Duddy, Vice Presidents Tom Duddy, Bill Dart and Ben Muston, Secretary Amy Dart, Treasurer Sharon Jonsson and Auditor Michelle Fryer. Thank you to all who attended and especially to those who have accepted a position.

This year our school celebrates its 125 year anniversary. The P&C and school are currently discussing different options for this celebration and all suggestions, ideas and help would be appreciated. If you have any memorabilia, photos or stories that you would be able to lend to enrich this celebration, please contact either myself or one of our P&C members.

Over the past two weeks, Prairie State School has made some considerable purchases to improve teaching and learning within the school. These being a new electronic whiteboard and new student desks. They will have arrived and will be up and running by the start of next term.

This week Malcolm Dart and Kahlia Kerr have both attended the 800m, 200m and Discus pre carnival events for the upcoming athletics carnival. They both performed well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

This week we have also had two students involved in the NAPLAN online trials to ensure that when this testing occurs next term, our students and staff will understand how to interact with this new style of technology.

Come as a palaeontologist day was a huge success, students enjoyed dressing up and excavating our sandpit for fossils.

ANZAC Day this year falls on the first Thursday of Term Two. Our students have begun to practice their parts for this commemoration service. Our thanks go to Major Ross Kenny who will be giving the address on the day.

Happy Easter to all in our community and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Yours in Education,

Linda Blakoe – Principal

Richard Muston

On behalf of staff and students at Prairie State School, we offer our sincere condolences to the Muston Family following the passing of Richard Muston on Tuesday.
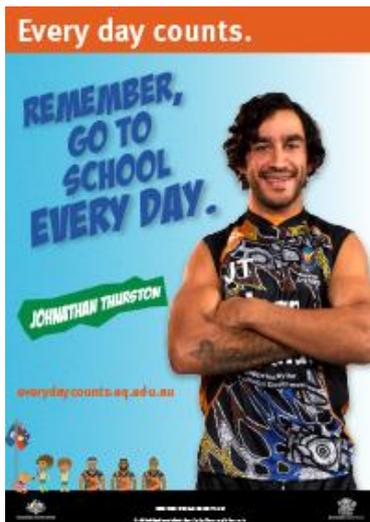
We sincerely hope that peace finds you at this time.

DATE CLAIMERS

When	What	Where
April		
5th April	Col's Fruit Truck	Out the front of the school
5th April	Last Day of Term One	
23rd April	Term Two commences	
25th April	ANZAC Day	
3rd May	Small Schools Athletics Carnival	St Francis Hughenden

EVERY DAY IS THE PRAIRIE WAY!
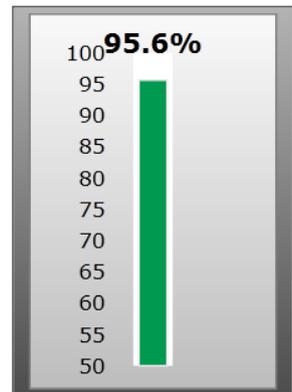

ATTENDENCE

Attendance for SEMESTER 1:
We are currently sitting at 95.6% for the Semester.
Our goal is 95%.
Let's keep up the great work and ensure that we are at school EVERY DAY!!!

Daily Attendance
Attendance Rate

95.6%

Student of the Week – Malcolm Dart

Positive Behaviour for Learning - Recipient – Kahlia Kerr

Come as an Paleontologist Day

On the day, students received a letter from a Dr Terry Dactyl. He explained that he needed their help to find any fossils that may be in our school grounds as he had recently heard that Prairie was once a part of the Eromanga Sea. Students used their tools to excavate the sand pit here at school and they extracted their finds and made plaster casts of them.

Thought of the Week…

Why is sleep important?
Even mild sleep deprivation (one hour less a night) could impair a child's cognitive function.
Primary school students require 9-11 hours of sleep per day
Secondary school students require 8-10 hours of sleep per day
Adults require 7-9 hours of sleep per day

Is your child getting their daily sleeping requirement?