The students and staff have settled into an exciting year of learning. The staff have been learning about the New English Curriculum and how to use the iPad technology in the classroom. Teachers and students in stage 3 have been using a new approach in learning called SOLE (Self Organised Learning Environments). The students have also had opportunities to participate in free sport clinics and some afternoon sport programs. Prairievale Public school encourages all aspects of school life, students participated in school incursions such as The Responsible Pet Handling, Reptile Show and Antarctica workshop. Mrs Lawrence was also able to secure our schools participation in House ED. This is a program with the Sydney Opera House which provides our students to experience a live theatre performance at the Opera House later in the year. I would like to thank all the teachers who have organised extra events to ensure students receive all the possible experiences our school can offer such as dance group, choir, SRC and PSSA sport. It is the passion and dedication of these teachers that enrich learning for our students. It has been wonderful getting to know our school community through the P&C and Parent Coffee club. The P&C have worked very hard and have made a tremendous start to fundraising this year. During week 11 of this term and weeks 1 and 2 of term 2 I will be on long service leave, during this time Mrs Hird will be the relieving Principal and Mrs Sipione will be the relieving Assistant Principal. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in Week 3 of next term. Finally if you shop at Stockland's don’t forget to vote for our school display. A special thanks to Mrs Sipione and 5S and Mrs Naim and 4/5N for their wonderful display.
Harmony Day

I was so very proud to be part of the Harmony Day celebration at Prairievale Public school this year. Our school is a great example of the values celebrated in Harmony Day. A special thanks to Mrs Condouris for her organisation of this event. And Mrs Neilson for arranging the choir performance.

I would also like to thank the SRC for organising the “Bullying No Way” bracelets for our students to raise awareness against bullying.

Stage 2 Reptile Show

It was exciting to see how at ease the students were with holding the reptiles at the reptile show on Wednesday 2nd April. It was a great learning experience for our students. They were all very brave (the reptiles I mean) having our stage 2 students handle them.
Events in School

Stage 1 Fairytale Parade
The P & C has been very active in starting the fundraising this year. If you have any ideas for fundraising or you want to be more involved please come along to the next meeting. The Easter Raffle has been a great success and I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations. Also a special thanks to the P&C for organising the disco. I am sure it will be a great success.

Voluntary Contributions—Don’t miss your chance to win!!
It has been a great effort by families to pay the voluntary contributions. The total of $2800.00 has been made so far and this is greatly appreciated. The contributions equal to 93 students out of 412 have paid so far. A reminder that a special prize will be drawn for students who pay the voluntary contribution fee for 2014 by Thursday 10th April. The prize is an Ipad mini valued at $350. $30 per student or $60 for family. The other prizes are a refund of your fees and a new uniform. The prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Eggtarctica Competition -Vote at Stocklands
If you spend any money at Stockland's please go and use the receipts to get votes for our school. Every dollar spent equals 1 vote. The desk is located near the deli and our school display. Please help our school win first prize.

Attendance
As a reward for good attendance students who have received 8 stamps in the self monitoring sheet will have 15 minutes of extra recess on Thursday 10th April. Congratulations to all the students who have achieved this reward.

Uniform
Please ensure students are in correct uniform and footwear. We have a great uniform and should be proud of the look of our school.
This term 4A has been learning about different animals and insects in our environment and how they depend upon each other in their habitats. We have investigated food chains and webs and how these can be affected by species being removed from them. Stage 2 had a visit from The Australian Reptile Park to show us some wonderful Australian reptiles. We got to touch some pythons, lizards, turtles and alligators. It was very exciting! We discussed what could happen to other animals in the food chain if we use poisons in our houses and gardens. We also learnt about emergency care for a poisonous snake or spider bite.
School holiday kids and family camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult:
http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0
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25 Nights Reading

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Niram David
Connor Cameron-Smith
Mudoch Le
Ariana I’Anson
Marcus Ung

K/1B
Marvin Wu
Aabid Degia
Caroline Quach
Narseen Goria

1N
Emilio Navarrete
Jayden Nguyen
Isabella Usumaki
Lolesio Sio

1SE
Stephanie Matti
Ata Halisdemir
Berakah Vaituutuu
Nardeen Hanna
Davit Pamboukin
Lerita Melia
Kimikimi Webb-Tekata
Angela Namo
Jayden Le
Mario Hanosh

2S
John Oraha
Sharokina David
Onel Shamoon
Marcus Yousif

2M
Andres Delaguila
Mehmet Terun
Afaaf Asmaro
Cynthia Boun

2/3L
Daniel Usumaki
Ariel Navarrete
Alicia Tir
Luka Strbac
Aiden Duong
Brayden Dodd
Gordon Ung
Trisha Tran

3/4H
Sophie Condell
Azra Tekin
Sallie Ton
Sain Asmaro
**PPS Calendar**

**Week 11 Term 1**

Monday  7th April – P& C Disco
Tuesday  8th April– School Banking
Wednesday 9th April - SRC Mufti Sport day (gold coin donation)
  - P&C meeting 2pm
Thursday 10th April – Parent Coffee Club 9-10am (CL room)
Friday 11th April - Easter Hat Parade  10-11 am
  - Last day of Term

**Week 1 Term 2**

Monday 28th April - Staff Development Day no students
Tuesday 29th April - Students return to school (First day)
  - School Banking
Thursday 1st May - Parent Coffee Club 9-10 am
Friday 2nd May- PSSA

**Week 2 Term 2**

Tuesday 6th May—Stage 1 excursion  Sydney Aquarium
Wednesday 7th May– Prairiewood HS Talent Quest
Thursday 8th May– Cross Country Carnival
Friday 9th May—PSSA sport