



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Messages to Students

If a parent needs to get a message to a student as a matter of urgency, please ensure that the school office has sufficient time (at least 45 minutes) to actually locate the student. Therefore no messages will be delivered after 2:15pm (Monday to Thursday) and 1:00pm on Friday.

How you can help your child with writing

Everyday tasks such as making a shopping list can help improve your child's writing skills.

Our school encourages all parents to help their children with their writing at home. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- ask your child to make a greeting card for a special occasion
- talk about the different ways we use writing (making lists, writing messages or notes)
- make personalised scrap books with your child – glue a photo or picture your child chooses onto a page and ask them to write words or sentences about the picture
- create a special place for your child to write. Providing writing materials, such as an easel or blackboard with scrap paper and pencils, makes a great environment to experiment with writing
- set up some plastic letter tiles or magnets for your child to play with or a keyboard to spell out or type words.

For more information and ideas on how you can support your child's writing visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

How you can help your child with reading

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher and it is important to encourage your child to read outside of the classroom.

Our school is asking all parents to help their children to improve their reading skills. You can do this by:

- visiting the local library – this is an economical way to provide access to different kinds of books and learning materials and allows children to borrow from a wide range. Your library may also offer a reading program which makes reading an exciting experience and allows them to mix with other children
- asking 'why' questions as you read a book or story together to help your child understand and asking them to think about alternate endings to make much-loved books even more interesting
- reading to your child as often as you can and by trying to carry a book with you when away from home
- letting your child hold the book and turn the pages when you are reading together – this lets your child join in and allows you to talk about the pictures
- congratulating your child on their reading – this will encourage them to enjoy the reading experience
- pointing out words as you read them, especially long or interesting words – this will create a word bank or a spelling list which will help your child with their writing
- making a message board or space at home and encouraging your child to read and leave messages for other family members – this will also give them an important job in the household.

For more tips and online resources about literacy and numeracy visit

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Exploring numeracy with your child

While board games and puzzles may appear to be just fun activities, they can also help to improve your child's numeracy skills and encourage them to think logically.

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

Many opportunities to be numerate happen at home. Here are a few ways you can explore numeracy with your child:

- show your child how you use maths for different reasons, such as looking at timetables, calendars and clocks
- talk about the numbers and patterns your child comes across each day while playing games or sports
- encourage your child to count and sort objects into groups. You could use books, clothing or shoes and discuss how they sorted them into those groups
- explore ways to use and count money through budgets and shopping. Let your child calculate the cost of items and help them add up how much change you will receive
- ask questions such as "does that make sense?" or "can this be done another way?" to help develop numerate thinking when they are solving problems
- talk positively about maths and show interest in the maths they learn at school.

If you would like to know more about exploring numeracy contact your child's teacher or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Thought for the Week

The only way to discover the limits of the impossible is to go beyond them, to the impossible.

Arthur C Clarke

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Updating Personal and Emergency Contact Information

It is imperative that if you have a change in personal circumstances that you notify the school so that we can update our information. We need current information so that we can contact you if the need arises.

Information that needs updating may include:

- a change of address
- home phone numbers
- mobile phone numbers
- Emergency Contacts

Parents should also update Emergency Contacts as well. In the event of an emergency with your child, if we cannot contact you, we will need the name of someone else that we can make contact with. Please ensure that this person is local and can come to the school reasonably easily. There is no use in having an Emergency Contact who may live in a different state.

If any of these have changed recently, or you are unsure, please contact our school office for assistance.

Attn: Parents of Secondary Students

Re: Text Hire Books.

All secondary students are reminded that they are responsible for the textbooks that are issued to them throughout the year and will be asked to pay for any books that are lost or damaged.

These books are valuable and are required to be used by several classes over consecutive years. Students are issued with these books at considerable saving to each family. Current students have been issued with textbooks that in total can add up to \$300 or more.

Students should ensure that they have written their name and date on the stamped page inside the textbook. They should then cover their textbooks with paper, label the book with their name, grade and subject and then cover with plastic (not contact) so that their books are easily recognizable to them.

Students should keep their textbooks in good condition and report any lost or damaged books to the library immediately



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Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 2 recipients.

Student of the Week

4/5C Rachelle Brown - a big effort on homework writing

4/5N Lindsay Blinco - working well and being very helpful in class

4/5N Jaydene McGregor - being cooperative and trying her best

6/7N Jodie Cook - an excellent start to the new school year

- Tuckshop **workers** are still needed, so if you are able to work one day a month or even a morning a month please contact Sharyn on 46 979 575.
- Two more **suppliers of slice** are also needed. Contact Sharyn for details.

The tuckshop **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 11:30 am at the tuckshop. All are welcome to attend.

The current President and Secretary will not be available for re-election.

Crows Nest Golf Club

Junior Golf commences on February 7 at 9am.

New and old members welcome.

Contact Tony Weis on 46 981568 or Betty Cox on 46 981405

Northern Downs Swimming

Good luck to the primary students who are competing in the Northern Downs Swimming Carnival held at Highfields on Tuesday night. Students competing will be looking to gain selection into the Inner Downs Swimming Carnival held later on in the term.

Coalbank Bus Conveyance AGM

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 Feb at 7 pm at Kerry Rieck's bus depot. One member from each family must attend. Thank you.

Ann Lowien

Perseverance/Ravensbourne Bus Meeting

The Perseverance/Ravensbourne Bus Committee will be having its AGM on Monday, 9th February, 7pm at the Perseverance Hall.

Parents of children travelling on this bus service are invited to attend. Please bring a gold coin donation to help cover hall hire. Thank you.

Naomi Hatt (Secretary, Perseverance/Ravensbourne Bus Committee)

Pinelands Bus Conveyance Meeting

Pinelands Hall 10 February at 7:30pm. One member from each family to attend. A gold coin donation to cover hall hire would be appreciated. Enquires to Scott Brown 46 984199



School Photos

School photos will take place on 23 & 24 February. Please return envelopes to the school office with money enclosed as soon as possible. All cheques should be made out to Onsite Photographers.

If you wish to have a family photograph taken please collect the envelope from the office.

Bookclub

Issue 1 has now gone home and is due back on Wednesday 18 February. Please make cheques payable to CROWS NEST STATE SCHOOL P&C. If you have any queries please contact Andrea Schefe. 46 979101.

Uniforms

If you require any uniforms please contact Andrea Schefe on 46 979101

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will start on **Wednesday 11th** February. Please see the enclosed menu and price list.

Note: Prep to year 3 students will have their lunch orders delivered to their classrooms.

Year 4 to 10 students need to order some items at the tuckshop before 9 am (see menu).



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**Tuckshop
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Workers

Karran Simpson
Georgie Edser
Donna Battams
Carolyn Asher

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Kerrie Emmert
Slice- Andrea Schefe

***IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER***

3 February

Northern Downs Swimming Trials

13 February

Inner Downs Swimming

23 & 24 February

School Photos