



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

To prevent the spreading of the flu and illness in our school, please keep your child home if they are displaying flu like symptoms. The school will also call parents to collect your child if we believe they are too sick to be at school.

Building the Education Revolution

As part of its economic stimulus and job creation package, the Australian Government has announced its \$14.7b commitment to infrastructure projects in Australian schools over the next three years through the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.

There are three elements under the BER program – Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21), Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools (SLC) and National School Pride (NSP).

Following Federal Government approval I am now officially able to inform you of the projects that will be occurring in our school.

Primary Schools for the 21st Century

The P21 element provides funding for new facilities and refurbishments in Queensland primary schools, P-12's (primary component only) and special schools.

The first project our school will be doing is constructing a **new Resource Centre**. This will be located on the eastern side of the SEP. It has been designed to be an open plan which will allow for learning to occur in a modern, spacious environment. Learning areas will have furniture that can be easily moved so that teachers can create different learning environments for their classes. There will be a focus on technology with

numerous data points and wireless network connections.

The Resource Centre will also have an outdoor learning area for classes to use.

Our second project will be **extending** our **Multi-Purpose Building**. There will be an increase of the playing surface to the full length of a basketball court. The increase in length of the building will also include two new learning areas, a gymnasium and a kitchenette. The increase in width of the building will give us a new storage area and tiered seating. The building will also have data points installed and wireless access to the network for staff and students.

Enclosed with today's newsletter are floor plans for our projects. There have been some modifications to these plans recently, but they provide an idea of what the new work will be like. Construction will commence on P21 over the September holidays and is due for completion in Term 1 2010.

National School Pride

National School Pride funding provides for smaller projects to be completed to enhance the learning environment for our students. Again we are completing two projects under this program.

Project one is a renovation of two classrooms, Rooms 21 and 22 in D Block. These classrooms will become innovative in design and as with the Resource Centre provide teachers and classes with furniture that can be moved quickly to create various learning environments. Both rooms will be technologically enhanced and modernised for our students. Primary and Secondary students will have access to these new and exciting rooms.



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Project two is the construction of an undercover outdoor learning area between E and F Blocks. New seating, fencing and water features will make this an area for learning as well as an area for students to relax in a calm and attractive spot.

Again, construction is to commence during the September holidays and is expected to be completed by November.

Student/Family Details

Recently every student in our school brought home a Student Checklist. In the last couple of weeks we have needed to contact some families and have noted that some details that we hold are not correct.

This checklist contains all of the information that we have at school about your child. It is important that you check this information, make corrections where necessary and return it to the school office. We ask that even if you do not need to make changes that you still return this checklist to the school.

If you did not receive this checklist, or have misplaced it, please contact the school office and we will issue you with another one.

We would like to thank all the families who have returned their amended forms to the school, however, there are still over 80 forms yet to be returned.

Please return your child's Student Checklist to the school as soon as possible.

Thought for the Week

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

Walter Bagehot

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Year 10 SOSE

In Semester 2, the Year 10 SOSE students are studying a unit entitled "Around the World In 80 Days". They have completed the section of the unit encompassing world geography, and have now moved onto world cultures. The focus at the moment is on the continent of Asia, specifically Thailand. As part of this study, the students participated in some Thai cooking yesterday. There was general agreement (from both the students and the Secondary staff) as to the success of their skills in this area. The students are investigating Asian countries of their own choosing as part of their assessment task. After this, we will move onto the study of Africa, specifically Morocco, while the students again investigate a country of their own choosing.



Year 11 2010 at Toowoomba SHS

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this interview to support their child in this process. Notes have been sent home with all year 10 students. Please return the appointment time form to school this week.

Justin Kummerow

Wakakirri Tickets

Wakakirri tickets that have been ordered through the school will be available from administration as of Monday 7th September. Parents are advised that if they are not able to pick the tickets up themselves, they are required to inform us in writing that they give their permission for the tickets to be collected by their child. These notes need to be given directly to Mrs Butler or Miss Thichthener.

Claire Thichthener



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Wakakirri Dress Rehearsal

Parents and friends are invited to our school Dress Rehearsal of our Wakakirri Story Dance item 'Mr Greenfingers'. Students, staff and volunteer parents and friends have been working hard all term towards our presentation and we look forward to displaying it to our school community on Friday 11 September, at 2:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Building. We will run through our item twice, allowing our understudy cast the opportunity to perform for their parents. Please come and join us for this special occasion.

N.B. Our Wakakirri Cast Party will be held on the last day of the term Friday 18th September at 1:45 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. Cast members are asked to bring a plate of food to share.

Claire Thichtener

Tuckshop News –Please Note

We have repeatedly asked for more volunteers throughout the year. Because we have had no response to this request, we will have to seriously decide if the tuckshop needs to close by next term.

If you wish this service to continue please contact Karran on 46982031 if you can spare a Wednesday from 9:00-11:30. We will keep you informed if we have to close the tuckshop.

Bookclub

A special issue has been sent home and is due back at school by Wednesday 9 September. Please make cheques payable to Crows Nest State School.

Crows Nest Boxing Club

Crows Nest boxing club now trains at Crows Nest State School on Tuesday's at 3:30pm to 5pm and is for age 8 and above. Beginners welcome.

People can train for competition, self defence or just for fitness. Cost is \$5. The club is a registered member of the Australian Amateur Boxing Association. For further information please contact 46982810

Clearing Sale Trash & Treasure

When: 10 September

Where: Mrs Reushle's class

Everything must Go!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

29 Aug- 4 Sept
Canberra Excursion

14 Sept – 18 Sept
Year Ten Work Experience

18 September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 5 October
School Resumes

19 October
Student Free Day

HIGHFIELDS & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON

WHERE: McDonalds Family Restaurant,
Highfields

WHEN: Wednesday, 16th September 2009

TIME: 3.30pm—4.30pm

CONTACT: Sheree 46987319 or Annette
46969905

Tuckshop Group 2 2 September

Workers

Bobby Goddard

Jenny Pendlebury

Kirsty Myles

Kym Campbell

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Jodie Parton

Slice- Karen Moody