



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Victorian Fire Victim Appeal

We have all been touched over the weekend by the terrible tragedy that has fallen on communities in Victoria. The loss of life and property has been terrible to witness and saddens all of this. Coupled with the floods in northern Queensland, we certainly live in a country of extremes.

Schools in the Toowomba area are joining together to be involved in some sort of a fundraiser and will donate total funds raised to Red Cross for distribution to the 3 communities who have lost their schools.

Crows Nest State School will be holding a Free Dress Day this Friday, 13 February to raise funds. Students can make a gold coin donation and know that in some small way they have done something to help others.

Thank you for your assistance in this very worthy cause.

Helping your child learn about shapes and objects

Your home is the perfect place for your child to practise the maths they learn in the classroom. It is important that your child develops strong images in their mind of shapes and objects and how best to describe them.

At a young age, children will learn the names of regular shapes such as 'triangle' and 'square'. The next step is making and drawing shapes – this will help them develop ideas about shapes and objects.

Here are a few ideas for activities you and your child can try:

- read to your child and talk about the shapes you see in the pictures, such as the roof, which could look like a triangle
- involve your child in craft activities, such as making your own gift wrapping and using different objects like corks or sponges to stamp colours and patterns onto the paper
- make shadows on the wall with your hands and objects and discuss the shapes you can make
- create your own jigsaw puzzle by cutting up a page from a magazine into four or five pieces and joining it together again. This will get your child thinking about the shapes of objects and how they fit together
- play *I Spy* games with your child and give clues such as 'I see something that looks like a big square'.

If you would like more information about how you can help your child with shapes and objects, ask his/her classroom teacher or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Year 5 Camp - Sunday Creek

Students who are intending on attending the Year 5 Camp to Sunday Creek are asked to return their letters to the school as soon as possible.

Year 7 Camp - Sydney/Canberra

Letters inviting students to participate in this camp were sent home last week. If students wish to go to Sydney and Canberra they are to return



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their letter of intent and deposit by Friday 20 February.

Thought for the Week

The wonder of teaching is watching caterpillars turn into butterflies.

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 3 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 3 Clay Collins - working well in all areas
4/5C Scarlett Morris - a very productive week
4/5N Jo Brandon - productive start to Year 4
4/5N Susie King - displaying positive behaviour
5/6N Kailee Nolan - excellent contribution to class discussion
6/7C Kristina McGreevy - conscientious effort in all areas

Academic Award

- 8N Phoebe Bridges - excellent writing and mature thinking in English
9C Kim Andrews - excellent effort and commitment in all PE lessons
9C Rachael Cowie - showing initiative and doing extra research in SOSE
10C David Adams - excellent effort and commitment in all PE lessons

Gifted and Talented Education

From my short time here at Crow's Nest State School I have gained an appreciation for the many and varied talents of our students. This week I was impressed to hear of the published writers we have amongst us. All of our students are talented

with significant strengths existing in one or more areas of the curriculum. Some of our learners are significantly talented in particular areas of their learning. These students can be known as 'gifted'. Students who are gifted excel, or are capable of excelling, in one or more areas such as general intelligence, specific academic studies, visual and performing arts, physical ability, creative thinking, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills. Giftedness in a student is commonly characterised by an advanced pace of learning, quality of thinking or capability for remarkably high standards of performance compared to students of the same age. Crow's Nest State School acknowledges our shared responsibility to ensure that these students are provided with opportunities to develop their abilities and to meet their potential for outstanding achievement.

The Queensland Government's Education and Training for the Future: A White Paper signals the commitment of the Queensland Government to ensure that every young person is supported to achieve success. This includes students who are gifted. Students who are gifted can be found in all communities and in almost every classroom. Over the next few months I will be working with Mrs Thichthener and staff to establish a framework for Gifted and Talented Education at Crow's Nest State School. I plan to share news on our progress, with our school community, through this space in our newsletter. If you have an interest in this area, or experience to share, I would really like to hear from you. Please contact me at the office to catch up.

Karrin Grinstead
Deputy Principal

2009 Vaccinations

Queensland Health is again offering a free vaccination program for Year 8 and Year 10 students. Forms have been handed out today to those students concerned. Year 8 students will be vaccinated for Hepatitis B and Chickenpox, the girls will also receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. Year 10's will be vaccinated



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for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa vaccination.) All forms must be returned by **FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY**. No vaccinations will occur unless the necessary forms have been returned. Dates for vaccinations are as follows:

March 6 – Year 8 Hepatitis B and Gardasil (HPV vaccination)

Year 10 dTpa

June 19 - Year 8 Chickenpox, and 2nd Gardasil

October 30 - Year 8 2nd Hepatitis B and 3rd Gardasil

Primary and Specialist Unit Overviews

Term One unit overviews for 2009 are now available for perusal on the school website (www.crownestss.eq.edu.au). They are also available for viewing on the noticeboard in the foyer of the office. We invite you to take the opportunity to find out what is happening in your child/children's classroom and within their specialist lessons.

Claire Thicthener

Head of Curriculum

P & C News

The first meeting for 2009 will be held on **Tuesday 17th February at 7:30 pm**. This is **not** the AGM which will be held in March.

Sharyn Macdonald

Secretary

46 979 575

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will start on **Wednesday 11th February**. The menu and price list went home last week.

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).

- 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.

Anduramba Bus Meeting

The Annual Bus Conveyance Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 26 February at 7:30pm at Anduramba Hall. One member from each family needs to be in attendance.

Wendy Blinco 46 984994

Highfields Lions AFL Club



Come and join the Lions in 2009!

Teams in under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16's

We would like to extend an invitation for all future AFL Stars and their family to our sign up day on Saturday 14th February at the Kratzke

Road AFL Club, for a BBQ, lots of give ways and activities. The Fun begins at 11:00.

Any enquiries can be made directly on 0418 457158 or 0427 987 654

Look forward to seeing you there!

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.

**Tuckshop
Group 1
11 February**

Workers

Karran Simpson

Georgie Edser

Donna Battams

Carolyn Asher

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Kerrie Emmert

Slice- Andrea Schefe



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