



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

School NAPLAN Results

Saturday's Courier Mail contained an item where it listed all Queensland schools 2008 NAPLAN results. This information has been on our school website in our School Annual Report since June and was previously published in the same paper in 2008.

The results of Crows Nest State School were very pleasing as the newspaper article highlighted. In our school in 2008 the number of students who were at or above the National Minimum Standards were:

| Domain | Yr 3 | Yr 5 | Yr 7 | Yr 9 |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Reading | 91.2% | 84.8% | 95.2% | 95% |
| Writing | 100.0% | 94.1% | 90.5% | 90.0% |
| Spelling | 97.1% | 82.4% | 90.5% | 80.0% |
| Grammar and Punctuation | 97.1% | 91.2% | 90.5% | 85.0% |
| Numeracy | 100.0% | 97.0% | 97.6% | 90.0% |

A lot of work went into preparing our students for the 2009 NAPLAN and these results will be released to schools and families in early September.

Building the Education Revolution

Our school is to be a part of the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program. We will receive funding through two areas of this program:- Primary Schools for the 21st Century and National School Pride project.

All programs have P&C approval however I am unable to release to the school community the

projects that will be undertaken at our school. I am only able to do this once the programs have final approval from the Federal Government.

I am excited about the work that will be done to improve our school and look forward to sharing this with everybody when I can.

Student/Family Details

This week every student in our school will be bringing 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.

Thought for the Week

Until you try, you don't know what you can't do.
Henry James

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Road safety for students

Ensuring your child has basic road safety skills goes a long way to making sure they get to school safely.

You are your child's best road safety teacher. By setting a good example when you are out and



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about, your child will feel more confident when walking to school.

There are some simple things to remember when walking to school:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents walking with primary school aged children should point out the dangers and discuss important road safety actions such as crossing roads, watching for traffic and other safe pedestrian behaviour.
- Show your child the safest route to and from school – this is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross.
- Encourage your child to cross roads where there are traffic lights or a school crossing supervisor.
- Teach your child the 'stop, look, listen and think' principle – stop at the kerb, look right, look left, look right again, listen for any oncoming cars and think "is it safe to cross?" before crossing.

For more information about keeping your children safe on the roads, visit the Queensland Transport website at:
www.transport.qld.gov.au/home/safety/road/school/

A Date Claimer for our Yr 10 Students and Parents/Carers

Please keep the evening of Wednesday, 19th August free for the Toowoomba State High School Senior Education Evening which will be held at the Mt Lofty campus.

Information about School Based Apprenticeships and Training will be provided from 5.30 pm with general subject selection information available from 6.30 pm. This is a very important evening for our future Toowoomba SHS students to attend as all aspects of senior study will be discussed including information about prerequisites for certain subjects.

Information for Newsletter/Parents

The Staff of Crows Nest State School would like to announce a fabulous new initiative just introduced into our mathematics teaching programs. We have registered all of our Year 7 – 10 students to use the fabulous teaching/learning resource at www.mathsonline.com.au. You may have seen the recent TV advertisements by their sponsors McDonalds Australia, and it is through this sponsorship that the program which previously cost its many thousands of satisfied clients \$40 per month for access, is now FREE to our students.

Some of the features that this program has are as follows:

- Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.
- Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.
- A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for theirs and their teacher's perusal at any time.
- The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.
- The entire Year 7 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course.
- Parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account.
- Many more features will also be made available on-line over coming months.

Given that the program covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wish to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is best used as a



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support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

All students will be issued with their unique logins and passwords over the next few days by their maths teacher, and are encouraged to use this resource as directed by their own teacher.

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 5 recipients.

Student of the Week

2C Completing Premier's Reading Challenge

- Viknish Murugesu, Hayley Falcon-Green

3C Completing Premier's Reading Challenge

- Jordon Newman

5/6S Kindness and encouragement to classmates - Edward Venn

Academic Award

9N Connie Kelk – Outstanding achievement in her Maths exam for “Pythagoras & Trigonometry” – A+

9N David Reinke – Outstanding achievement in his Maths exam for “Pythagoras & Trigonometry” – A+

Your Help is Needed

Does anyone have any artificial grass that the school could use for Wakakirri. It can be in strips.

Bookclub

Due to Bookfair there will not be an issue 6 of Bookclub.

The New Arrivals

For three weeks the school is having two calves from the Otto family farm. Their names are Choc Chip and Cover Girl. Cover Girl is the oldest, she is seven weeks old and is white with black patches. Choc Chip is four weeks old and she is dark brown.

Mrs Brandon's year 6/7 class and the years 1, 2 and 3 are in groups to look after them. The groups are on a roster for the three weeks and the group names are
Strawberry Milkers
Cows Jumping Over the Moon
Cowards

Moo Juice
Gate Crashers and
Cowgirls.

Each group has to bottle feed them, measure their growth, clean out the pen, check their water and pellets, check their health and complete a checklist twice a day.

In class we will be doing a power point, a newsletter, a report, writing a letter of thanks and graphs etc. So far, we have learnt heaps of new things and it is great fun. They like to suck on your fingers and also leave slobber on your clothing.

Jessica, Emma, Tom and Jodie

Clearing Sale- Trash & Treasure

Come along to Year 6/7 Mrs Reushle's class for their clearing out sale. Everything will be on sale for under \$2. It will be held on the 10 September. First in best dressed.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

14 August
Inner Downs Sec Athletics

24 August
Inner Downs Cricket

24 -28 August
Book Week

29 Aug-4 Sept
Canberra Excursion

18 September
Last day of Term 3