



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Prescribed Medication Policy

As of today if a student is required to take Prescribed Medication whilst at school parents/guardians are now required to do the following:

1. Medication must come to the office in the original packaging with the chemist label.
2. Parent or Guardian **MUST** complete and sign a prescribed medication authorisation form
3. Principal will approve the authorisation
4. Medication will be administered at the school office

Words and pictures

Arts Queensland has an exciting new competition for Queensland senior students who love art, design and words.

As part of the *Write About Art* competition, the call is out for students to submit essays, interviews or feature stories about a visual art or design exhibition, event, or idea from their local community.

Up to 30 students will be selected to have their work published in a special issue of *Eyeline Magazine* – a leading visual art journal. Students will also work with established visual art and design industry mentors.

Online registration closes 29 August and all students who register for *Write About Art* will get the chance to win a place in the Brisbane Writers Festival Word Play program.

Entries close 17 October 2008.

For more information contact Arts Queensland at writeaboutart@arts.qld.gov.au or visit www.arts.qld.gov.au/arts/theatre.html

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 4 recipients.

Student of the Week

Prep Tammekka B - Now can tie shoelaces
Prep Emily C - Now can tie shoelaces
Prep Christina G - Now can tie shoelaces
Prep Adin N - Now can tie shoelaces

Prep Justin and Nicole - Parents above and beyond the call of duty
1/3N Jack S - Finishing all Year 1 wordlists
2C Tyler D - Great work in Maths
3C Chloe A - Working well in class
4C Susie K - Improvement in taking responsibility
5C Ben R - Consistently striving to achieve and never giving up
6/7N Todd W - Being a quiet achiever
7C Dean D - Great team work
7C Tim S - Great team work
7C Blake N - Great team work
7C Steven S - Great team work

High School Academic Awards

8 Samantha C - For improved effort and results in Year 8 Maths
10 Tim B - For active participation in class and always submitting work to a high standard in SOSE and Maths



2008 Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the 2008 Premier's Reading Challenge by experiencing or reading 20 books at home or at school and returned their Reading Logs:

Rachael Austin
Harley Cornell
Jessica Cornell
Brooke Gossow
Ayden Davie

Rebecca Smith
Daniel Garden
Rachelle Brown
Amanda Pukallus
Shanon Curtis
Leanna Gardner
Kaylah O'Connor
Jake Bishop
Scarlett Morris
Jai Cain
Adam Bishop
Tim Macdonald
Jade Cameron-Geerse
Christine Burgess

At the completion of the Reading Challenge all participating students will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland. We look forward to receiving many more completed Reading Logs over the coming weeks.

Combined Crows Nest U12 Rugby League

Last Friday the U12 Combined Rugby League team played Mary MacKillop in a very close and entertaining game. Mary MacKillop eventually won the game 12 -0. Once again the combined Crows Nest team played exceptional football in the second half threatening to cross the try line on many occasions.

Mr Cameron Littleton and I would like to thank all of the students who were involved in the Tri School rugby league matches against Highfields and Mary MacKillop this year. The students proudly represented our school and participated to the best of their ability.

We would also like to thank the parents for providing transport to and from the games. Without your support these games would not be able to take place.

Finally, the boys would like to thank Mr Cameron Littleton for his time and effort coaching the rugby league team. All the boys have improved their football skills and knowledge of the game under Cameron's guidance. We look forward to continuing this association next year. Congratulations and well done to all involved.

Darling Downs Athletics

Congratulations to Kate Battams, Ellen Kolarski, Zoe Northdurft and Kristina McGreevy who were selected into the Inner Downs team to compete at the Darling Downs trials to be held on the 26th of August for primary school and 4th and 5th of September for secondary aged students. Good luck students!

Maths Team Quiz

Congratulations to Tasman Myles, David Reinke and Jared Scheffe for their excellent work last week at the Year 8 Mathematics Team Quiz. Our students placed 4th in their section and were 7th out of 12 schools competing. Well done!

Donations Needed

On the weekend one of our student's family had their house and all possessions burnt. Donations of clothing, toys, kitchen utensils etc would be gratefully accepted. There is a mum, dad, 5year old girl, 31/2 year old boy and a 10 month old baby boy. Please send any donations to St Vincent de Paul Society Toowoomba or Joan Kruger 46981539.

National Tree Day

Year 3's celebrated National Tree Day last week by planting a new shrub in the garden outside their room. Some Year 7C students assisted Mrs Hopper and her students.



Fathers Day Stall Trash and Treasure

Year 7C will make and sell suitable gifts for Father's Day on Thursday 4 September.

Gifts will include timber pencil holders, key hangers, gift packs (soap, washer, shaver), key rings, framed photos (order only).

Also on sale will be trash and treasure remaining from our earlier sale - still plenty of great treasure! All items will be priced very reasonably from 50c to \$5.

Orders for photos in handcraft frames will be accepted until, Thursday 27 August. Photographs will be \$3:50. Please order in a clearly named envelope

Local Stars

Keep an eye out for Dylan Brackenbury and Amber Vonhoff on the new channel nine TV show, LabRats. It's a wacky, competitive science show you just have to watch. Amber and Dylan are on one of the episodes so look out for these local stars.

Operation Christmas Child

We have decided to participate in this activity again for 2008.

In groups, students fill a special box with small gifts to send to a child in another country. Each child who participates contributes an item to the box and also a small monetary contribution to assist with shipping. A photograph and a message from the children may also be included. Last year Australia and New Zealand contributed 206 872 boxes world wide, the huge operation has provided more than 7 million boxes to children in 98 different countries.

Staff are stressing to students who wish to participate that they should use their own pocket money or arrange with families to earn some money through doing extra jobs. In this way, through their own efforts, students will really be helping other children. Boxes will be delivered to the Toowoomba collection during October.

Last year Crows Nest State School packed 35 boxes. We hope that our students will support this worthwhile project which makes a real difference in the lives of

millions of children. If you have any questions or would like to prepare a box from your family, please contact the school.

Discoveries Through Land Care Soil Improvement Project

Our Year 7 soil plot is going well. We ploughed a patch of the school grounds and planted seed from oates, barley, wheat, chickpeas. The purpose of the crop is to improve the soil and hopefully it will become a garden. Please don't walk or run on the plot.

Land Care News Animal Awareness

A selection of she oakes has been planted to attract the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo to the playground. We have done this because the cockatoo is endangered. They need a large hollow tree to nest in and they are to be found in the Crows Nest district.

Library Notice

Children's Book Week

A Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser will be held in the school library from 18-21 August to celebrate Children's Book Week. The theme for Children's Book Week 2008 is "Fuel Your Mind"

Reviews of the short listed books for this year can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/library

Being an Olympic year students may come to school dressed in their favourite sporting outfit or impersonate a sports person or favourite book character on Monday 18 August.

Tuckshop News

The next tuckshop meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th August at 11:30 am** at the tuckshop – all are welcome to attend.

P & C News

- As Darani Pyers has resigned from the position of President of the P&C Association, we will need to elect a new President at our next meeting.
- We need to update our constitution (if you wish to read it, you can do so on line at <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/community/cmrrpr002/> or get a copy from the office) which will be done at a special meeting at **7 pm** before our next general meeting to be held on **Tuesday 19th August at 7:30 pm.**

Sharyn Macdonald
Secretary
46 979 575

Coalbank Hall Dinner Dance

Saturday 23 August 2008.
2 course dinner from 6:30pm
Waveleas Band, Licensed Bar

Dinners will need to be pre booked before Monday 18 August.

Please Phone, Eileen 46926154, Lindsay 46981909 or Paul 46926203

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

27 August 2008
ICAS Computer Skills

19 September 2008
Last Day Term 3

7 October 2008
Term 4 Commences

TUCKSHOP Group 1 13/08/08

Workers

Karran Simpson
Georgie Edser
Dhana Pukallus
Gilly Fowler
Donna Battams
Carolyn Asher

Suppliers

Patty Cakes-
Kerri Emmert
Slice- Carolyn Bridges