



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message **Welcome Back**

On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3. We hope that your children had a pleasant break and also that you were able to enjoy spending time together as a family.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and hope that you enjoy your time at Crows Nest State School.

Important notice to parents **Impending planned teacher strike - Wednesday 29 July**

Parents and carers who are able to do so should make arrangements to keep their children at home from Crows Nest State School on Wednesday 29 July, due to a planned teacher strike of QTU members in the Darling Downs South-West Region.

For families who cannot make other arrangements, be assured that Crows Nest State School will be open and adult supervision will be provided. However, there will be no educational instruction on the day.

The school principal or another officer-in-charge will be present on this day. Teacher aides, supply teachers and teachers not taking part in the strike will also attend to supervise children.

Keep children at home if they are sick

As school resumes for Term 3, parents are being urged to keep their children home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Queensland now has more than 1600 confirmed cases of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

Symptoms of human swine flu are similar to seasonal influenza and include a fever, cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills.

Queensland Health says one of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

If children are sick the best thing to do is keep them away from school and other events such as socials and sporting carnivals. This might mean that some children will miss interstate and other planned school trips.

People generally have to be mindful that there are some who are more at risk from swine flu so those who are sick need to do the right thing and stay at home from school and work.

School closures remain an option in very limited circumstances but the likelihood of disruption during the new school term has lessened.



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Queensland is now in the “protect” phase in managing the influenza outbreak and parents need to be aware that while most people who contract the flu are making rapid and full recovery, some who are particularly vulnerable need to seek medical help at the onset of flu-like symptoms.

The essence of the “protect” phase is to concentrate on the early treatment of those in the community who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus.

Those identified as being vulnerable include pregnant women, Indigenous Australians, people with respiratory disease (including asthma and COPD), heart disease, diabetes, renal and liver disease, obesity and immunosuppression.

If you have any questions regarding symptoms or illness, contact your general practitioner or call Queensland Health on 13 Health (13 43 25 84)

For education related questions, contact your school principal. Further information is also available from the Queensland health website.

Queensland Health Swine Flu Response website:

www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/schools.asp

Specific information and advice for parents:

www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/document/s/parents_advice.pdf

Premier challenges students to discover books

Crows Nest State School students are taking part in the 2009 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a statewide initiative for all Queensland state and non-

state school students from Prep to Year 7. The Premier is challenging students in Prep to Year 2 to *read or ‘experience’* 20 books, and students in Year 3 to Year 7 to *read* 20 books between 11 May and 21 August 2009.

All students are encouraged to participate knowing that the Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a way to encourage greater involvement in reading. Students who meet the Challenge will be rewarded with certificates signed by the Premier, and schools that register 100% participation will hold their own “Award Ceremonies” during the Premier’s Reading Challenge Celebration Week .

Please take the time to visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/ for more information.

I look forward to a number of our students engaging wholeheartedly in the 2009 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Our target this year is to achieve 100% of Prep - Yr 7 participation with classes who achieve 100% participation also receiving an additional prize from the school.

Year 7/8 Sydney/Canberra Camp

Parents are reminded that permission forms and the balance of payment for students and parents attending the Sydney/Canberra Camp were due by the end of last term. If you have outstanding debts or permission forms, could you please send these to the school office by **Friday 17 July**.

Thought for the Week

If you don’t make mistakes - you don’t make anything.

Margaret Drabble

Regards,



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P-3 Athletics

When: Friday 31 July. 9:15am start

Where: Sports Oval

Parents and Carers are most welcome to come along and cheer the good sports on in their various events. A tuckshop will operate with orders that were taken last term. Existing orders from last term are still being held at tuckshop. If you wish to place a new order, an order form will be sent closer to the new date.

We hope to see lots of families there.

Prep, Yr 1,2,3 Teachers

Arts Council

Our next Arts Council performance will be on Monday 27 July at 1:45. It is titled "Hermes Goes Environmental" and is for Prep to Grade seven. This is a lively Science based performance with an environmental message. I encourage all who can to attend.

P&C News

Welcome back for term 3 all teachers and students. We have a Bike ride meeting tonight at 7pm here at the school and a General P&C meeting next Tues at 7.30pm, All welcome. We still require a secretary so if you have some skills that could help us out don't hesitate to come forward.

Justin Simpson

Tuckshop News

Firstly, please note there is a new menu that starts as of tomorrow (15/07/09). There are a few changes due to price rises beyond our control. If you did not receive a menu you can do so by obtaining it through the office or at the Tuckshop.

Athletics Carnival

A HUGE thank you to the suppliers along with the helpers who helped out on the day in the canteen. Your help was very much appreciated. A great day was had by all.

A Tuckshop meeting will be held next Wednesday 22/07/09 at 11.30am in the tuckshop.

Karran Simpson

(Convener)

WELCOME BACK

Bookclub

Issue 5 has been sent home and is due back Wednesday 29 July. Please make cheques payable to Crows Nest State School P&C.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

15-17 July

Expanding Horizons Camp

28 July

Northern Downs Athletics

11 August

Inner Downs Athletics

14 August

Inner Downs Sec Athletics

24 August

Inner Downs Cricket

24 -28 August

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**Tuckshop
Group 4
15 July**

Workers

Lyn Ripps

Jenny Smith

Julie Proud

Wendy Borgstahl

Jillian Neilson

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Linda

Christensen

Slice- Jenny Smith