



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.

2009 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 14 September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, will begin distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

Summary of Crows Nest State School Results Percentage of Students at or Above National Minimum Standards

CN - Crows Nest
NMS - National Minimum Standard

	Year 3		Year 5		Year 7	
	CN	NMS	CN	NMS	CN	NMS
Reading	95	93.8	93.9	91.7	93.8	93.9
Writing	95	95.6	87.9	92.8	96.9	92.5
Spelling	95	92.2	90.9	92.4	93.8	92.9
Grammar and Punctuation	95	92.5	100	92	93.8	92
Numeracy	90	94	100	94.2	100	94.8

	Year 9	
	CN	NMS
Reading	90.3	92.2
Writing	90.3	87.7
Spelling	93.5	89.7
Grammar and Punctuation	93.5	90.3
Numeracy	93.5	94.9

These summarised results show that our school has done well against the National average. There are a couple of areas that we have been identified as being below the National Minimum Standard and further scrutiny of results when they become available to us will identify the reasons why.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, please contact the school office.

Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, please look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please phone the School Watch number - 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy - 13 17 88 - and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

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 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/

Thought for the Week

Winning starts with beginning.

Dr Robert Schuller

Regards,



Scott Edmunds
Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award Congratulations to the Week 10 recipients:

5/6S - For fantastic oral presentations -
Brooke Gossow, Josie Copley
6/7N - For being very responsible bus
monitors for the preppies - **Emily
Kahler, Ben Reinke, Kristin Brown**

Student/Family Details Reminder

If you have not done so already, please return your child's yellow Student Checklist form 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. Thankyou

The Greenest and Healthiest School Presentation

Last Tuesday, students, parents and teachers from a range of different schools in our region came to Crows Nest for the Greenest and Healthiest Schools Awards Presentation.

Students took the guests on guided tours around the school's past and present landcare projects and our grounds.

At the awards presentation, our school won the Waterwise Award and the Thinking Caps Awards. Mr Plant won the Outstanding Achievement award for his huge contribution to the school and the community.

Visitors were impressed at how the students behaved, with the landcare projects done over the years and the neatness of our school. The visitors took home new ideas to make their schools more sustainable.

Kristina and Hannah

Football Comp

Next term, the Grade Ten PE class will be holding a Rugby League Tag Competition. Grade 4-7 are able to participate. There is a cost of \$1 per player which will be going towards the engraving of the perpetual trophy. Any left-over funds will go towards the PE school budget.

Yr 10 Committee

P & C News

Reminder **P & C Meeting – TONIGHT at 7.30pm**

Chocolates are going home this week.

Tuckshop Meeting

Reminder: - There is a tuckshop meeting this Wednesday **16th September at 11.45am** at the tuckshop.

Agenda items :

- Paid convenor
- Future of tuckshop re enough volunteers
- Xmas breakup

**Tuckshop
Group 1
16th September**

Workers

Karran Simpson
Georgie Edser
Donna Battams
Carolyn Asher

Suppliers

Patty Cakes - Joanne Brackenbury
Slice - Gillian Nielsen

Hampton/Ravensbourne Bus Meeting

Agenda Item: combining the two bus runs. The meeting will be held on Thursday 17 September at 7:00pm. It is being held in the shed next to Perseverance sawmill. Any questions please ask Jim Burgess on 46981498

Crows Nest Fun Run

NEW - 2km event as well as the 6.2km race. Start training now for Saturday 24 October (Crows Nest Day). For more information phone Felicity on 46981538.

Goombungee & District Little Athletics Sign On

Where: Goombungee Sports Oval, Edward St.

When: Friday 9th October, 4.30pm

Contact: Donna (46965273)

John (46965376)

Jodie (46984115)

Happy Holidays

School Resumes Monday 5th October