



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome everyone back to the new school term. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have enrolled with us.

We have the best interests of your child at heart and I would like to reiterate that we believe it is very important to have open communication between the school and home. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, I encourage you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher and discuss these concerns.

Staffing Update

Mr Richard Gibson our Head of Department has taken on the role of Acting Principal at Toowoomba North State School for Semester 2 and will not be returning to Crows Nest. Mr Justin Kummerow will continue in his current role as Acting Head of Department and Mrs Rachel Watts will continue in her current capacity as Secondary Teacher for the remainder of the year.

Bullying – No Way!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that our school takes very seriously and is working to address.

If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should make an appointment with the teacher or school principal to discuss your concerns.

Some signs of bullying include:

- Loss of confidence
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
- Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches

- Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
- Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance.

What you can do:

- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
- Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
- Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
- Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself.
- Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.
- Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters.

For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the *Bullying. No way!* website www.bullyingnoway.com.au.

Peace Awards

Queensland state school students are invited to enter the Queensland Teachers' Union Peace Awards.

The theme for the awards is *Sorry: from simple words big things grow*.

The competition is open to students from Prep to Year 12 and Special Education.



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Entries must take the form of a postcard design based on the theme. Digital entries should be stored as a JPG file.

The winner of each category wins a prize to the value of \$50. Special awards (to the value of \$25) may also be presented in each category. Entries close on 3 September.

For more information, visit the Union website www.qtu.asn.au or contact Ms Fiona McNamara on 07 3512 9000 or email qtu@qtu.asn.au

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that Crows Nest State School Prep to Year 7 students have until the 5th of September 2008 to 'experience' or to read 20 books as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is pleasing to see that some students have already achieved their target number of books and have returned their Reading Logs to their class teacher. If your child has misplaced their Reading Log or you are new enrolment to our school, a New Reading Log can be obtained from your classroom teacher or Mr Mathewson. Your support with this initiative is much appreciated as we attempt to have 100% of our primary students achieve the 20 books.

Tri Series Rugby League Games

This term the combined Crows Nest / Goombungee / Kingsthorpe rugby league team will play a game against Highfields SS and Mary McKillop Primary School as part of a new Tri Series competition. The game against Highfields will be played in week 3 at Highfields while the game against Mary McKillop will be played in week 4 at Crows Nest. Dates, times and venues will be provided to the players in the very near future. The final between the 2 tops teams will be played in week 6 of this term. I am sure that the boys involved will look forward to their last school matches for 2008.

Tuckshop Group 1 16 July

Workers

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

Suppliers

Patty Cakes-Joanne Brackenbury
Slice- Carolyn Bridges

Secondary Report Cards

Secondary Reports cards will be sent home today.

P&C Meeting

A P&C meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Tuckshop News

The new tuckshop menu and prices will apply from Wednesday 16th July. Milo bars have been discontinued, so they will no longer be available. We are looking for a substitute item. Ice-cream buckets are unavailable at present.

All Stars Softball Club

We need players for T-Ball/Softball male and female for U/5, U/8,U/10,U/12, U/14. U/17. Musters are 3rd and 10th August from 1.00-3.00pm at Kearney's Springs Sporting Complex, Ruthven Street (near the big gum tree). Contact Sandra Gierke on 46323665 or Faye Ireland on 46342790.

Australia-wide and International Academic Competition

We encourage ALL students to participate in these competitions.

Competition	Cost	Sitting Date	Years	Payment Closing Date
ICAS Maths	6.00	29 July	3-10	Closed
Aust Math	4.50	31 July	8-10	Closed
ICAS English	6.00	12 Aug	3-10	Closed
ICAS Computer	6.00	27 Aug	3-10	30 July

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 24 July
Northern Downs Athletics

Tuesday 29 July
ICAS Maths Competition

Thursday 31 July
Aust Maths Competition

Tuesday 12 August
ICAS English Competition

Wednesday 27 August
ICAS Computer Skills Competition



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FREE VERSE POETRY

By Year 4C

BIRDS

There are some beautiful black
birds

Searching, sitting, still

Looking for long leaves

But only orange ones

There are none,

So they fly away

Into the forest

They go

By Brooke Gossow

THE TREE

The trees are

Rooted and rustling in the

forest

The tree

That I'm looking at

Is a luscious lime coloured tree

My green tree

Is a triple trunked, tree

It is

A tall towering gum tree

By Georgia Smith

RAIN

Rain

Pattering

On the tin roof

The smell of the rain

Makes me happy

How long

Have the trees stood

With no water?

The trees sigh

In relief

How long

Have we

Had no rain

By Judah Salt

HOME

My home

Is warm in winter

And cool

In summer

My home

Is purple

My favourite colour

I play outside my home

Or sometimes

I'll paint

On my canvas

I will live in my home

Forever and ever

By Susie King



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