



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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On behalf of the school I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday. Monday 6 October is a Pupil Free Day and therefore school will resume for students on Tuesday 7 October 2008.

School Attendance/Late Arrivals

The school is very concerned with the number of school days missed by students that are not of medical or emergency reasons.

While we realise that there has been a lot of students absent due to the flu there have also been a number of students who have been away for various miscellaneous reasons eg. gone shopping or to a hairdressers appointment, felt like a day at home, it was a birthday, etc.

As outlined in *SECTION 176 of the EDUCATION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) ACT 2006*

Obligation of each parent

- (1) Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must—
 - (a) ensure the child is enrolled at a State school or non-State school; and
 - (b) ensure the child attends the State school or non-State school, on every school day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled; unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

We provide a sequential five day a week program to our students. If a child is continually absent they may struggle to keep up with this program and find it increasingly harder to make up missed work.

Late arrivals are also a concern as all children need to be here on time each and every day. When a child arrives late they may become upset and find it more difficult to know what is going on and settle in to the day's routine. Sometimes classes may also be in different locations and more time is lost locating the class and getting ready for the day.

An important part of school is learning and establishing routines. By being at school on time and every day you are teaching your child to be responsible.

If you are having troubles getting you child to school on time, please discuss this with your teacher.

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 10 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 4C Blake M - Commitment and enthusiasm in class activities
4/5N Christine B - A big effort in reading
5C Kristin B - Courtesy, co-operation and dependability
6C Tallis M - Enthusiastic group work and working well
6/7N Jodie - Good job in investigating her family tree

Compulsory school age is defined as any child aged between six and sixteen.



ICAS Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the recent ICAS Mathematics, Writing and Spelling competitions

Distinctions

Karen Berry, Dylan Gardner, Phoebe Bridges, Hannah Simpson, Edward Hatt, Scarlett Morris, Daniel Rienke, Aaron Fowler. Absent: - David Reinke



Credits

Amber Vonhoff, Tim Stevens, Monique Edser, Dallas Vonhoff, Declan Maddern, Josephone Copley, Holly Thorpe, Daniel Gardner, Hayley Goddard



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers.

Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed

guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students.

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

If you have any questions or concerns about the national testing, please contact the principal.

National Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Program – How Did Queensland Perform?

The Queensland student results showed that more than eight out of 10 students attained the national minimum standard in all areas and, in many areas, nine out of 10 students were achieving the national standards.

In numeracy, more than 90 per cent of Queensland students achieved the national standard in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Writing, under these new tests, showed a different pattern of results to that seen under the previous testing arrangements. The best performance in writing was at Year 3 where more than 90% of students were at or above the national minimum standard.

While this was the first time Queensland Year 9 students had sat these literacy and numeracy tests, the results in writing at Year 9 with just over 80% of students achieving the national minimum standard requires further work. In reading, more than 90% of students achieved the national standard in Year 7 and Year 9.

In Years 3 and 5, reading results were not as high, in part influenced by the fact that our students are up to nine months younger and have had almost a year's less formal schooling at the time of testing compared to other states. This anomaly in the early years will dissipate over time, as the effect of the newly-introduced Prep year and lower school starting age works through the system.

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:

Jayden Donovan
Maddyson Pukallus
Sarah Wiemers
Steven Spark
Tyson Myles
Phoebe Bridges
Beau Crook

Corey Plant
Morgan McIlrick
Peter Rose
Kaia Bausch
Bryce Freeman
Tanika Spierenburg
Dallas Vonhoff
Harry Laird
Blake Murphy
Sebastian Pyers

Congratulations to all students, parents and teachers who were involved in this year's challenge. Your application to the task is very much appreciated. This year 75% of our students completed the challenge. This was an improvement of 20% on the 2007 participate rate. Well done and we look forward to moving closer to the 100% target in 2009.

2008 School Challenge

The Primary School's Readers Cup Challenge was held today for the Years 4 & 5. Sixteen teams eagerly participated in the competition. It was successfully run by our Year 7 Inter-school team members, Aaron Fowler, Karen Berry, Chelsea Blinco, Lindsey Kidman and Keely Shambrook.

The Year 6/7 competition will be held on Wednesday with 18 teams participating. Results will be published next term.

Golf Day

In aid of Haden State School P&C
Goombungee Golf Club on September 27. Tee off at 9am. Many prizes to be won.
For bookings please contact:
Debbie - 46988125
Haden State School - 46988164

Tuckshop

Group 2

Sharyn Macdonald's Group

Correct Hand Washing Technique

Hand washing is one of the most important measures in preventing transmission of infection. This week teachers will be reminding students of the correct hand washing technique to be used before eating their lunch and when having used the toilets. Hand washing technique posters will be placed in the classrooms and toilets.

Your assistance with reinforcing good hygiene practices is greatly appreciated.

Correct Hand Washing Technique

1. Use soap and water
2. Vigorously wash hands for 20 to 30 seconds, using the following pictures as guides
3. Rinse hands with water
4. Dry hands thoroughly



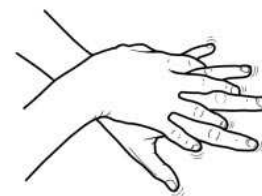
1. Wash Palms



2. Wash Between fingers



3. Wash back of hands



4. Wash wrist

Darling Downs Athletics

The Primary Schools and Secondary Schools Athletics Carnivals were completed last week. Crows Nest State School will have four students competing at State Titles held in Brisbane early next term. Congratulations to Jon Bishop – Discus and Shot Put, Lucy Hanson – 3000m, Jody Cullen – 3000m walk and Ellen Kolarski – 100m. Well done students!

Year 3 Landcare

Thanks to all the parents who supported our projects this term: plastic bag collection and Litterless Lunch. These projects went very well thanks to your support.

Reminder for Preps to Year 3

The catalogue orders are due on Friday 10 October 2008.