



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Edition**

**17/06/08**

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### **Thank-you Crow's Nest & Highfields Community Branch**

The school would like to acknowledge the kind donation of \$2000 towards the 2009 Yr 7 & Yr 8 Canberra Camp from the **Crow's Nest & Highfields Community Branch** application process. The \$2000 will assist with our fundraising target of \$5000. The students, parents and school greatly appreciate the funding as it ensures that the Canberra Camp is an affordable opportunity for as many of our students as possible. We sincerely appreciate your organisations continued support of Crows Nest State School.

### **Yr 6 2008 Tallebudgera Camp**

Thank-you to all of the Year 6 parents for responding to confirm numbers for the Yr 6 camp to Tallebudgera this year. As mentioned in a previous letter the cost will be approximately \$220. A deposit of \$50 is required by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June to confirm your child's participation. An opportunity to pay instalments during the year is available with the dates outlined below. Final payment will not be required until the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2008.

Payment 1 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Payment 2 – 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Payment 3 – 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Payment 4 – 29<sup>th</sup> September

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any additional information.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Students are reminded to continue with their reading so as to complete the challenge by the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. It is wonderful to hear that many of our students are well on the way to completing

the challenge. Parental support with home reading is greatly appreciated.

### **School Annual Report**

Our 2007 School Annual Report is now available on our school website. This document outlines our school achievements for last year. If parents do not have access to our website, a hard copy can be obtained by request at our front office.

### **Headlice**

Headlice are once again evident in our school population. If a child is suspected of having headlice, parents will be contacted to collect and treat their child and family immediately.

Children were addressed on Assembly yesterday in ways that they can prevent the spread of headlice. This includes not sharing hats, combs or other items that may go on a student's head. The school has also removed all hats from lost property so that these cannot be used by students if they leave their hat at home.

I thank all parents who treat their children and families when headlice are located. I know that this is an expensive and time consuming task but we need to remain vigilant if we are to stop headlice spreading.

### **Student of the Week/Academic Award**

Congratulations to the Week 10 recipients.

*Student of the Week*

1/3N

2C Jessica L - Kind and considerate student

3C

4C Rhiannon Y - Being a happy, co-operative class member

4/5C Tommy P - Big effort in project activities



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- 5C Jayden D - A determined effort to reach his full potential
- 6C Russell S - Showing patience and asking well thought out questions
- 6/7N
- 7C Blake N - Striving to develop his leadership skills



### Tuckshop News

Due to a freezer breakdown, we lost most of our ice blocks last week. We have tried to get in new stock but some, such as ice cream buckets, have not been available. We will definitely have icy bites and frozen yogurt. We are hopeful that icy poles and billa bongos will be delivered by Wednesday morning. Milo bars are also out of stock at the suppliers.

A new menu will go home later this week. Please read it carefully as some prices have changed.

### Readers Cup Challenge

On Thursday, 12 June our Primary School team consisting of Aaron Fowler, Karen Berry, Lindsey Kidman, Chelsea Blinco and reserve Keely Shambrook participated in the Toowoomba inter-school challenge. Sixteen schools participated in the event, some from as far away as Chinchilla, Warwick and Blackbutt. Our team did an exceptional job coming in 5<sup>th</sup>! Well done to all and a big thankyou to the parents who fully supported their children in this endeavour.



### Year 5 and 6 Maidenwell Observatory Excursion

Friday's trip to Maidenwell Observatory was a resounding success. Although we left Crows Nest with very cloudy and blustery weather, we arrived at Maidenwell with the weather clear and just right for viewing the stars.

On arrival we met James Barclay, the astronomer in charge of the observatory. He answered our questions about outer space and discussed his work with NASA and other recent astronomical discoveries. We also looked at some 'real-time' pictures of the sun's surface.

After a sausage sizzle for dinner and some ball games, we finally ventured into the Observatory to view the night sky. We saw Saturn and some of its moons, the Jewel Box, Alpha Centuari, Alpha Crux and the moon, all through the powerful telescopes.

Jupiter is a bright "star" currently appearing over the eastern horizon around 8pm. Look out for it, as will become more prominent over the next few months. Did you know that Pluto is no longer called Pluto, but it is a 'Plutoid', a dwarf planet?

We would like to thank our parent helpers – Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. McGreevy, Mrs. Schefe, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hanson. On the whole it was a very enjoyable experience and we learnt a lot.

### 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	18 June
Aust Math	4.50	31 July	8-10	Closed
ICAS English	6.00	12 Aug	3-10	20 June
ICAS Computer	6.00	27 Aug	3-10	30 July



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### Tuckshop Menu Interhouse Athletics – 20<sup>th</sup> June

The tuckshop will operate from 10am to 2pm.

Steakette burger (with sauce, onion, coleslaw)	\$3.50
Sausage on bread roll (with sauce & onion)	\$1.50
Cream donut	\$1.70
Muffin	\$1.00
Slice/patty cake	\$0.50
Jumpy/JJs	\$0.60
Milo bars	\$1.00
Apple slinky	\$0.75
Softdrink/juice/water	\$1.50
Tea/coffee	\$1.00
Cappuccino	\$2.00

If anyone is able to help by working any time on the day (even an hour or two) or by supplying slice, muffins or patty cakes please contact Andrea Schefe on 46 979 101.

### 'KEEPING UP WITH YOUR KIDS'

We are looking at sourcing funding to provide support courses for parents to keep up with their children's education.

The Crows Nest Learning Centre has a possibility of obtaining a grant to provide fully funded support courses for parents in:

- **Computing skills**
- **Reading and Writing**
- **Maths**

If you are interested please fill out the form below and return to the school reception.

Courses will be held on weekdays.

Name:

Phone:

	Yes	No
Computing		
Reading & Writing		
Maths		
Are you available weekdays?		

Please return your response by Thursday 31 July 2008.

### **Attention:** **Budding Actors !**

Your invited to be a part of our  
[Crows Nest](#)  
[Community Comedy Classic](#)  
[Documentary](#)

#### Criteria Profile:-

- **Must be aged between 12-25 years old**
- **Free first week of school holidays**
- **Have an out going personality**
- **Not shy of camera**
- **Willing to input into Youth Council**
- **Available for great fun activities**
- **Willing to Volunteer your time**

Call 46 1555 11 asap to book in for first audition.  
Time/date and venue to be announced.

#### **Celebrate NAIDOC week at Cobb & Co Museum with Kabul Dreaming *Burguu Matya***

July 30 - July 4, 2008

Children will learn about Indigenous games and make their own Burguu Matya game, which is an Indigenous version of tic tac toe.

#### ***Carpet Snake (Kabul)***

July 7 – 11, 2008

Children will hear the story of the carpet snake and learn about Indigenous totems and symbols before they tell their own story in pictures.

Where: Cobb & Co Museum  
27 Lindsay Street,  
Toowoomba

Time: 10:30am – 11:20am  
12:00am – 1:00pm

Age: 5-12 years

Cost: \$7.50 per child per session, which includes their admission to the Museum. Accompanying Adults is Free with a Toowoomba City Library card if no library card the entry will be \$7.50.

#### **Tuckshop Group 3 18 June**

##### **Workers**

Bobby Goddard  
Sue Galbraith  
Jenny Pendlebury  
Kirsty Myles  
Vicky Bellchambers

##### **Suppliers**

Patty Cakes- Jodie Parton  
Slice- Sue Sullivan



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### TIMETABLE FOR ATHLETICS DAY

Time	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15/16 years
9.00am	200M	<b>200 metres FINALS</b>					
	LONG J	15/16 Years to run first followed by 9 – 14 Years					
9.30am		LONG J		SHOT P			DISCUS
10.00 am	All Sprint Heats					SHOT P	
10.30am		SHOT P	LONG J	DISCUS	400 metres FINALS		
11.00am	SHOT P		DISCUS	LONG J			
11.30am		DISCUS	SHOT P		LONG J		
12.00pm					SHOT P	DISCUS	LONG J
12.30pm	<b>ALL AGES SPRINT FINALS</b>						
1.00pm	PRIMARY BALL GAMES				DISCUS	LONG J	SHOT P
1.30pm					TRIPLE J	TRIPLE J	TRIPLE J
2.00pm	ALL AGES RELAYS						
2.30pm	CLEAN UP AND PRESENTATION						

#### ***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

**17/06/08**

P&C Meeting  
7:30pm

**20/06/08**

School Athletics Carnival

**23/06/08**

P-3 Athletics Carnival

**27/06/08**

Last Day of Term

**14/07/08**

Pupil Free Day

**15/07/08**

School Resumes