



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Important notice to parents**

#### **State school arrangements for planned teacher strike - Tuesday 19 May**

Parents and carers who are able to do so should keep their children home from state schools on Tuesday 19 May, due to the planned teacher strike.

For families who cannot make other arrangements, be assured that all state schools 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 at every school. Teacher aides, supply teachers and teachers not taking part in the strike will also attend to supervise children.

If your child requires before or after-school care on Tuesday 19 May, check with your principal or care provider to ensure the service is operating as usual.

### **Principal's Message**

#### **Triennial School Review**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who have participated in our Triennial School Review. Your responses along with Staff and Student responses will now be collated and major issues identified and investigated further. Families may have another chance in the near future to comment further on these issues.

Congratulations to Kym and Robert Campbell and family who won the meat tray from Meats and More. We will be in touch to let you know about claiming your prize.

### **Premier challenges students to discover books**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again and all students from Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to pick up a book and take part.

The Premier has challenged all Queensland primary students to read 20 books in 15 weeks and discover the joy of reading.

The challenge runs from 11 May until 21 August 2009. All students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier.

Last year, over 60,000 students read more than one million books and the goal is to exceed this result in 2009.

Guidelines, registration details and booklists are on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at [www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/)

Our school has once again registered to be a part of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2009. Reading Records will be sent home with students this week.

### **Thought for the Week**

It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning.

*Claude Bernard*

Regards,

Scott Edmunds  
Principal

## Being Cybersmart

Over the coming weeks we will be covering how to be "Being Cybersmart".

With a majority of households owning a computer and accessing the Internet and 75% of students aged 12-15 years having a mobile phone we are now seeing more issues like cyber bullying and dangers of cyberspace such as chat rooms happening.

The first tip is to have all the computers out of the bedroom and place them in a common area where parents can see what their children are accessing on the Internet.

Debbie  
School Nurse

## SHOW JUNIORS – Champs!



## CNSS – Swatting before the event.



## Battle of the Brains – CROWS NEST SHOW

Congratulations to all the teams who competed in the "Battle of the Brains" competition at the Crows Nest Show.

There was some energetic competition amongst the players.

Boys Brigade and Scouts tied in third place.

Crows Nest State School was a close runner-up in second position.

Show Juniors won the shield!

Well done teams!

Show Juniors: Phoebe Bridges, Mikahla Christiansen and Lily Goddard.

Boys Brigade: Daniel Reinke, Ben Reinke and Evan Fuller.

Scouts: Alice Fallows-Cutler, Emily Murray and Nicole Atkinson.

CNSS: Karen Berry, Giovanna Legge and Tabitha Tindall

## P&C Meeting

Meeting Tues night 7.30pm start in the Admin building, Come along for the benefit of our children and our school. See you there

## Academic Competitions

**IMPORTANT: One slip per child please.**

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_

Of Year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the following competitions:

Competition	Cost	Sitting Date	Year	Payment Closing Date
ICAS English	\$6	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3-10	10 <sup>th</sup> June
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3-7	29 <sup>th</sup> July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....

## ATTENTION

Trash and Treasure **THIS WEEK THURSDAY 21 MAY**

Bring in your trash and we will sell it.

Bring your trash to Mrs Reushle's room before Wednesday **THIS WEEK!** We are raising this money for Discoveries Through Landcare Projects. So help us make our school more sustainable. Remember Thursday is **SALE DAY**.



## Bushland Harmony

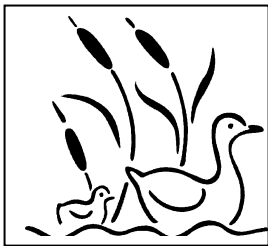
Trekking through the bush, I can see scratchy bark falling from the gum trees. The scent of the eucalyptus is overpowering. A blanket of invasive weeds covers the landscape and pin drops of purple flowers are found here and there as if they have plummeted from the sky.

Breaking the eye catching scenery, a large power pole is climbing from the ground reminding us of

the destructive modernisation. A river comes into view with a rickety bridge suspended over the deep murky water. Large rocks and a silk cloth of lily pads inhabit the water. Bubbles are forming on the surface of the water telling us that fish live there. The birds' sweet melodies are halted as the kookaburra's laugh. Although we can't see them we know they are in the huge gaping trees.



As we walk closer to the water the reeds grow as if being pushed up from the dense undergrowth. The tops of these are clothed in woollen seeds that are smooth and slightly clingy. The smell of the water makes me feel calm, happy and peaceful.



When the picnic site came into view my dreams of living there are shattered. Dreadful rumbling of cars and trucks are drowning out the sound of the wildlife. As I take one last glance at the harmonic landscape the fish are jumping out of the water and the birds have taken flight as if to say goodbye.

**Tabitha Tindall**

**Tuckshop  
Group2  
20 May**

**Workers**

Kaaran Simpson  
Julie Proud  
Carolyn Asher  
Jenny Finch  
Melissa Eldridge

**Suppliers**

*Patty Cakes-* Dale Kerans  
*Slice-* Sue Sullivan

***IMPORTANT DATES  
TO REMEMBER***

**Wednesday 20 May**  
Inner Downs Cross Country

**Monday 8 June**  
Queens Birthday Holiday

**Friday 19 June**  
School Athletics