



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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2009 Staffing Update

It is with a mixture of emotions that I advise the school community that our Deputy Principal Mr Adam Mathewson has been promoted to the position of Principal at Alexandra Hills State School. Along with this, our Head of Department, Mr Richard Gibson has also been promoted to the position of Principal at Toowoomba North State School. Both Adam and Richard take up their substantive roles in their new schools for the start of the 2009 school year.

I'm sure that you join me in congratulating them both.

Further discussions have led us to make a slight alteration to our class structures for next year in our Primary classes. The updated list appears below.

Prep: Bente Moller
Junior
Multi-age: Jennie Horrex
Debbie Williams
Colleen Hopper
Year 4: Wayne Smith
Year 4/5: Penny Butler
Year 5/6: Jill Zell/Wendy Hughes
Year 6/7: Lee Reushle
Year 6/7: Liz Brandon

Junior Multi-Age Information Session

We are planning on holding an information session about the formation of our Junior Multi-Age class for 2009. We see the formation of this class as an extension of the current practices of our Years 1, 2 and 3 and are excited about the enhanced learning options that this will provide our students.

The information session will be held for all families for students in Years 1, 2 & 3 in 2009, on Monday 1 December 2008 from 2:00pm-3:00pm at the school.

Green and Healthy Schools - State Winner

On Wednesday 12 November, Mrs Lee Reushle, Charlie Rand, Zac Blanck, Giovanna Legge and Chloe Urlich represented the school at the announcement of state awards for the Green and Healthy Schools program. Due to all of the great work being done at the school and because of our students' ability to talk about what they have been achieving, our school was announced as the Green and Healthy Schools - State Winner.

This is a tremendous honour and continued recognition of exemplary work that our students are doing.

The Green and Healthy Schools committee will be attending a School Assembly in the next couple of weeks to present us with the trophy.

School Concert

The program for our School Concert on Friday night will be:

by 5:15pm	Concert One performers arrive at pre-arranged locations
5:30pm	Concert One commences
6:15pm	Concert One concludes and P&C BBQ commences
7:00pm	Concert Two performers arrive at pre-arranged locations
7:15pm	Concert Two commences
8:15pm	Concert Two concludes

Our students and their teachers have been working hard in preparation for Friday night and we look forward to seeing as many families who can attend as possible join us for a great night.

To protect the floor of the Multi-Purpose Building we ask that ladies do not wear high

heeled shoes. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Because of Education Queensland policy and out of respect for families who do not allow us to publish their child's photographs, the taking of photographs and videos of the performance **is not allowed**. If you wish to take a photograph of your child in costume, can I encourage families to take them prior to the performance.

School Awards Night

Planning and preparation for our School Awards Night is well underway. This celebration of our school year will be held next Tuesday, 25 November in our Multi-Purpose Building from 7:30pm.

Road Safety Reminder

It's easy to become complacent about the regular routine of dropping off and picking up children from school.

Because children will always be unpredictable, being constantly alert in school zones and obeying road and parking rules can easily prevent tragedy outside our schools.

Some basic things to remember when dropping off or picking up your child include:

- Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- Observe school zone signs. These require you to travel at lower speeds at certain hours. Keep an eye out for children at pedestrian crossings and always stop for them.
- Be alert when driving past a stationary bus as children often step out in front of and from behind buses to cross the road.
- Never double park.
- Never park in "no standing" zones.
- When you see a School Crossing Supervisor obey their instructions. Stop if they tell you to stop, and wait until they return to the kerb before proceeding.
- Make sure you don't park on pedestrian crossings. This is an offence.

For more information about road safety outside schools visit the Queensland Transport website at: <http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/School/>

School Concert – Friday 21 November

This year Crow's Nest State School will be presenting its School Concert in the Multi-Purpose Building. The P & C will be hosting a BBQ prior to the commencement of the school concert from

approximately 5:00 p.m. Our concert will commence at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. All classes from Prep through to Year 10 will be involved in items and we encourage you to support their participation.

Any specific requirements from students (e.g. costumes) will be provided to you by class teachers in the near future. If you have any queries about your child's participation please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you have any other queries please refer them through administration.

We are looking forward to sharing an enjoyable evening of entertainment with you!

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 7 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 3C Lachlan Dempsey - consistent effort in all areas
4C Megan Scheffe - the best one handed catch ever
4/5N Evan Fuller - starting a great private project
6C Leanna Gardner - enthusiasm, a good attitude and improved work ethic
6/7N Camille Kohler - a positive attitude towards his work
6/7N Wayde Marshall - sportsmanship and achieving 9 runs

Academic Awards

- 8N Tanya Heilig - greatly improved results in Year 8 Maths
9C Shannon Tindall, Irene Moxon, Jayden Motley, Dominik Kohler, Caitlin Summers, Athol Busiko - excellence in website design



Year Six Go to Tallebudgera

On the 27 October Year Six went to Tallebudgera for camp. The view from the top of Burleigh mountain was amazing, something that I will never forget. The best thing to do at Tallebudgera is tobogganing. It is so much fun! We did so many cool things while we were there.

If your children ever have a camp going to Tallebudgera, let them go. It is so much fun. The hike up Burleigh mountain is hard but it is worth it.

There are always surprises just around the corner. I hope if your kids go to Tallebudgera, they enjoy it as much as I did.

By Kaia Bausch

Tuckshop News

- Ice-cream buckets are back in stock – 80c each.
- The last Wednesday of tuckshop for the year will be 26th November.
- There will be a brief meeting on 26th November to decide how much money to transfer to the P&C – 11:30am.
- Please consider helping out at tuckshop next year by coming and working in the tuckshop (even 9 until 11:30am) or supplying small cakes or slice. Please phone me on 46 979 575.

Sharyn Macdonald

Bookclub

Bookclub closes Wednesday. This is the last bookclub for the year.

League Tag Competition

As you all know, many primary school students have been participating in a League-Tag Competition over the past few weeks. All students who participated tried their very best, showed great team work and should be congratulated for their efforts. The winner of the 2008 League Tag Competition is **“We The People”**. They are Blake Neilson, Ellen Kolarski, Ben Littleton, Emily Kahler, Mathew Chambers, Holly Thorpe, Dylan Yaxley, Josephine Copley and their team manager Brittney Kelk. **CONGRATULATIONS**

Sportsmanship Medallions have been kindly donated by a generous Crows Nest State School family and are presented to those students who have shown great sportsmanship throughout the competition by encouraging others, giving everyone a go and being honest and polite on the field. These students received votes at the conclusion of each game by the referee and team managers.

Our sportsmanship awards go to:

- * Aaron Fowler
- * Phoebe Bridges
- * Ben Littleton
- * Lindsay Blinco
- * Coral Perren
- * Chelsea Blinco
- * Joe Brandon

The final sportsmanship award goes to a certain student, who was unable to play, though continually came down to the bottom oval every lunch break and helped collect important information from the referees and always asked if there was anything else he could help with. This special sportsmanship award goes to Sebastian Pyers.

Finally I would like to thank all the high-school students who helped with the competition as managers or referees. I would again like to thank the kind family who donated the sportsmanship medallions and lastly a big thank you to Mr Watts for organising and running this competition each year and doing such a fantastic job.

P&C Meeting

The meeting will be held tonight at 7:30pm.

Tuckshop 19 November

Group 1

Slices – Carolyn Bridges

Patty Cakes- Joanne Brackenbury

P&C B.B.Q Concert Night

Friday 21 November. If you wish to order for Friday night please fill out the form below.

ORDERS FOR BBQ

Family Name _____



Sausage & Onion on a roll- \$2.00



Steakette Burger- \$4.00

This form must be returned to the office by Thursday 20 November.