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Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 6 recipients.

Student of the Week

- Prep Alex H - Now can tie shoelaces
- Prep Dannielle L - Now can tie shoelaces
- Prep Briahna A - Now can tie shoelaces
- Prep Luke W - Now can tie shoelaces
- Prep Jackson C - Now can tie shoelaces
- Prep Jessica A - Knows her name, phone number and address
- 1/3N Tessa G - Finishing all Year 1 wordlists
- 4/5N Emily R - Continued top effort in the classroom
- 5C Tara R - A concentrated effort to achieve her best
- 6/7N Tia D - Great work on her Olympic contract
- 6/7N Aaron F - Great work on her Olympic contract

High School Academic Awards

- 9 Logan S - For showing initiative and responsibility in ITD
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- 10 John B - For excellence in ICT problem solving



Online help with youth violence and bullying

There's a new Queensland Government website to tackle the issues of youth violence and bullying.

The new *Act Smart Be Safe* website is a gateway for parents, students, teachers and the community to access information to help improve youth safety.

The website also has information about Schoolies, partying safely, alcohol and violence, inappropriate behaviour and the impact of technology such as YouTube and mobile phones.

Act Smart Be Safe is a one-stop-shop for information and helpful advice for both students and parents.

The website has been developed by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts and it will be updated regularly to include positive case studies, including successful programs in schools and national campaigns such as *Bullying. No Way!*

Visit the new website at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe

Funding guide for schools

The Department of Education, Training and the Arts has just released the 2008 version of its popular online booklet listing grants for school communities.

Now called *Resourceful Schools*, the new-look booklet is available to view or download from the departmental website at:

www.education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/fund/garp

Formerly called *Finding Funds for Your School Community*, the booklet helps P&Cs, school groups, students, parents and families negotiate the many avenues of financial support.

The easy-to-read guide includes grants, allowances and entitlements from federal, state and local governments, as well as private sector initiatives.

Grants categories include arts and cultural development, capital works, community support, environment, family assistance, health and wellbeing, learning resources, recreation and sport, remote area assistance, safety, science, transport, vocational training and youth development.

It also lists Centrelink entitlements, transport assistance and has extensive lists of useful phone numbers and websites.

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:

Isaac Polzin, Shaylah Dempsey

There is only three weeks left to experience/ read the required 20 books. At the completion of the Reading Challenge all participating students will be presented with a signed certificate from the Premier of Queensland. We look forward to receiving many more completed Reading Logs over the coming weeks.

New Year 9/10 Rural Vegetable Garden

The Year 9/10 Rural Studies students have been working very hard throughout this term to plan, design and create a new, larger vegetable garden at the back of the senior toilet block. The new garden is 25m x 25m. Over the last 5 weeks the students, using the Dingo Mini Digger, have moved and levelled soil, dug holes using the post

hole auger and used the trencher to connect the tank water supply to 3 taps within the confines of the garden. Fence posts and stays have also been cemented. Students have also been responsible for measuring, planning and drawing the garden to scale. The design chosen by the students allows for a wide range of vegetables and crops to be grown through the year. Over the coming weeks the students will fence the area, conduct soil testing and begin preparing the area for planting. It is anticipated that the additional produce produced from the combined gardens will be sold to interested families, staff and community members. Money raised from the sale of the produce will be used to further develop the Rural Skills Program.

Special thanks must go to Mr Davies for his initiative in promoting the project, preparing the site for the students prior to construction and assisting the students thus far. The students would also like to thank the Crows Nest State School P&C Association for providing funding towards the project. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Once the new garden is functional, the existing vegetable garden will be used by the Yr 8 Rural Studies students and primary classes. This will allow sufficient space for all who wish to use the facilities as part of their curriculum studies.



Students cementing the corner posts



Student preparing the new vegetable garden.

Yr 6 Tallebudgera Beach Camp

We have received a few enquires from parents asking to confirm camp payment option instalment dates. A deposit of \$50 was required by the 23rd of June to confirm numbers for the camp. An opportunity to pay instalments during the year is available with the dates outlined below. Final payment will not be required until the 29th of September 2008. Parents also have the opportunity to pay in full if they wish.

Payment 1 – 23rd June \$50

Payment 2 – 28th July \$50

Payment 3 – 25th August \$60

Payment 4 – 29th September \$60

Kids For Kangaroos

The ARL run Kids for Kangaroos rugby league development program began last Thursday afternoon. This program will be conducted on the following dates:

- 21st August
- 28th August
- 4th September



Sessions will commence at 3.15pm and conclude at 4.15pm. The venue for the sessions will be the school oval nearest the staff and visitors car parks. Students are to assemble at the discus throwing area of the oval immediately after school ready to begin the development program.

In the event of inclement weather the sessions will take place in the multi purpose building. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Col Henschell on 0402 892 835.

School Bus Run Expression of Interest

This Thursday the Toowoomba Public Transport Office will be conducting an assessment of the Anduramba Bus Run route, P646. Officers from Queensland Transport will be conducting an on-site review of the route. It is anticipated that as a result of the review, recommendations will be made regarding possible works such as the upgrading of roads, installation of pick-up / set-down areas and "school bus" signs.

In recent weeks we have received enquiries from parents as to whether Back Creek Rd could be added to this run. After having spoken to Queensland Transport they have asked if we could ascertain the number of current and future enrolments of students who would utilise a proposed bus run that includes Back Creek Rd.

If you, or anybody you know, live on Back Creek Rd and would be interested in putting

your child on a school bus run, please contact the school office prior to Thursday the 21st of August. We will then be able to pass this information onto Queensland Transport to assist them with their decision making process.

P & C News

- As Darani Pyers has resigned from the position of President of the P&C Association, we will need to elect a new President at our next meeting.
- We need to update our constitution (if you wish to read it, you can do so on line at <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/community/cmpr002/> or get a copy from the office) which will be done at a special meeting at **7 pm** before our next general meeting to be held on **Tuesday 19th August at 7:30 pm.**

Sharyn Macdonald

Secretary

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Tuckshop News

The next tuckshop meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th August at 11:30 am** at the tuckshop – all are welcome to attend.

Don't forget to get orders in by **Wednesday 20th August** for our special 'Italian Day' on Friday 22nd August at first break.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Kearns for donating a scanner and a printer to Year 1. We are very grateful.

Rock Eisteddfod Challenge

If you have access to the Ovation channel on Foxtel you will be able to see the Crows Nest students performance on Wednesday 20 August at 6.30pm.

Fathers Day Stall Trash and Treasure

Year 7C will make and sell suitable gifts for Father's Day on Thursday 4 September.

Orders for photos in handcraft frames will be accepted until, Thursday 27 August. Photographs will be \$3:50. Please order in a clearly named envelope

TUCKSHOP Group 2 20/08/08

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