



Crows Nest State School

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Principal's Message

H1N1 Influenza A (Human Swine Influenza)

Last week you would have received a letter from me advising of the seven-day time out period from school for students returning from countries of concern that are affected by H1N1 Influenza A (Human Swine Influenza) and what will happen in the event of a school closure.

The letter, which has been translated into several languages including Burmese, French, Simplified Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese, and other important information such as a 'frequently asked questions' document, is available on the Department of Education and Training website at www.deta.qld.gov.au

The countries of concern currently include the United States of America, Mexico, Panama, Canada and Japan. For the most up-to-date list, visit the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing website at www.healthemergency.gov.au

Children and adolescents from the affected countries who are being billeted through home stay arrangements will also be required to observe the seven-day timeout period. Siblings and other household members are not subject to the timeout period.

This seven-day timeout for school students has also recently been extended to children attending Queensland's early childhood education and care services.

Good hygiene practice, including coughing or sneezing into tissues, disposing of used tissues and washing your hands with liquid soap or alcohol-based gel, can help reduce the spread of

influenza and other common respiratory infections.

For the latest information about Human Swine Influenza, visit the Queensland Health Swine Flu website at www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu

Triennial School Review

Analysis of the initial data collected in our Triennial School Review has been completed and we have identified four areas that we will be focusing on. These areas are:

- Climate of the School - Relationships
- School - The role it plays in the community
- Curriculum
- Behaviour

Working groups are being formed at present and groups will set about formulating recommendations for our School Strategic Plan over the next few weeks.

Premier challenges students to discover books

Crows Nest State School students are invited to take part in the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a statewide initiative for all Queensland state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 7. The Premier is challenging students in Prep to Year 2 to *read or 'experience'* 20 books, and students in Year 3 to Year 7 to *read* 20 books between 11 May and 21 August 2009.

All students are encouraged to participate knowing that the Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a way to encourage greater involvement in reading. Students who meet the Challenge will be rewarded with certificates signed by the Premier, and schools that register 100% participation will hold their own "Award



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Ceremonies" during the Premier's Reading Challenge Celebration Week .

Please take the time to visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/ for more information.

Students wishing to participate in the Challenge have been registered through the school. Students have been given a Reading Record sheet to record the books that they have experienced or read.

I look forward to a number of our students engaging wholeheartedly in the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge. Our target this year is to achieve 100% of Prep - Yr 7 participation with classes who achieve 100% participation also receiving an additional prize from the school.

State Education Week 1 - 6 June 2009

This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary.

Key events being held during State Education Week include Principal for a Day and Back to School, with My Favourite Teacher winners and Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools regional winners also to be announced.

Our school has nominated in the Darling Downs South West Regional Showcase Awards and Mrs Reushle and myself will be attending the award ceremony in Roma on Thursday 4 June.

Our P-3 students and their teachers are having an 'Old and New' day on Friday. The students will learn a little about what school was like in the past and how it has changed over the years from older members of our community. They will also have an opportunity to share what is new and innovative and is happening in a 21st Century classroom.

State Education Week 2009 will wrap up on Queensland Day, Saturday 6 June, with two spectacular performances of *Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage*. The dynamic two-hour

variety show will involve more than 2500 state school students performing at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland.

For more information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html

Year 7/8 Sydney/Canberra Camp

Parents are reminded that permission forms and the balance of payment for students and parents attending the Sydney/Canberra Camp are due by the end of this term. Another information evening will be held in the coming weeks as we count down to our departure date on Saturday 29 August.

Thought for the Week

A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry Adams Brooks

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Wearing of Correct School Uniform

As the colder days hit us, inevitably we at school experience a slip in the wearing of correct uniform. Our P & C supports the correct wearing of school uniform, and our staff value it as promoting a sense of belonging and pride. Mondays are set aside for the wearing of our formal uniform. Unfortunately there are a small number of students who have these uniforms, but continually choose to not wear these on Mondays, or to not wear them correctly. As an example, both boys and girls must wear ties with their formal uniform.



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Our uniform, when worn correctly looks extremely presentable, and shows a commitment from students, staff and the community to our school and the image that it portrays. In the coming days, staff will identify those students who continually choose not to wear their uniform correctly, and will organise for letters to be mailed home explaining the issue. Of course, there are circumstances that mean that students are unable to wear their uniform, and in this situation, we simply ask that a note is written to explain and excuse your child from the normal uniform.

Our uniform is not expensive, and in most cases is cheaper than some non-uniform alternatives that children opt to wear. Be a part of our school community by supporting the correct wearing of uniforms, it's easy to do!

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 7 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1C Ash Cain - working really hard with his stories
2C Georgia Cooper - a great Amaroo story
4/5C Riley Brackenbury - consistently working well in the classroom
4/5N Georgia Smith - excellent and productive group work
4/5N Tarlia Donovan - excellent and productive group work
4/5N Daniel Gardner - excellent and productive group work
4/5N Lindsay Blinco - excellent and productive group work
5/6C Marnie Parton - always striving to improve



Printer Charging System

Since the beginning of this year, a software program has been monitoring the use of printers by our students. This has been running as a trial, to see what printing is being done, the type of printing that is being done, where it is being printed. Students were given a notional amount of \$10.00, which in some cases is almost depleted. If funds are depleted and a student can no longer print, just come to the office and we will reset the funds.

From next term, it will become a user pay system. All students will be reset to \$10.00, and if this runs out, students will need to bring funds in to the school to recharge their account. Our printing costs are reasonable, only 10 cents per page for a black and white, where as a full colour page will cost \$2.00. Consumable printing supplies present a huge financial burden for our school, and some students have been quite careless in what is being printed. Our aim is to reduce our printing across the school, and in turn reduce our ecological footprint, as well as reduce our costs in this area.

At the beginning of each school year, all students will be reset to \$10.00, and again when funds are depleted, students will need to bring in money to recharge their account. This system will replace the need to bring in a ream of paper for each child each year.



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Head Lice

Please be diligent in checking your children for head lice.

Tuckshop News.

Our athletics day is fast approaching us, (*Friday 19th June*) and the tuckshop will be running a BBQ once again. With this we will require as much **HELP** as we can get. If you are able to help out preparing food, serving or even cooking the BBQ it will be appreciated. Please contact *Karran Simpson* on *4698 2031*.

Our menu for the athletics carnival will be out next week. This will be a RED day in regards to our smart choices healthy eating guide lines. We are allowed one RED day per term.

Sock It To You- Fundraiser

Prep are organising a sock it to you drive. Order forms are available from the office. Orders & money are due back by Friday 12 June. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8 June
Queens Birthday Holiday

Friday 19 June
School Athletics

Friday 26 June
Last Day of Term

Tuckshop Group 4 3 June

Workers

Lyn Ripps
Jenny Smith
Julie Proud
Wendy Borgstahl
Jillian Neilson

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Linda Christensen
Slice- Jenny Smith



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