



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a nice break and enjoyed time with your families.

Term 2 is looking to be a very busy term and I know that all of our students are ready to get back into their work.

Student Absences

Parents are reminded that if a child is absent from school for any reason, it is their legal responsibility to notify the school of this absence.

The school can be notified by phone, email (link now available on our website), or by a note to teachers on the day your child returns to school.

Regular unexplained absences could lead to investigations into student truancy for which parents are legally liable.

ANZAC Day

The school will be holding its ANZAC Day Service on Friday 24 April commencing at 2:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

The school will also be marching and participating in the Crows Nest ANZAC Day Commemoration Service on Saturday 25 April. We will be assembling the students at the assembly area near the Post Office from 9:45am to begin marching at 10:00am. School staff will be assembling the students. Students can then be collected by parents at the conclusion of the service.

We are aware that many students march with other community groups but would appreciate the involvement of any other students who wish to march. Please wear your full school uniform,

formal if appropriate, and bring along a hat and a water bottle.

Students also have the opportunity to make a small donation to Legacy throughout the ceremony. Please send money with your child if you wish for them to do so.

School Website

Every attempt is made to keep our school website up-to-date and relevant. If you notice anything on our website that is outdated, we would appreciate you letting us know so that this can be rectified.

Families are reminded that our school newsletter also appears on our website and can be emailed to you directly. If you would like to have our newsletter emailed, please contact the school office.

Using language creatively

Literacy involves using language to communicate effectively and to make meaning and sense of the world. Sometimes we are required to interpret and use language creatively, where words and phrases might be used in unexpected and unfamiliar ways.

There are many ideas you can try to encourage your child to use language creatively. These include:

- describing people, places, events and objects in unusual and unexpected ways, as is done in poetry, plays, cartoons and videos
- locating ways in which other speakers and writers use language in creative ways, for example, puns and word plays in TV and magazine advertisements, rhyming and repeated sounds in picture books and reading the by-lines and captions in newspapers



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- discussing favourite sayings and creating new ones together
- sharing a love of language by talking about how language is used in different contexts and situations. Talk about your favourite poems, plays and stories and discuss with your child what you like about the author's style.

Thought for the Week

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

P & C Meeting

Meeting tonight, 7.30pm start, Admin Building. We NEED You, Surely amongst us there is someone up for a challenge, COME ON, have your say, become our SECRETARY and join a great TEAM striving for the betterment of our children, Hope to see many of you this evening.

Justin Simpson (President)

Tuckshop News

A reminder that our *NEW MENU* starts this week, along with all students to order their food. If you don't have a menu, you can get a copy from either the office or at the Tuckshop.

Canberra Trip

Raffle results from the draw.

BBQ & Swag- Larrisa Ansen

Hockeyroos Singlet- Loretta Fletcher

Nutri-Metics Pack- Ian Costin

White Water World Voucher- Sonya Schloss

Cube Hotel Voucher- Karren Simpson

Bottle of White Wine- Marie

Bottle of Red Wine- Carolyn White

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 Science	\$6	10th June	3-10	22nd April
ICAS Spelling	\$8	23rd June	3-7	5 th May
ICAS Writing	\$11	23 rd June	3-10	5 th May
ICAS English	\$6	4 th Aug	3-10	10 th June
Aust. Math Competition	\$4.50	6th Aug	8-10	24 th April
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19th Aug	3-7	29th July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....

Parent/Guardian

Discoveries Through Landcare- Website

The website Committee has five members. Tara Rattle is Chairperson, Isaac Scheffe is Vice Chair, Leanna Gardner is Secretary, Rebecca Pronard and Edward Hatt are also members.

Firstly we are going to learn about how to make a website with Mr Butler in I.C.T. every Friday. We are going to make a link to our newest website from the Crows Nest State Schools one.

Crows Nest projects from the last few years and this year will all be included.

You might see us around the school taking photos or collecting data from each of the



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projects from previous years, so drop by and say hello.

Should you have any ideas or skills to share, please see any one of us on the Website Committee.

Sunday Creek Camp Highlights

Year 5 went on camp to the Sunday Creek Environmental Education Centre. We returned to Crows Nest on Friday afternoon.

There was only one word to describe the experience Awesome!. The activities with Dan were great fun, the meals cooked by Robyn and Tina were FANTASTIC and we all made some new friends.

We managed to complete many activities on camp even with some rain. They involved working in groups using co-operation, communication, consideration and common sense.

We walked in the rainforest with ticks and leeches tagging along for the ride. Brooke does not like these little critters but she learned to deal with them.

Vijay however, made the leeches his new friends. 32 on him in one outing was his record! He liked the way they squirmed and were slimy. He was keeping one in his pocket for a pet!

We made twisties and billy tea on an open fire, panned for gold, worked through Challenge activities, saw Saturn through the telescope and probably the most fun activity was undertaking the blindfold walk.

We walked blindly and in silence (what a challenge) through an obstacle course, which included a tunnel, water, hills, steps and mud, it was fun!

Jaidyn, Jordan and Bridget were the cooks, number one fans! They raved about the food (well, we all did!!) it was great. Mexican tacos and burritos. Chocolate puddings with caramel sauce and ice-cream, lasagne, trifle, pizza and home made sausage rolls! Delicious. Fresh fruit,

banana pancakes, bacon and egg muffins and croissants were the breakfast highlights.

Year 4's, start getting excited, Sunday Creek is a camp not to be missed.

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW TERM!

Tuckshop Group2 22 April

Workers

Sharyn McDonald
Maree Copley
Annette Baxter
Melissa Eldridge
Jenny Finch

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Dale Kerans
Slice- Sue Sullivan

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 22 April

Inner Downs Touch

Friday 24 April

School ANZAC Day Service

Wednesday 29 April

Northern Downs Cross Country

Monday 4 May

Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday 5 May

Inner Downs Tennis

Friday 8 May

Crows Nest Show Holiday



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