



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Edition 5**

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### **Principal's Message**

#### **Why reading stories matters**

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable a skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

If you would like more information about reading with your child visit:  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

#### **Our State, Your Stories competition**

Students in Years 5 -12 are invited to enter an exciting new writing competition, Our State, Your Stories.

As part of the *Year of Creativity*, students choose a photo from the John Oxley Library or The Courier-Mail online collections for their inspiration on the

past, or use their imagination to write about Queensland in the next 150 years.

The competition winners will:

- win a Dreamworld passes pack
- have their work published in The Courier-Mail, the *Year of Creativity* and Q150 websites, and have their story permanently added to the John Oxley Collection
- attend a writer's workshop with author Rebecca Sparrow
- receive a Brisbane Writers Festival prize.

Contribute your vision of Queensland to the Q150 and *Year of Creativity* celebrations by entering Our State, Your Stories.

Entries close 9 April 2009.

To enter the competition, visit the *Year of Creativity* website:

[www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au/](http://www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au/)

#### **Year 7 Camp - Sydney/Canberra**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms to attend the Sydney/Canberra Camp in August. Some outstanding deposits are now required, Please return these to the school to confirm your booking as soon as possible.

#### **Thought for the Week**

An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.

Regards,

Scott Edmunds

Principal

### **Youth Health Nurse**

Hi! My name is Debbie and I am the new Youth Health Nurse. I work with the Secondary and will be here every Friday morning till 1<sup>st</sup> break. If you have any problems with your teen and would like to have a talk please arrange a time by ringing the school office. Keep an eye on this space for ways to live with a teen.

### **Swimming Carnival**

This Friday the School Inter House Swimming Carnival will be held at the Crows Nest community swimming pool. Students are to come to school as usual and will walk to the pool with their teacher. The entire school body will walk to the pool supervised by all staff. Once at the pool students will be seated in their House groups for the day. Students must listen to the announcer for instructions and also use the school captains and house captains for information and any help. Once students swim, they are to return back to house area to support and cheer their fellow competitors. Students will take their bags to the pool so they have access to their lunch throughout the day, the tuck shop will also be operating for student use. On the completion of the carnival all students will walk back to school by 3pm for buses and normal transport home.

There are no set times for events as the completion of each event depends on the number of competitors. The first event is primary backstroke due to start at approx 9:20am. The following schedule will be used for the day.

- 1) B Division Backstroke (25m)
- 2) A Division Backstroke (50M)
- 3) B Division Breast Stroke (25m)
- 4) A Division Breast Stroke (50M)
- 5) Lunch
- 6) Individual Medley
- 7) B Division Freestyle (25M)
- 8) A Division Freestyle (50M)
- 9) B Division Butterfly (25M)
- 10) A Division Butterfly (50M)
- 11) Open 100m Freestyle
- 12) Relays 4\*25m Freestyle

Programs will be available on the day and distributed by School and House Captains.

### **Inner Downs Swimming Carnival**

Congratulation to Todd White for his successful swimming at the Inner Downs Carnival held at Pittsworth on Friday night. Todd was selected into the Inner Downs Team to compete at the Darling Downs Swimming Carnival at Gatton on March 4.

Todd was selected in 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, and 100m Freestyle. Well done Todd.

### **Tuckshop News**

At the recent AGM, Annette Goostrey was elected as treasurer and Karran Simpson as convenor. Someone was nominated as president but was unable able to attend the meeting so could not be elected. The positions of vice president and secretary remain vacant. This will be dealt with at the next P&C meeting.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Andrea Sचेफे for her service as president for four years and before that as secretary.

### **P & C News**

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 pm**. Please consider who you would like to nominate for the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Membership Applications will be accepted at the AGM without applicants attending the meeting. Those applying for membership after the AGM must attend a P&C meeting for their application to be accepted.

A new membership form needs to be completed each calendar year. Please return forms to the school. Unsigned forms will not be accepted.

Sharyn Macdonald

Secretary

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### **Bike Ride Meeting**

Wednesday night 7:30pm in the Home Ec room. It will be an AGM so positions will become vacant. Anyone interested in holding a position please come along. EVERYONE is welcome and we will look forward to seeing you.

### **Anduramba Bus conveyance Committee AGM**

When: Thursday 26 Feb

Time: 7:30pm

Where: Anduramba Hall

All families must have one adult attending.

All agenda items to Wendy Blinco 46 984994 by Wed 25.

This involves the new Back Creek Road extension families.

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL MENU 2009**

- Sausage on bread roll \$2.50  
(onion & sauce if required)
- Cream Donut \$1.50
- All drinks \$1.50  
(water, juice & soft drinks)

- Chips .70c
- Assorted cakes-muffins-slice .50c
- Watermelon .50c
- Tea-Coffee \$1

I still need workers for the day and cake, muffin & slice suppliers.

Contact Karran on 4698 2031.

<p><b>Tuckshop Group 3 25 February</b></p> <p><b>Workers</b> Bobby Goddard Jenny Pendlebury Kirsty Myles Kym Campbell Jenny Finch</p> <p><b>Suppliers</b> <i>Patty Cakes-</i> Jodie Parton <i>Slice-</i> Karen Moody</p>
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<p><b>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER</b></p> <p><b>27 February</b> School Swimming Carnival</p> <p><b>16 March</b> Inner Downs Basketball</p> <p><b>31 March – 3 April</b> Year 5 Emu Gully Camp</p> <p><b>31 March</b> Inner Downs Hockey</p>
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### Academic Competitions

*Amendment to last weeks newsletter.*

The ICAS Mathematics competition being held on the 19 August should be for **Years 3-7** not 8-10 as advertised.

**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
Rio Tinto Science	\$4.50	21st May	8-10	19th March
ICAS Computer Skills	\$6	27th May	3-10	3rd April
ICAS Science	\$6	10th June	3-10	22nd April
ICAS Spelling	\$8	23rd June	3-7	5 <sup>th</sup> May
ICAS Writing	\$11	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	3-10	5 <sup>th</sup> May
ICAS English	\$6	4 <sup>th</sup> August	3-10	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Aust. Math Competition	\$4.50	6th August	8-10	24 <sup>th</sup> April
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19th August	3-7	29th July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....  
(Parent/Guardian)

### Back to Work Program 2009

This program is designed to provide you with improved job seeking skills and

accredited computing skills from the Certificate I in IT:

- Operate a personal computer
- Send and retrieve information over the internet using browsers and email
- Operate word processing applications
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This is a 60 hour **FULLY FUNDED** course for eligible participants

**Starting March/April:** Courses run for 6 weeks with classes of 7 students.

For more information please phone Christine at Learning Network Queensland Crows Nest Centre on:

**4698 2237**

Courses are funded by the Queensland Dept. of Employment and Industrial Relations.