



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

To prevent the spreading of the flu and illness in our school, please keep your child home if they are displaying flu like symptoms. The school will also call parents to collect your child if we believe they are too sick to be at school.

School Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. Forty families have been randomly selected to participate in this survey.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report.

Responses are completely confidential. The confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school's data forwarded to the central office of the department for analysis.

I ask that completed questionnaires in the envelope provided are returned to the school by **Wednesday, 26 August 2009**. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact me at the school on phone number 4698 3111.

Year 7/8 School Camp

On Saturday afternoon, 48 students, 15 parents and 2 staff depart for our first ever school camp to Sydney and Canberra.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students and I know that they will all enjoy the experience.

Some of the places they will be visiting include Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Questacon Science Centre, Australian Institute of Sport, Taronga Zoo and a day in the snowfields.

I would like to thank our previous Deputy Principal, Adam Mathewson and the large number of parents, the P&C and the PCCN who assisted with fund raising so that this camp could proceed. I hope that it is the first of many camps to Sydney and Canberra for our students in the future.

Student/Family Details

Recently every student in our school brought home a Student Checklist. In the last couple of weeks we have needed to contact some families and have noted that some details that we hold are not correct.

This checklist contains all of the information that we have at school about your child. It is important that you check this information, make corrections where necessary and return it to the school office. We ask that even if you do not need to make changes that you still return this checklist to the school.

If you did not receive this checklist, or have misplaced it, please contact the school office and we will issue you with another one.

We would like to thank all the families who have returned their amended forms to the school,



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however, there are still over 120 forms yet to be returned.

Please return your child's Student Checklist to the school as soon as possible.

School Newsletter 2010

We are looking at publishing our school newsletter as an electronic edition only from next year and making it available to families and the community on our school website and via email.

By doing this we will save money on paper and printing costs and also reduce the amount of paper used by the school therefore helping our environment.

If you would like to provide feedback on this idea, please do so via our school email address. We are interested in your opinions.

Australian Defence Force scholarships

Is your child interested in pursuing a career with the Australian Defence Force?

In 2010, the Australian Defence Force will offer up to 1500 scholarships to Year 11 and 12 students through their Defence Technical Scholarships (DTS).

The scholarships reward technically-savvy students for staying on at school and provide financial support while they complete their studies.

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- complete an application form and demonstrate a genuine interest in pursuing an Australian Defence Force general-entry technical trade career
- have their application approved by their parents or carers and either the school VET coordinator or nominated DTS representative
- be enrolled in a Year 11 or Year 12 mathematics subject
- be enrolled in a VET technical subject for Year 11 or Year 12.

Students will need to express an interest in pursuing a technical trade career with the Defence Force as part of the selection process, although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school. Student applications for the 2010 Defence Technical Scholarships are open now. Applications close Friday 25 September.

More information, including application forms and eligibility criteria, is available on the Defence Jobs website at www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts or by phoning 1300 880 818.

Thought for the Week

To know how to wait is the great secret of success.

Joseph De Maistre

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 7 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1C Adin Prince and Luke Widderick
- 2C Elvie McKay
- 3C Naomi Hughes
- 5/6S Marnie Parton and Grace Pendlebury

Year 11 - 2010 at Toowoomba SHS

As part of the transition to Year 11 in 2009, the Principal of Toowoomba State High School Mr Chris Zilm will be availing himself at Crows Nest State School on September 9, to conduct interviews and subject selection for next year.

The interviews will be 20 minutes in duration, from 9.00am. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to support their child in this process. Notes have been sent home with all year 10 students today. Please contact Mr Kummerow for more information.

Secondary Breakfast Club

An amount of funding has been secured to trial a breakfast club for our high school students.



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Brekkie Club will start from next Tuesday September 2 in the Catering room from 8.30. This will occur every Tuesday as a trial until the initial funding ceases. Form classes will take turns in being responsible for preparation and clean up, with the Year 10's taking the first few weeks. Low GI and nutritious breakfast options will be offered only. We strongly encourage all students to come along and enjoy Milo and Raisin Toast for our first menu next Tuesday!

Tri-Schools Rugby League

Our Year 6 and 7 students combined with Goombungee and Geham have been competing in the Tri-Schools Rugby League Challenge against Highfields and Mary Mackillop. Our boys were defeated in their first game against Highfields but last week comprehensively defeated Mary Mackillop meaning they will play off against Highfields in the finals this Friday. Good luck students.

ARL Girls Tackle Football

Last week our grade 8, 9 and 10 combined girls enter the ARL Girls Tackle Gala Day held in Toowoomba for girls interested in playing full contact football. The girls entered in the u15 division against 10 other schools and were very successful. After completing the rounds undefeated and on top of the ladder on for-and-against the girls played Mt Lofty in the finals. Mt Lofty was successful in the finals with a clear advantage in size. A massive congratulations to our girls who played with only three year 10 girls meaning that we were quiet undersized but we were very tuff and committed to doing our best. Second in the competition should mean that we progress to go play in Brisbane later on in the term.

Inner Downs Athletics

After a very busy term with different levels of athletics carnivals, we can now announce those students in primary and secondary school who have been successful in gaining selection into the Inner Downs Athletics Team to compete at the Darling Downs Athletics Carnivals held early September.

Congratulations to Thomas Blanck, Todd White, Zoe Nothdurft, Daniel Nothdurft and Bethany Campbell who will be competing in the Primary Carnival.

Congratulations to Jody Cullen, Tasman Myles, Tyanna Cox, Ellen Kolarski, Dean Bishop, Dominik Kohler and Charles Nightingale-Smith.

Inner Downs Cricket

Congratulations to Peter Rose who was selected into the Inner Downs Cricket team. Peter will now participate in the Darling Downs Country Trials held on Friday, 11th September at Slade Park, Warwick.

Help Needed

Are you able to fix up the bike track for our children, It is located opposite the council chambers. We are looking for equipment and workers for a working bee in the near future. The dirt is there but it needs to be moved around. Please see me at school or contact me on 46 982057 at night.

Wayne Smith

P&C News

P&C General meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th August in the school Admin block.

Gail Walker Swim School

C'monswim!
Summer is coming!



We care!

School holiday program – morning sessions
Week 1 – September 21, 22, 23, 24 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Week 2 – September 29, 30 & October 1 – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Open for family swimming on above days 11am to 1 pm

Term 4 lessons

Commence Monday 5 October for 10 weeks



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Free Dress Day

On Friday the 28 August the student council will be holding a Free Dress Day for the whole school (Prep – 10)

It will be a gold coin donation. The money that we raise will go towards a sausage sizzle that will be held later this term. Hope you all participate.

Student Council

Clearing Sale Trash & Treasure

When: 10 September

Where: Mrs Reushle's class

Everything must Go!

**Tuckshop
Group2
26 August**

Workers

Kaaran Simpson

Julie Proud

Carolyn Asher

Melissa Eldridge

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Dale Kerans

Slice- Sue Sullivan



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