



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Principal's Message**

#### **2010 Enrolments**

The school has started planning Class Structures and Teacher Allocations for all 2010 Primary and Secondary classes.

All Queensland schools are staffed according to their student enrolments on the 8th day of the new school year. At this time of the year however, we anticipate what our enrolments could be at the start of the next school year and formulate our classes from this best guess scenario.

Our final teacher allocation will not be known until the end of Week 2 next year. If we do not 'guess' accurately, this then means we need to reorganise classes after the start of the school year which is not good for our teachers and students.

According to our estimates at present we are a few student enrolments short of having an extra teacher in the Primary grades, and we are also a few student enrolments short of an extra teacher in the Secondary grades.

To aid the school being as accurate as possible for 2010, if you know that you will not be attending Crows Nest State School next year could you please advise the school office.

As well, if you know of any new families who could be looking at Crows Nest as a school for 2010, please encourage them to contact the school.

We thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Thank you Volunteers**

Last Thursday afternoon the school thanked two of its volunteers at a special 'Service to School Communities Volunteer Awards' held by the Toowoomba Education District. Mr Paul Christensen and Mrs Helen Stevens were acknowledged for their contributions to Crows Nest State School over a long period of time.

I would like to congratulate Paul and Helen and thank them for all that they do for the school. It is through the assistance of all our volunteers, too numerous to mention, that we can offer our students so many different opportunities.

Our volunteers come in many different ways as well. Parents and others who help teachers in classes or on class projects, people who assist at the Bike Ride or other P&C events and working bees, parents who travel with classes on excursions, assist in the Tuckshop or in any other way that they can.

So while congratulating and thanking Paul and Helen, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers. We probably don't say it often enough, but we thank you for all that you do to help our school.

### **Crows Nest Day Parade**

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff and students who marched at the Crows Nest Day Parade on Saturday. Prior commitments on Saturday meant that I was unable to attend, but I am told that we should be proud of all the students who marched for the school. Well done everyone.



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### **Congratulations Mr Brett Butler - Microsoft Award 2009**

Annually Microsoft sponsors an award for excellence in technology teaching and learning. One award is presented to an educator in each Australian state and territory. Award winners need to extensively use technology to enhance their teaching and allow students opportunities to innovate with technology. Award winners also use technology comprehensively to collaborate with other educators. This year Mr Butler won the Queensland Microsoft Award and he is now nominated for the National Microsoft Award. The Microsoft Award means that Mr Butler will be attending the Microsoft Conference in Darwin on the 28 and 29 September this year and he will be travelling to Singapore for several days in March 2010 to learn more about current technology innovations.

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

For the safety of our students our school has a manned Pedestrian Crossing at the front gate for everyone to use in both the mornings and afternoons. I encourage everyone to use this crossing as it increases the likelihood of both you and your child remaining safe at these busy times around our school.

### **Children left unattended in parked cars**

On behalf of the Crows Nest Police I have been asked to remind all parents that children should not be left unattended in parked cars for any period of time. This is an unsafe practice and puts your child at risk in many ways. As the weather warms up the possibility of a child succumbing to heat stress increases and the health and safety of that child is compromised.

### **Thought for the Week**

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.

*Helen Kellar*

Regards,

Scott Edmunds  
Principal

### **Student of the Week/Academic Award**

Congratulations to the Week 4 recipients.

#### *Student of the Week*

1C Ash Cain - working well in all areas

Tammekka Brown - working well in all areas

2C Amber Dempsey, Tessa Gossow-  
Completing all tasks last week to a high standard



### **Student Council Disco this Friday – Dance for Daniel!!!!**

Thank you to Mrs Morris and Mrs Simpson who have bravely put up their hands to help with the student disco this Friday night. We have several teachers also helping but we still do not have enough helpers to make sure the disco goes ahead. If you can help please let Mrs Littleton know via email at [klitt53@eq.edu.au](mailto:klitt53@eq.edu.au) or by phone on 46983111. The plans for our disco are:

- Prep to Yr 3, Friday afternoon, 1.40 pm to 3.00 pm
- Yr 4 to Yr 6, 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at the RSL hall
- Yr 7 to Yr 10, 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at the RSL hall

### **Day for Daniel – wear red this Friday**

This Friday we will be participating in activities to raise awareness of child safety. Could all students please wear red shirts and bring a gold coin donation to honour Daniel Morcombe and



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raise funds for the Morcombe foundation. At first break a stall will be set up outside the library where students **can purchase icy or jelly cups from the Student Council for 50 cents.** In the afternoon we have a P – 3 student Dance for Daniel. Classes also have individual plans for other activities to reinforce the importance of child safety.



### World Book Online

A link to World Book Online is now on the school website. All students, staff and their families can access World Book Online by clicking on this link and logging on with the following user name and password.

URL: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/>  
Authentication: Username Password

- Username: crow4355  
Password: crows
- **Tick the Remember my ID and Password Box**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**26 – 30 October 2009**  
Year 6 Camp

**06 November 2009**  
Student Free Day

**11 November 2009**  
Remembrance Day

**24 November 2009**  
Awards Evening

**26 November 2009**  
Year 10 Dinner

**27 November 2009**  
Last Day Year 10

\*\* Your username and password are case-sensitive.

### Arts Council

“The Riddle of the Dragon’s Hat” will be presented on Tuesday 17 November at 1:50pm. For the younger students this will be a fantasy and adventure full of laughs. For the older students the performance uses de Bono’s six thinking “hats” to illustrate and learn about the different ways we think. Full of fun, comedy and adventure this performance has something for all from Prep to grade 7. Please return payment \$6 per child by Thursday 12 November.

**Jill Zell**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL UNSOLD CHOCOLATES  
AND MONEY TO THE SCHOOL BY  
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER  
THANK YOU**

BIKE RIDE

7 & 8 NOVEMBER

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PLEASE RETURN PINK WORKERS FORM  
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TO THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU**

**Tuckshop**  
**28 October 2009**  
**Group 4**

### WORKERS

Karran Simpson  
Georgie Edser  
Gillian Fowler  
Myola Root  
Cheryl Reeves

### SUPPLIERS

Patty Cakes: Kerri Emmert  
Slice: Kelly Vonhoff