



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

ANZAC Day

I would like to thank all of the students who marched with the school at the Crows Nest ANZAC Day Commemoration Service on Saturday. It was tremendous to see a number of students from Prep to Year 10 who represented our school.

I want to also acknowledge the participation of P&C President Justin Simpson and all the other parents who marched with our school as well.

Also representing our school and participating in the ceremony were our School Captains Irene, Tyanna, Lily and Samuel and our Vice-Captains Monique and Brock. They were all fantastic and along with conducting our school ANZAC Day Service on Friday made me very proud. I hope that their parents are proud of them as well.

Tuckshop Changes

The tuckshop introduced changes for our students in Years 4 - 10 to order and pay for their prepared meals at the beginning of the day so that time could be saved during breaks.

While this is a break with what has traditionally been done, it was very well received by our students last week. Instead of lining up for most of the break in order to buy their lunch, students were able to make their way through the line much quicker and eat a lot sooner.

As with any change it will take some time to adjust, but I know that our students already appreciate the change.

National Literacy and Numeracy testing in 2009

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in four tests during this period - Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

The Language Conventions test will incorporate spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy testing will incorporate number, space and measurement.

The Year 7 and 9 Numeracy tests will consist of a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

If your child is absent for school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. Please contact your child's school in this instance.

A brochure with more information about NAPLAN 2009 is available for download from the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs at

www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN09_WebsiteBrochure_v3.pdf

If you have any questions about NAPLAN 2009 visit the Queensland Studies Authority website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html or contact your child's teacher.

Preparing your child for school tests

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There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child's teacher.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

Thought for the Week

LISTEN contains the same letters as SILENT

Regards,



Scott Edmunds
Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 2 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1-3 Luke Widderick - working well in all areas
- 1-3 Montana Brackenbury - working hard in all areas
- 1-3 Shobelle Root - working well in all areas
- 4/5N Tim Macdonald - pleasing efforts in work effort and attitude
- 4/5N Seb Pyers - striving to give his best efforts in all school areas

2009 School Holiday Program

Year 10 students with an interest in rural lifestyle and who are eager to explore careers in the rural industry are encouraged to attend **TASTE 2009** - a great opportunity to experience first-hand what Australian Agricultural College Corporation has to offer. Explore the exciting range of training and career options available to you in agriculture, horticulture and conservation, and land management at Burdekin, Dalby, Emerald or Longreach Campus during the September/October school holidays.

Flyers available from the Guidance Officer or the secondary notice board.

Northern Downs Cross Country

Best of luck to those students in primary school competing at the Northern Downs Cross Country held at Goombungee tomorrow. All students have completed their paperwork and are looking forward to representing our school. Name tags will be provided to students on the morning of the race and will be able to be collected from Mr Watts at Goombungee School. Our meeting place will be next to the swimming pool inside the school grounds. Good luck team!

P&C News

Next meeting on 19th May, 7.30pm Admin building. Great to see some new interest at last meeting. We do require a secretary, so if anyone wants to give it a go please let us know or come to the next meeting.

Justin Simpson

Bookclub

Issue 3 has been sent home and is due back at school by Wednesday 6 May. Please make cheques payable to Crows Nest State School P&C.

Uniforms

Uniforms will be on sale on Friday between 8:30am to 11:00am. We have new and second hand uniforms for sale. We are located in the music room. (building near the front gate).

Tuckshop News

Due to some volunteers unable to help at the tuckshop, we require some more hands to help. Even if you can only do an hour or two, it all helps. We have a four week roster. Please contact Karran 46982031

Discoveries Through Landcare- Biodiversity Committee (Plants)

Hello students, teachers and parents we are the biodiversity animals group. Sam is the secretary, Camille is the chairperson and Jake is the head of publicity.

We would like to tell you about our ideas this year for Landcare. Some of these ideas are making a koala reserve from the car park to the soil plot and planting native gums for the koalas.

We would also like to hand out koala flyers at the annual Crows Nest Bike Ride. It is our goal to achieve the same as last year with the wombat flyers.

We are going to build some bird houses because when we walked around the school we only found six in good condition.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please come and share them with us.

Discoveries Through Landcare Fundraiser Sale Thursday 21 May

Can you help us?

Please bring in your unwanted trash which may become someone else's treasure. A perfect opportunity to have a clean out!

Please deliver your trash to Year 6/7C classroom by 18 May. Thank you

<p>Tuckshop Group 3 29 April</p> <p>Workers Bobby Goddard Jenny Pendlebury Kristy Myles Kym Campbell</p> <p>Suppliers Patty Cakes- Jodie Parton Slice- Karen Moody</p>

<p>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER</p> <p>Wednesday 29 April Northern Downs Cross Country</p> <p>Monday 4 May Labor Day Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday 5 May Inner Downs Tennis</p> <p>Friday 8 May Crows Nest Show Holiday</p>
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Hearing or Vision Problems

The Child and Family Health nurse, Anne Collins, will be visiting Crow's Nest State School in early May. She will be specifically targeting hearing or vision concerns. If you would like your child to be assessed by Anne please complete the attached slip and return it to school by **Wednesday, 29th April**. Please contact the Deputy Principal, Kaarin Littleton, for more information or further queries.

Child's Name & Class.	Referral Concern
Eg. Joe Blogs 5C	Hearing – can only hear the TV when it is very loud.
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Parent signature: _____

For entries into the Junior Section of the Show

There is a number of sections in the schedule this year. If you are interested a copy can be obtained at the office.

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 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
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19th Aug	3-7	29th July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....

The BIG M Promotion

*Skim Board has been scratched up,
CONGRATULATIONS to Peter Rose.
Keep scratching as there are still plenty of drinks to be won, Happy scratching.*
Karran Simpson (Convener).