



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**Edition 24**

**28/07/09**

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### **Principal's Message**

#### **Important notice to parents**

#### **Teacher Strike Action**

Following negotiations in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, the Queensland Teachers' Union has suspended planned industrial action scheduled for Wednesday 29 July 2009.

Therefore, Crows Nest State School will operate as normal on this day.

Negotiations between the Government and the Queensland Teachers Union are still occurring before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

The QTU has signalled to its members that a state wide teacher stoppage is scheduled for all school communities on Wednesday 05 August.

Central Office will advise parents through the Principal of updates as they come to hand.

#### **Triennial School Review Update**

The four areas of interest that our school identified in our Triennial School Review are

- Relationships - chaired by Kaarin Littleton
- Partnerships - chaired by Louise Leggett
- Curriculum - chaired by Claire Thichtener
- Behaviour - chaired by Justin Kummerow

Each group has been meeting over the last few weeks and will be submitting their recommendations to me by this Friday.

These recommendations will be used to write our School Strategic Plan which will establish our school direction for the next three years.

Our Strategic Plan will be presented at our next P&C Meeting and the verification of our Triennial School Review will be conducted on Friday 11 September with senior Education Queensland personnel.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved with this valuable process in our school

#### **2010 Staffing and Class Allocations**

Work has commenced on planning for our 2010 Staffing and Class Allocations. To assist me, I ask if families are aware they will not be attending Crows Nest State School in 2010 to let me know.

Also, if you are aware of any new families who could be moving to our district or who have students commencing Prep in 2010, could I encourage you to have them contact our school office or visit our website for an Enrolment Package.

Our predicted student enrolments will assist me in identifying the number of staff we require next year. Only when this is known can we begin to establish the classes that we will be running in 2010.

Staffing and Class Allocations will not be released until later in Term 4.

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

Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you do with what happens to you.

*Aldous Huxley*

Regards,

Scott Edmunds  
Principal



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

Congratulations to the Week 3 recipients.

#### *Student of the Week*

- 1C Rowan Morris - Completing all Year 1 Wordlists  
Dylan Myles - Completing Premier's Reading Challenge  
Xueqj Liu - Completing Premier's Reading Challenge  
2C Pharyn Ellison - Displaying good manners at all times -  
5/6C Lucas Murray - a great effort on his argument  
6/7C Emily Ripps - self confidence and an excellent poetry presentation

### **Tuckshop News**

The tuckshop **WILL be OPEN** tomorrow. Good luck to Prep-3 for your coming sports day this Friday. Don't forget your tuckshop orders. If there is anyone that is able to help out in the tuckshop for one day a month, please contact *Karran Simpson* on 4698 2031.

### **Bookclub**

Issue 5 is due back Wednesday 29 July. Please make cheques payable to Crows Nest State School P&C.

### **Uniform Price Rise**

Due to an increase in price by our Supplier, school shirts will now be \$29.00 each and school hats will be \$12.00 each. There is limited stock available still at \$23.00 for shirts. For uniform enquiries please contact Andrea Scheffe the Uniform Co-ordinator.

### **Positions Vacant**

#### **Registered Nurse**

Permanent Part-time: 0.7 FTE (50 hrs 45minutes per fortnight)

Work Base Location: Clifford Park Special School, Toowoomba

The classification for this position is NU2 - equivalent to Grade 6 in Qld Health.

Work Duties include;

- Applying current methodologies in the provision of nursing services to students with multiple impairments in State Schools.
- Training and supervising school staff to deliver specialised health procedures to students in schools
- Most of the work will be conducted at Clifford Park Special School with some training of staff required in other State Schools in the Region.

The Position will be advertised in the Courier Mail on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or the advertisement can be accessed via Smart Jobs and Careers at

<http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au>  
<<http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au/>>

From 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Applications close August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

For more information contact Andrew Hawke (46145333)

### **Development Cup**

A combined Crow's Nest/Goombungee/Geham under 12 rugby league team participated in the regional Development Cup earlier this year. They competed against Toowoomba and surrounding district schools. With very few practice sessions they performed admirably, only missing the finals by a matter of a few points. The top 5 schools being separated by only 4 points. Well done.

### **Rugby Union Gala Day**

On Wednesday a combined Crow's Nest/Goombungee/Geham under 12 rugby team participated in a DD Primary Schools rugby union Gala Day at Grammar. They played three



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games, against Cecil Plains (40-0 win), Goondiwindi (40-10 loss) and Fairview Heights (135-0 win). This is an outstanding effort considering we had no full training sessions, only 5 of the 17 boys had ever played union before and many only met each other just before the first game started. These boys should be commended on their fair play and the spirit of which they all played all the games. I am proud to be associated with a great bunch of mature and well behaved boys.

Cameron Littleton (coach)

### **Lost**

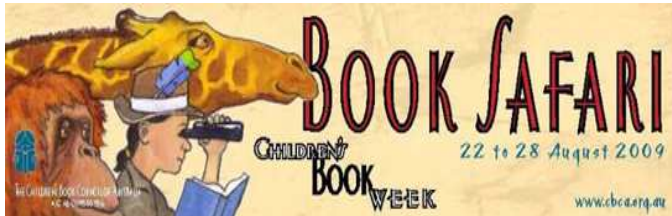
"Lorus" watch with blue vinyl band. If found please return to the school office.

### **Library Notice.**

#### **"Children's Book Week 2009."**

(Saturday 22-Friday 28, August 2009.)

The theme for 2009 is... "**Book Safari.**"



### **Library Fundraiser!!!**

**Book Fair** during "Children's Book Week."

A Book Fair will be held in Area A of the school library from: **Monday 24 - Thursday 27 August.**

### **Monday 24 August Children's Book Week Costume Parade!!!**

All students from P to 10 are encouraged to dress up as a "**Safari Explorer**" or a "**Safari Animal**" e.g. a lion or **as their favourite book character** on Monday 24 August with a parade of costumes during the school assembly that morning.

There will be prizes for the best costumes!!!

A display of the "Children's Book Week 2009" shortlist books will be on display in the library for the rest of this term. The winning books will be announced on Saturday 22 August.

### ***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

**11 August**

Inner Downs Athletics

**14 August**

Inner Downs Sec Athletics

**24 August**

Inner Downs Cricket

**24 -28 August**

Book Week

**29 Aug-4 Sept**

Canberra Excursion

### **Tuckshop Emergent Group 28 July**

#### **Workers**

Karran Simpson

Carolyn Asher

Donna Battams

Lynn Ripps

#### **Suppliers**

*Patty Cakes-* Dale Kearns