



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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National Landcare Awards

Last week, Principal Mr Scott Edmunds and Year 7 Teacher Mrs Lee Reushle attended the National Landcare Awards in Canberra. Camperdown College, a small secondary school in south-west Victoria with around 450 students was announced the winner of the Westpac Landcare Education Award

All schools had the opportunity to present their Landcare projects to each other in a session before the awards ceremony. It was interesting and inspiring as to what our teachers and students are doing around Australia.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the People's Choice section and also thank you to everyone who continues to support the school in this valuable work.

The school would also like to congratulate the Crows Nest Shire on its attendance at the awards as well.

USB Flash Drives

2009 Booklists will be released soon and next year we are asking all students in Years 6-10 to purchase a 1GB USB Flash Drive. Parents and students can get in early and purchase these from the school office for \$10.00.

Bike Ride

The Bike Ride Committee is still seeking volunteers who can assist at this year's event. Money raised will go towards the installation of refrigerators in all classrooms for Primary and Secondary students. It promises to be a very big Bike Ride this year and we will need as many helpers as we can. Are you able to assist? Please contact the committee if you can.

International Essay Competition

Students aged eight to 18 are invited to put their writing skills to the challenge and enter the 125th annual Royal Commonwealth Society's Essay Competition.

Every year, the competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world — the last competition attracted more than 6700 entries from 1300 schools across the Commonwealth.

Cash prizes are awarded to each age class as well as special prizes for entrants with a disability.

There are four age bands:

Class A - 16-18 years

Class B - 14-15 years

Class C - 12-13 years

Class D - under 12 years.

Students have a choice of five different essay questions, ranging from sport to evolution. The cash prizes on offer are £100 to £500 (approximately \$AUD250 to \$AUD1250).

For more information and conditions of entry, visit www.rcsint.org/essay

Entries close March 2009.

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 4 recipients.

Student of the Week

Prep Rowan - can tie shoelaces

2C Jessica Laird - great effort at very neat homework

3C Phillip Reinke - focussing well in class

4C Beau Crook - giving his best even with a broken arm

4C Lindsay Blinco - being a helpful peer tutor

4C Judah Salt - conscientious work efforts

Academic Awards

- 8C Abi Walker - achieving excellent results in English and an improved effort in Maths
- 8C Eleanorah Gersekowski - consistently achieving high results in English

Yr 1-3 Stranger Danger / Wear Red for Daniel

A reminder that this Friday our Prep – Yr 3 students will participate in Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is an initiative of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to raise awareness and promote the message of protection, safety and opportunity for all children. Students are encouraged to wear an item of clothing that is red to help promote the message and wonderful work of this foundation.

Crows Nest Day Parade

Thank-you to the students and staff who represented our school in the Crows Nest Day parade. Your support is very much appreciated by the whole school community.

Biodiversity in School Grounds

This year we have made some traps to survey the animals in school grounds. We put oats, peanut butter and honey on little lids. What we did with them is we put a pipe, paper, ink pads and found a bushy place to put it so we could find an animal with out catching it. The animal's runs across the stamp pad and then the paper to get the tasty treat. Once we have the footprints, we identify them using a book called Tracks, Scats and Other Traces. So far we have only found house mice. Also we have seen signs of birds around the school. There are pigeons, magpies, crows, plovers and black cockatoos, pale handed rosellas, rainbow lorikeets, apostle birds, galahs and the honey eater. At the frog pond we have also seen a white face heron. The frog pond already has frogspawn, tadpoles and we can hear frogs.

Friday Tuckshop

At first break tuckshop will sell drinks, iceblocks and chips.

Melbourne Cup Party

The local Ambulance Committee will be holding a Melbourne Cup Day at the Crows Nest Golf Club on Tuesday 4 November at 10:00am. Lunch, Fashion Parade and Cent Sale will all take place on the day. Cost is \$20.00 and tickets are available from the Advertiser.

Tuckshop News

The next tuckshop meeting is on Wednesday 29th October at 11:30 am at the tuckshop. All are welcome to attend. Any queries phone Andrea Schefe 46 979 101.

Special Forever

These poems are written by students in Year 7. If you log onto the website Special Forever you can read more poems.

Journey of a Bilby

By Sarah

Cautiously treat through the lonely bush
Rustling of dead fallen leaves reaches my attentive ears
Wind whistling slightly
My nose twitches, sensing a lurking predator nearby
I slyly creep through the wild scrub, unknown to human inhabitants
Tentatively I poke my alert nose into the dangerous, open territory.
Checking to see if all is sound, I enter the battleground of man and prey
My senses tell me I am not alone
Something grabs me
My feet lift off the ground
I struggle, panic taking over my helpless body
The only thing I can do is defend myself
My weapon, blunt teeth that hardly seem treacherous
Twisting my body, I turn towards my foe
My instincts confirm that this thing is human
Have I no hope against this dangerous creature?
Inexplicably the human is wounded
My captor howls in pain
Relief overcomes me
I am free, at least for now.



The Possum

By Giovanna

Dark was creeping closer
As I quickly, quietly struggled through the bush
Leaves underfoot barely make a sound
I take a break to admire the breathtaking beauty
Smell of eucalyptus lingers in the air
Out of the corner of my eyes I see it

Staring from the top of a gum tree as in a trance
Eyes shining like flashlights
Grey, brown fur
Step closer
SNAP...
Possum scurries away.

Possum thought
What is staring at me like a hungry owl?
Why invade my home like a burglar?
Is it here to take me away?
Or is it a friend?
What WAS that?



The Amphibian

By Chelsea

I brush against the moist leaves
My eyes gaze all around
I'm searching for my prey that doesn't want to be found
Sweet smell of native flowers and moist moss float
Through the air like mist
Down by the creek the frogs are croaking,
Rocks are slippery.
In the distance the sun emerges from its cosy bed
Giving light to the world
My camera in hand
Finger on button
On standby for proof of this wonderful creature
Its skin a sticky mud puddle
Watchful glinting eyes are there somewhere –
I know you are...
Click
Flash!
Captured
His eyes shine even in the picture.

Casual Cleaners Needed

From time to time the school requires casual cleaners to replace our permanent cleaners who are either on sick or long service leave. If you are interested in putting your name on the school's casual cleaners list, please contact Sharon Taylor, Business Services Manager, Crows Nest State School on (07) 46 983 111. All applicants must have a current Blue Card or be willing to apply for one.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

27 – 31 October 2008
Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp

11 November 2008
Remembrance Day

21 November 2008
School Concert

25 November 2008
Awards Evening

27 November 2008
Year 10 Dinner

28 November 2008
Last Day for Year 10

TUCKSHOP Group 2 29/10/08

Workers

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Maree Copley
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Annette Baxter
Melissa Eldridge

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Patty Cakes- Crows Nest
Care Services
Slice- Marilyn Stevens