



# Crows Nest State School

## *NEWSLETTER*

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

Congratulations to the Week 3 recipients.

#### *Student of the Week*

3C David T - Working well in class  
5C Maddy F-G - Doing beautiful bookwork  
6C Tonya S - Being enthusiastic and having a good time  
7C Grant M - Improvement in all areas! Well done!!

#### *Academic Awards*

9C Luke C - Continual pleasing effort and hard work in Year 9 Maths



### **Student Absences**

It is a requirement for parents/guardians to notify the school of all student absences. As an audit requirement, the school must request a reason for an absence if this information has not been supplied. Currently, families are sent a letter requesting this information.

To reduce paperwork in our office, we will be trialling contacting parents by phone instead of posting a letter home.

We would however, appreciate if parents continue to notify the school of any student absences.

### **Disability Action Week Awards**

The outstanding achievements of a person, group or organisation helping to make a difference for people with a disability should not go unnoticed.

Nominations are open now for the 2008 Disability Action Week Awards.

The Awards recognise individuals and organisations that have contributed to improving the quality of life of people with a disability in Queensland.

Nominations for the 2008 awards are now open in the following 10 categories:

- Individual
- Employment
- Transport
- Local and state government
- Private enterprise
- Community organisation
- Media
- Building accessible housing and environments
- Education and arts
- Human rights and justice.

Nominations close 8 August and the awards will be presented at a ceremony in Brisbane during Disability Action Week (14 – 20 September).

To learn more about the awards or download a nomination form, visit the Disability Services Queensland website at:

[www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek/awards.htm](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek/awards.htm)

For further information, contact:

Disability Action Week State Planning Committee

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### **2008 Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the 2008 Premier's Reading Challenge by experiencing or reading 20 books at home or at school and returned their Reading Logs:

Riley Brackenbury  
Hannah Simpson  
Edward Hatt  
Corey Plant

At the completion of the Reading Challenge all participating students will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland. We look forward to receiving many more completed Reading Logs over the coming weeks.

### **Tri Series Rugby League Games**

This Friday the Combined Crows Nest Rugby League school team will play Highfields State School in the first of 2 games as part of the Tri Series Rugby League competition. The team will play one game each against Highfields and Mary MacKillop. I am confident that the boys will represent our school proudly and participate to the best of their ability. I am sure the school community wish them all the very best.

### **Thank-You Yr 1-3 Parents**

The school would like to thank all of the Yr 1-3 parents who were able to attend the information session concerning Homework last week. It was very encouraging to see so many parents in attendance. We would also like to recognise the parents who were not able to attend however put in their apologies for the meeting. We look forward to your feedback throughout this term as we trial an alternative way in which homework is viewed and completed. By now all Yr 1-3 families should have received information concerning The Homework Grid. If you have not received the information please contact your child's classroom teacher.

### **2008 Brisbane Ekka Camp**

Each year a special camp is held at the Brisbane Ekka at which students hone writing skills, develop interview technique and other skills

related to producing three editions of the Ekka Courier. Students who are fortunate enough to attend take on the role of real life journalists for a week.

This year there were a large number of applications from students across the state, competing for only 20 places at the camp.

Our students work is compared to the work of others and this year was also screened by a Brisbane Year 7 teacher who assisted with final selection. Crows Nest students compare well with Year 7's from other schools.

Congratulations to Chelsea Blinco and Tim Stevens for being selected to represent our school this year at the Ekka Camp. Well done to Phoebe Bridges who has also been invited to attend for two days to help produce the first edition of the Ekka Courier.

These students will be fine ambassadors for our school. Well done Chelsea, Tim & Phoebe.

### **P&C News**

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to say a big thankyou to all those who have supported me over the time that I have been P&C President. The encouraging words and support has been appreciated. I hope someone steps up to the challenge and can help the hard working executive committee to continue it's rewarding work contributing to our children's education.

Take care and keep safe

Darani

### **Tuckshop News**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to lack of volunteers the tuckshop will be closed tomorrow **30 July**.



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### Australia-wide and International Academic Competition

We encourage **ALL** students to participate in these competitions.

Competition	Cost	Sitting Date	Years	Payment Closing Date
Aust Math	4.50	31 July	8-10	Closed
ICAS English	6.00	12 Aug	3-10	Closed
ICAS Computer	6.00	27 Aug	3-10	30 July

### A Letter Home

These letters were written by students in Year 5. They are a letter home to their parents and was set in the convict era.

*Sydney Cove  
New South Wales  
Great South Land  
28th March, 1788*

*Dear Mother and Father,*

*I hope you got my letter. No one is happy.*

*When the lazy convicts don't work, me and my mates have to do their jobs, like cutting down trees, building fences, repairing tools and feeding the animals.*

*'Bout" forty men and women have died so far from scurvy, the lack of food, fresh water and exhaustion. It has been dreadful, because five of me best mates have already died!*

*But at least this strange land bought something good, because I found out that General Captain's daughter Ruby fancies me and I*

*fancy her, and since I fancy her, and since she fancies me I get extra food and water. Now that I get more food than the other convicts, they're trying to steal all of me food, but Ruby don't want any of that, she made a guard follow me around. I wish she would stop doing it, but me don't think so.*

*Your loving son,  
Michael*

*Written by Hayden Fowler*

*Sydney Cove  
New South Wales  
Great South Land  
5 April, 1788*

*Dear Mother and Father,*

*As you already know I have been in this strange land for two months now, and in my opinion, the conditions haven't been quite stable.*

*Food availability is a growing problem. Fifty of my best mates have already been laid to rest from scurvy and starvation. It has cost us dearly.*

*When we got off the large vessel, we were given posts. I was given the job of looking after the pigs, sheep and cattle. After I had finished building the separate pens for the animals, I had blisters all over my hands, a scarlet face and my back and legs felt like twigs, ready to*



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*break. When I finished the last pen (the cows).  
I thought  
One side looked unsteady but I decided that it  
will hold.*

*At this very moment, my stomach is growling  
due to hunger and my throat is parched from  
thirst. In my point of view, I think the bout of  
starvation and scurvy is getting worse. All of us  
who aren't affected hope it doesn't reach us.*

*Along with all the things that are happening  
around here, I am dearly homesick. My closest  
relative here is cousin Elizabeth. Please send all  
my friends and family best wishes and please  
write back as soon as possible.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael*

*Written by Hannah Simpson*

### **District Athletics Carnival**

The carnival will be held tomorrow Wednesday  
30 July.



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