



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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2009 Updates Staffing

During last week we were notified about our replacement Deputy Principal. Ms Kaarin Grinstead, Principal Capella State School, will begin as our new Deputy Principal from the start of 2009. I am sure that you all join me in welcoming Kaarin to our school.

Mr Justin Kummerow will continue in his current role of Acting Head of Department for Semester 1 next year. It is highly likely that this position will be advertised and filled through the recruitment and selection process early next year.

Mrs Janita Simpson will be teaching in the Secondary department for Semester 1 next year, replacing Justin. We welcome Janita to our staff for 2009.

A full list of our school staff appears in our School Handbook available on our website.

Primary Class Structures

It should be noted that we have been constantly reviewing our class structures and teacher allocations for next year. Our class structures are determined by student ratio guidelines stipulated by Education Queensland.

Following feedback from concerned parents and a review of our possible student numbers for 2009, we have made slight alterations to our Primary class structures.

Primary classes will now be:

Prep: Bente Moller

Junior

Multi-age: Jennie Horrex
Debbie Williams
Colleen Hopper

Year 4/5: Wayne Smith
Year 4/5: Penny Butler
Year 5/6: Jill Zell/Wendy Hughes
Year 6/7: Lee Reushle
Year 6/7: Liz Brandon

Student class allocations for 2009 will be finalised throughout this week and will be released to families next week.

School Uniform

An error was found in our information about the formal school uniform. This has now been rectified.

Details of our formal school uniform are available in the school handbook which can be obtained from our school office or is available on our school website, www.crownestss.eq.edu.au and is located under Forms and Policies.

Junior Multi-age Information Session

Once again, many thanks to all those families who were able to attend our information session about our Junior Multi-age class for 2009. We hope that we could answer all of your questions and quell any concerns that you had. If there are further questions that families may have, please contact the school and talk with the teachers, Mr Mathewson or Mr Edmunds.

Safe school holidays

As students around the state head home for summer holidays, it is an important time of year to be mindful of your children's safety.

Some simple precautions can help to make sure that your children have a fun and safe holiday.

Things to keep in mind to ensure your child returns safely to school in 2009 include:

- Is the pool properly fenced with a self-closing, self-latching gate?
- Have they “slip, slop, slapped” against the strong summer sun, by donning a shirt and hat and plenty of sunscreen?
- If travelling, are your children belted properly in the car? Or if on a bicycle are they wearing a crash helmet and are they aware of the road rules?
- Beware of driveway dangers. Don't let young children play on driveways.
- Stranger Danger. Take the time to talk with your child about this important issue and what they should do if approached by a stranger.

Every year Fair Trading Queensland identifies toys that have been deemed dangerous. To find out Christmas toys deemed unsafe this year visit the Fair Trading Queensland website at: <http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/>

Most importantly make sure the whole family knows to call 000 in an emergency, for the ambulance, police or the fire brigade.

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 9 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1/3N All Year 1 - Fire Safety Certificates
 2C Paris Nelson - being a quiet achiever
 2C Lachlan Yaxley - being a quiet achiever
 3C Riley Brackenbury - consistent effort in all areas
 6C Marshall Hanson - contribution and hard work on bike ride
 6C Kaia Bausch - creative and enthusiastic effort on project work

Academic Awards

- 8C Jacob Bowles - greatly improved results in Science
 8C Charles Nightingale-Smith - receiving and A on his Science exam
 8C Rachael Cowie - receiving an A on her Science exam
 8N Jared Scheffe - 100% in SOSE test and an A on his Science exam
 8N Tanya Heilig - greatly improved results in Science
 8N Danikka Freeman - receiving and A on her Science exam
 8N Connie Kelk - receiving and A on her Science exam
 9C Dominik Kohler - greatly improved results in Year 9 Maths
 9C Tyanna Cox - greatly improved results in Year 9 Maths and Science



2008 Annual Awards Evening

Congratulations to all of the students who received an award or leadership position at our 2008 Annual Awards ceremony. It was wonderful to see so many parents, family members, friends, past students, community members, invited guests, staff and current Crows Nest State School students attend the evening.

Such an evening is only possible due to the generous support of our sponsors. We would like to thank the following organisations and businesses for their support of the 2008 Annual Awards Evening.

*Toowoomba Regional Shire Council
 HART Sports
 Crows Nest Sub Branch of RSL
 Crows Nest Bakery
 Crows Nest Lions Club
 Ken Cox Concreting
 Crows Nest/Cooyar Masonic Lodge
 Crows Nest Newsagency
 Meats and More
 Ray White Rural Crows Nest
 Wayne's World
 Ray Hopper – MLA
 Crows Nest Tyre Service
 Darryl and Heather Ehrlich
 Crows Nest Advertiser
 Highfields Florist
 QCWA Crows Nest
 Range Charter Coaches
 Great Eastland Trophies
 Grand Old Crow Hotel
 KJ METFAB Pty Ltd*

Once again congratulations to all involved and we look forward to continuing our association with our sponsors well into the future.

A copy of our 2008 Annual Awards Evening recipients can be obtained from the school office.

2009 Canberra Camp Meeting

On Monday, the 8th of December, we will be holding our last Canberra Camp meeting in the staffroom at 3.15pm. Our main aim will be to organise the Bunnings bbq during the school holidays as well as formalise the Multi Draw Raffle for Term 1 2009.

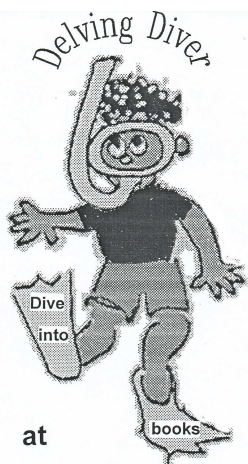
Reward Day

The Reward Day for students who have been gained or maintained an outstanding level of behaviour this term will be held in the last week of school. Students will be invited to participate in fun aquatic activities at the town pool under the guidance of school staff. A letter will be sent home to the Outstanding Students later this week.

P&C News

Help is needed for the ham wheel at Christmas in the Park on 12th December from 5 pm. Anyone interested in helping, please phone

**SCHOOL
RESUMES
ON
TUESDAY
27
JANUARY
2009**



Crows Nest Library

Dive into books

**Holiday Reading Program
at the
Crows Nest Library
Prizes Activities Lucky
Dips**

Join the Delving Divers
anytime from Monday 15th
December

For further details contact
the Library
Phone 4698 1585

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**

**12 December 2008
Last Day for 2008**