



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Reading to your child – hints for parents

Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child's reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom.

You can help your child with their reading by:

- reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it's a great way to set an example that reading is important
- asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner's readers, library books and picture books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier
- using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining
- letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn't matter if you read the same book several times
- joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children's librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit:

www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Youth4Unity National Youth Leadership Day Congress and Multicultural Concert

All Queensland secondary school students are invited to take part in the first annual Youth4Unity National Youth Leadership Day Congress on 3 April 2009.

The Youth Leadership Day Congress is for young people aged 13 to 25 years. It will be held from 8.30am to 2.30pm at QUT's Gardens Theatre, and entry is by donation.

Following the congress a Multicultural Concert will be held from 6.30pm at the Roma Street Parklands. Everyone is welcome and a gold coin donation is invited.

Both of these events have been planned to coincide with Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations and National Youth Week by Brisbane-based organisation Youth4Unity. Youth4Unity aims to promote tolerance and social harmony and celebrate ethnic, linguistic, cultural and economic richness. It also aims to inspire young people to get involved in their community.

Themes for discussion at the congress will include cyber-bullying, making the right choices, youth and community leadership and celebrating our community and state.

The evening's special Multicultural Concert will feature performances by the acclaimed Kidz2Kidz choir, Tarni Stephens and Radio Flyer.

For more information and to register for the congress visit:

www.youth4unity.org.au

Thought for the Week

The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must all pay for success. *Vince Lombardi*

Regards,



Scott Edmunds
Principal

Living With Your Teen

Tip 5: Make Special Memories

- Doing special things together can have lasting effects.
- Take the family to a special show you wouldn't usually go to.
- Create traditions that are special to your family (eg way to celebrate birthdays).
- Make sure your teen feels part of the wider family (they may groan but try to show them the importance of extended families).
- Allow your teen to take a friend with you on holiday.

Have faith in them:

- If they make a mistake, have faith they will do better next time.
- Let them know they are special.
- Ask their advice about something they know a lot about (eg mobile phones)

Debbie (Youth Health Nurse)

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 10 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1-3 Keely Otto - improved attitude in all areas
- 1-3 Chelsea Young - being a helpful, co-operative class member
- 6/7C Hannah Simpson - excellent assignment and research work
- 6/7C Tabitha Tindall - excellent assignment and research work
- 6/7C Lily Goddard - excellent assignment and research work
- 6/7C Samuel Emmert - excellent assignment and research work
- 6/7C Monique Edser - excellent assignment and research work
- 6/7C Jayden Borgstahl - trying his best and motivation for Landcare activities
- 6/7N Emily Kahler - doing a great job with her Energy project

Wednesday April 8

Cross Country

- 1) High School
- 2) PREP
- 3) Grade 1
- 4) Grade 2
- 5) Grade 3
- 6) Grade 7
- 7) Grade 6
- 8) Grade 5
- 9) Grade 4

- High School to run first. (approx 18min to first student)
- Immediately once the high school starts, the Prep students will begin.
- Grade 1 to follow (primary captains to help)
- Grade 2 to follow (primary captains to help)
- Grade 3 to follow (primary captains to help)
- By this time the first half of the secondary students will be complete, remaining students will be on a different section of the track.
- Grade 7 to follow (secondary captains to help)
- Grade 6 to follow (secondary captains to help)
- Grade 5 to follow (secondary captains to help)
- Grade 4 to follow (secondary captains to help)
- Grades 4 to 7 – once the first 20 students complete the course, the next event will begin.

Situation Vacant – Crossing Supervisor

Hours are 8am -9am and 2.50-3.20 pm
Monday to Friday, week on week off basis. Training is provided, Blue Card required.
Commences Term 2. Applications close COB Wednesday 8 April. For more information, please contact Julie McDonald BSM on 46983111.

Canberra Snowy Trip

Could all raffle tickets sold or unsold please be **returned to the school by Friday 3 April**. This will be drawn on Wednesday 8 April.

Discoveries Through Landcare News

Mrs Reushle's 6/7C has formed their committees for Landcare in 2009.

Hayden, Rochelle, Russell, Jayden and Erik are the propagation committee. Jayden Borgstahl is the Chairperson. Russell Smith is the Secretary. We all help with projects.

Our job is to care for the greenhouse, grow more plants, look after the frog pond and teach our classmates about seeds and cuttings.

We are concerned about the amount of rubbish and food being found around the frog pond. Please walk and put your rubbish in the bin. Also please do not step on the plants around the pond. We have just planted new ones. This group has also been helping Mrs Hopper's class replace dead plants and put in new ones. We hope to ask Mr Plant to teach us about native seeds and plants.

If you see us around the grounds stop and chat. We'd love to tell you about what we're doing.

Jayden, Russell, Erik, Rochelle & Hayden 6/7C.

School Holidays start Friday 10 April.

School Resumes 21 April.

Haden State School

Expression of Interest

Temporary Teacher Aide Position
20th April 09 – 11th December 09
Possibility of extension

20 hours per week

Please contact: Nicola Leslie



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Or



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UNIFORM SALE AT THE SCHOOL

New & Used items
Friday 3rd April
8:30am to 11am

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
Rio Tinto Science	\$4.50	21st May	8-10	Closed
ICAS Computer Skills	\$6	27th May	3-10	3rd April
ICAS Science	\$6	10th June	3-10	22nd April
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
Aust. Math Competition	\$4.50	6th Aug	8-10	24 th April
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19th Aug	3-7	29th July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....

Parent/Guardian

Tuckshop Group 4 1 April

Workers

Lyn Ripps
Jenny Smith
Julie Proud
Wendy Borgstahl
Jillian Neilson

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Linda Christensen
Slice- Jenny Smith