



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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2009 School Planning

We are currently finalising our staffing for 2009. It is expected that we will release our teachers for 2009 next week and we hope to be able to release class allocations for students prior to completion of the school year.

School Gate

We would like to remind everyone that for the safety of your children and to limit traffic movement through our school grounds that our front gate will be closed from 8:15am-9:00am and 2:45pm- 3:10pm each school day.

Under no circumstance will the gate be opened during these times, unless for reasons deemed necessary by the school.

This is a school based decision with the endorsement of our P&C. If parents or visitors to our school wish to discuss this matter, they should contact the school administration. The Crossing Supervisors have been advised to report any incidences involving people trying to open the gate during these times.

Kids Helpline

We'd all like to think that when our children and young people have problems, they can talk openly to an adult they trust – but this isn't always the case.

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential and anonymous telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between five and 25.

More than 12,000 calls and online contacts are made to Kids Helpline every week about issues ranging from relationship breakdown, bullying, sexual abuse, mental health issues,

homelessness, suicidal thoughts, and drug and alcohol usage.

The service provides counselling over the phone or via email and the web. All counsellors are fully qualified, paid professionals who undergo additional accredited training.

The demand for the Kids Helpline service increases in the lead-up to Christmas. So don't let a child you know become a statistic – make sure every child knows where they can get support.

The Kids Helpline number is 1800 55 1800.

To find out more about Kids Helpline or to get involved in raising awareness or much-needed funds, visit the website: www.kidshelp.com.au, email: admin@kidshelp.com.au or phone Jessica Tatzenko (07) 3867 1248.

How does Queensland sound to you?

To celebrate next year's 150th anniversary of Queensland's statehood, an exciting new project wants you to help compile the sounds of Queensland.

Project '150 Sounds of Queensland' is asking all Queenslanders to nominate a sound unique and important to a local place or our community.

Have a think and listen, and make a list of:

- living sounds – sounds you hear today, or everyday
- sounds that are changing, endangered or being lost
- sounds in memory – sounds from the past.

The sounds should have social, cultural, historic or environmental meaning. You need to explain



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why they should be saved for future generations and how you might do it. Nominations are open to all individuals and groups and close in March 2009.

Selected sounds will be professionally recorded with a plan to become part of the Queensland sound archive.

For more information, visit:
www.ecco.org.au/150sound or email:
150sound@ecco.org.au

The project is funded by Queensland's 150th Celebrations 2009 (Q150) Department of the Premier and Cabinet: www.q150.qld.gov.au

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 5 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 2C Tim Heilig - being a great helper
- 3C Beth Eldridge - being a quiet worker and always trying her best
- 4C Sebastian Pyers - never complaining about his plasters

Academic Awards

- 9C Athol Busiko - achieving excellent results in core and extension Year 9 Maths
- 9C Shannon Tindall - achieving excellent results in core and extension Year 9 Maths
- 9C Makayla Collins - achieving excellent results in core and extension Year 9 Maths
- 9C Luke Christensen - achieving top marks in core and extension Year 9 Maths

Yr 6 Tallebudgera Camp

This week Mr Edmunds and I sent a letter home to all of the students who participated in the Tallebudgera Camp to commend them on their wonderful behaviour and conduct while representing our school. The students were a credit to themselves, their family and the wider school community. Both groups of students were commended on their conduct and enthusiastic involvement. Well done students!

We would also like to thank the teachers and parent volunteer for the time which they contributed to the camp. Without their dedication and willingness to organise such events, these real life learning experiences would not take place. On behalf of the students and school community, thank-you.

Toowoomba Regional Council Mayoral Awards

Last Thursday one of our primary school students, Harrison Kaiser, was awarded a Mayoral Award as part of the Toowoomba Regional Council annual award presentation. Schools are encouraged to nominate a student who has work hard to overcome adversity throughout their schooling. Harrison was presented with his Mayoral Award due to his willingness and application to overcoming speech language issues. Congratulations Harrison, you should be very proud of the progress that you have achieved throughout your primary schooling, especially throughout 2008.

School Concert – Friday 21 November

This year Crow's Nest State School will be presenting its School Concert in the Multi-Purpose Building. The P & C will be hosting a BBQ prior to the commencement of the school concert from approximately 5:00 p.m. More details will be provided by them closer to the date

Our concert will commence at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. All classes from Prep through to Year 10 will be involved in items and we encourage you to support their participation.

Any specific requirements from students (e.g. costumes) will be provided to you by class teachers in the near future. If you have any queries about your child's participation please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you have any other queries please refer them through administration.

We are looking forward to sharing an enjoyable evening of entertainment with you!

Performing Arts Classes

The current Year 8 Performing Arts rotation group and the Year 9/10 Performing Arts class are



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currently working very hard with our school intern Mrs Mortensen. They will be presenting their plays at the School Concert on Friday 21st November. We do encourage parents to assist students in the learning of their lines and character development over the next few weeks. The Year 8 Visual Arts rotation group are currently designing and making many of the costume pieces and I can say they are looking fantastic!

We certainly think it is a wonderful opportunity to display our students' talents in the Performing Arts subjects that we offer, and we look forward to your continued support of and commitment to "The Arts" at Crow's Nest State School.

Crows Nest State School Magazine Available Thursday

The Crows Nest State School Magazine has finally been completed and it will be available from Thursday this week. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to its production and particularly to those who have pre-ordered your copy. For anyone that has not pre-ordered magazines it will be available from the Office for \$8 until sold out. Get in quick to avoid disappointment. The people who have ordered the magazine can pick it up at the front office.

Tuckshop News

- Ice-cream buckets are back in stock – 80c each.
- The last Wednesday of tuckshop for the year will be 26th November.
- There will be a brief meeting on 26th November to decide how much money to transfer to the P&C – 11:30am.
- Please consider helping out at tuckshop next year by coming and working in the tuckshop (even 9 until 11:30am) or supplying small cakes or slice.
- We are in urgent need of another worker for Wednesday 26th November.

Why not come along and try it out before volunteering for next year? Please phone me on 46 979 575.

Sharyn Macdonald

Crows Nest Day 2008 Colouring Competition Results

First- Asha Littleton, Amber Dempsey, Josie Copley, Kristin Brown, Emily Kahler

Second- Montanna Brackenbury, Lily Goddard

Third- Adin Nielsen, Judah Salt, Maizie Adams

Crows Nest Tennis Club Results

Junior Championship results are as follows:

"A" Boys Singles - Harrison Woodley

"A" Girls Singles – Shannon Tindall

"A" Boys Doubles – Harrison Woodley – Aaron Fowler

"A" Mixed Doubles – Shannon Tindall – Dominik Kohler

"B" Girls Singles – Tabitha Tindall

"B" Boys Singles – Matt Macdonald

"B" Mixed Doubles – Matt Macdonald – Lily Goddard

"B" Girls Double – Tabitha Tindall – Reanna McGreevy

"B" Boys Doubles – Todd White – Steven Spark

"B" Special Girls Singles – Reanna McGreevy

Most Improved – Lily Goddard

Bike Ride This Weekend

If you are interested in giving some of your time for this event please call Darani 46982079

Cerebral Palsy League Flea Market

Saturday November 8 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It will take place at 21 Scott Street, Toowoomba. All proceeds go to the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland.