



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

In December last year, Premier Anna Bligh requested Professor Geoff Masters of the Australian Council for Educational Research, to provide the government with advice on lifting primary school literacy, numeracy and science standards.

In January Professor Masters provided the government with a preliminary report that focussed strongly on preparation of students for the 2009 NAPLAN tests. Crows Nest has been very active in preparing our students for NAPLAN.

On Friday Professor Masters' final report *A Shared Challenge: Improving Literacy Numeracy and Science Learning in Queensland Primary Schools* was released.

This document is publicly available on the Education Queensland website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/mastersreview/>

The Report is focussed on ensuring that well prepared and resourced teachers are put into our classrooms, provide an environment of support and continuous professional development for our educators and nurture a school environment of high expectation and achievement.

Following four weeks of consultation, Cabinet will finalise the Government's response to Professor Masters' Report.

Parking Zones at School

It has been noted that many parents are parking illegally in the afternoons when they are collecting their children from school. We ask that in the safety of all students, that parents observe and obey the designated parking areas.

If parents are seen to be parking illegally we will record licence plates and report these to the police.

Cooking with Kids at Hampton Festival

Kids love cooking. Stirring the pot, licking the spoon, watching it cook and tasting the finished product - it is fun AND educational! This year the Hampton High Country Food and Arts Festival has a real treat in store for young chefs.

In his second appearance at the festival, Matt Golinski, renowned Sunshine Coast chef, will have the kids cooking for fun.

Matt is a devotee of using fresh seasonal produce in his cooking experiences. He is involved in the Slow Food movement on the Sunshine Coast, is a regular guest on TV's Ready Steady Cook and has developed his own catering and provider business, The Rolling Dolmade.

With three children of his own Matt is keen to inspire and educate children on healthy food choices. While he acknowledges that a treat is not out of the question, Matt is keen to show kids how a delicious, nutritious and healthy meal can be made simply and easily.

In alliance with Education Queensland's "Smart Choices" Healthy Food and Drink Strategy six students from Crows Nest State School will join in the fun and participate in 'Cooking with Kids' with Matt in the Guest Chef tent. The process from the good earth to the dinner table will be explained. Kids will go 'shopping' for ingredients from the market stalls, they will be instructed on the nutritional value of foods and then, the really fun bit, they will be assembling their ingredients into a delicious tasty meal.



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So come along and inspire your budding chefs - who knows they may be cooking YOU dinner soon!

Do you need help with literacy and numeracy?

To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

If you need assistance to develop your reading, writing, English language and numeracy skills, help is only a phone call away.

The Reading Writing Hotline

The Reading Writing Hotline is a nationwide service which can provide you with information on:

- where to find reading and writing classes for adults in your area
- learning resources for adults
- English as a second language programs
- Centrelink client programs
- literacy in the workplace.

You will be able to speak to an experienced adult literacy teacher who can answer your questions and offer support. If there are no classes available in your local area, the teacher will provide you with information about accessing learning support through distance education.

For more information telephone 1300 655 506 or visit: www.literacyline.edu.au/index.html

Queensland Council for Adult Literacy

The Queensland Council for Adult Literacy offers adults the chance to improve their reading, writing and numeracy.

The council also offers information about courses held throughout the state and other services for those with English as their second language.

For more information telephone (07) 3878 9944 or visit:

www.qcal.org.au/index.php

Thought for the Week

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Influenza Symptoms

The symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of seasonal influenza, including:

- fever;
- cough;
- sore throat;
- body aches;
- headache;
- chills; and
- fatigue.

Please note there are no reported cases of Swine Flu in Australia at present

Prevention tips

For both seasonal and swine flu, the best way to protect yourself and others is to:

- stay home when you are sick;
- wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel;
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- when coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- don't share items such as cigarettes, glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions;
- maintain at least one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing;
- consult your doctor if you have a cough and fever and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed; and
- if attending a medical practice or hospital Emergency Department, telephone



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beforehand so that they can arrange for you to be seen away from other people.

For more information visit the Queensland Health Website

Debbie (School Nurse)

Primary and Specialist Integrated Unit Plans

Overviews of primary and specialists units for Term 2, 2009, will be available for perusal on the school website by the end of this week. Copies are also placed on the noticeboard in the foyer area of administration for viewing.

Claire Thichtener (Head of Curriculum)

Discoveries Through Landcare-Community Cabinet

Ten Year 6/7C students attended the Community Cabinet Meeting at Highfields on Sunday 26 to present their concerns about excessive clearing of trees for road development along the New England Highway.

Action began in 2008 (our current Year 8's) sent letters to several government departments and all responded during February/March this year.

As a next step, students were granted a Formal Deputation with Minister Wallace (Main Roads) and Parliamentary Secretary Michael Choy (Natural Resources Energy and Trade)

Last week students from Years 6,7 and 8 met to prepare their case. Samuel Emmert, Matthew Pallister and Isaac Schefe were lucky enough to meet and shake hands with Premier Anna Bligh, while Leanna Gardner joined them while they chatted with our new Minister for Education, Geoff Wilson.

Lily Goddard, Tabitha Tindall, Matthew Pallister and Samuel Emmert spoke exceptionally well on behalf of the group when presenting their concerns to Mr Choy. Also involved were Year 6 students Hannah Simpson, Kristina McGreevy, Chloe Wood and Year 7, Monique Edser.

Crows Nest community may well be proud of its young people. Their behaviour was exemplary,

attitude and approach mature and all were neatly dressed in formal uniform.

Thank you to parents whose support with transport allowed us to attend. I felt especially proud of these students on Sunday! Well Done!
Lee Reushle (reports from students next week)



Bookclub

Issue 3 has been sent home and is due back at school by Wednesday 6 May. Please make cheques payable to Crows Nest State School P&C.

Uniforms

Uniforms will be on sale on Friday 15 May between 8:30am to 11:00am. We have new and second hand uniforms for sale. We are located in the music room. (building near the front gate).

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 |
|------------------|------|----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| ICAS English | \$6 | 4 th Aug | 3-10 | 10 th June |
| ICAS Mathematics | \$6 | 19 th Aug | 3-7 | 29 th July |

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....



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Tuckshop Meeting

Next **WEDNESDAY** 13 May

11:30 am

In the School Tuckshop

All Welcome

EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATES

Parents are requested to update all student information and emergency contact details if they have changed.

We need this information to be accurate so we can contact you in the event that your child becomes ill or injured.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 8 May

Crows Nest Show Holiday

12,13,14 May

National Testing

Wednesday 20 May

Inner Downs Cross Country

Tuckshop Group 4 06 May

Workers

Lyn Ripps

Jenny Smith

Julie Proud

Wendy Borgstahl

Jillian Neilson

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Linda Christensen

Slice- Jenny Smith