



Crows Nest State School

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Principal's Message **Welcome Back**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Term 4 at Crows Nests State School and to also welcome to our community our new families.

While being the last term of the year, Term 4 will once again be a very busy one for all of us with our Awards Evening being our culminating event for our school.

As in previous years, Term 4 is the time when we start planning for the commencement of next year. An important part of this is predicting what our enrolments will be so that we may determine our staffing and structure our classes next year.

If you are aware that you will not be at Crows Nest next year could you please advise the school. Also, if you know of anyone who may be moving to the area, our who has a child of Prep age that will be beginning next year, could you please ask them to contact the school and arrange for their child's enrolment next year.

The better informed we are about our enrolments for next year allows us to have classes structured for 2010 therefore meaning no or minimal disruptions next year.

2009 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 14 September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, will begin distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive their individual report containing their results with today's newsletter.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, please contact the school office.

Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.

To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:



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- download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm
- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don't leave it to the last minute - apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/studentsservices/inclusion/prep/

Email advice for students leaving school at the end of Term 4

At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students and other students who are leaving the state school system.

Please ensure your child is aware that their school-provided email account will not work beyond the end of the school year and that they should ensure that they provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions.

This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online system.

Emails will bounce if sent to a student's school-provided account after the end of term and students may miss out on confirming their enrolment into their chosen course of study.

Thought for the Week

Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to.

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Year 8 Information Evening for 2010

On October 20, from 4.30pm we will host an information evening for Year 8 students entering Year 8 in 2010. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to see and hear about the wide array of exciting and engaging activities that occur in Year 8 and beyond.

I understand that there are some families who may be opting to send their children to another school, however I encourage all parents to come along, and see what our school can offer in Years 8-10.

Results from previous years show that there is little if any academic advantage in sending your child to another High School, and there is certainly many hours that can be saved by not travelling to and from Toowoomba each day.

Our High School is a safe and worthwhile educational experience for your child, and we look forward to not only seeing you all on the 20th of October, but also in 2010.

If you require more information, please see or call Justin Kummerow.

Operation Christmas Child

We have decided to participate in this activity again for 2009.

In groups, students fill a special box with small gifts to send to a child in another country. Each child who participates contributes an item to the box and also a monetary contribution to assist with shipping. A photo and a message from the children may also be included.

Staff are stressing to students who wish to participate that they should use their own pocket money or arrange with families to earn some money through doing extra jobs. In this way, through their own efforts, students will really be helping other children.

Last year Crows Nest State School packed 40 boxes. We hope that our students will support this worthwhile project which makes a real difference in the lives of millions of children. If you have any questions or would like to prepare a box from your family, please contact the school. Some of the boxes may go to the Samoan relief.



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Plant Stall

Landcare Plant Stall outside the green house.

Thursday 22 October.

Times: 8:30am to 9:00am then 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Cost: 50c to \$4 for the bigger trees

We have a range of plants such as:

- Kurrajongs
- Bunya Pines
- Succulents
- Lemon scented gums
- Pink tea trees
- Ground covers and much more

Landcare Group

Readers Cup Results

The last week of Term Three saw the Reader's Cup competition in full force. Seventeen Year 4/5 teams competed for the honour of the Readers' Cup junior Shield. The winning team was the "Fireflies"- Marnie Parton, Brooke Gossow, Sophie Bell and Tarlia Donovan. Well done girls! The year 6/7 competition comprising of fifteen teams was vying for the Senior Shield. The winning team was "The Chameleons"- Samuel Emmert, Camille Kohler, Edward Hatt and Hayden Fowler. Congratulations boys! The \$1 entry fee collected from the students will go towards buying new books for future competitions. Thank you to those families who supported this endeavour.

Penny Butler

Wakakirri Results!

Monday, September 14 brought with it our much anticipated Wakakirri Performance at the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba. The performance "Mr Greenfingers" was a great success – we came second! The children were a credit to themselves and the school. The day brought excitement, fun and wonderful new experiences for many of the children. Our Public Speakers, Josie Copley, Lindsay Blinco and Lily Goddard won the Grand Final Award for their exceptional efforts. Well done to all! A huge thank you (again) to the small but tireless band of fellow teachers, aides and parents who made the whole production possible. The smiles on the children's faces after the performance make the effort and commitment to the whole process entirely worthwhile!

Penny Butler & Claire Thicthener

Skip for School

Students in years 1-7 participated in a very enjoyable skip for school on the last Friday of Term 3. It is now time to collect donations and return sponsorship forms to class teachers. **All** forms need to be returned so they can be accounted for. Prizes will be distributed once money has been collected.

Thanks for your support.

Reminder

Could all chocolate money please be returned to the school .

P&C News

Welcome back everyone to the last term of 2009, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. The P&C have lots to do and I would like to remind everyone that the Bike ride is fast approaching, so book some time over the weekend of the 7th & 8th November to lend a hand for the benefit of each and every one of our children. We have a bike ride meeting on Thursday 15th October and a P&C Meeting on the 20th October in the admin building at school. See you there.

Justin (President)

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN THIS TERM.

Survey's went out last week of term 3 to all students. The survey's that were returned have gone into the draw for '**win your lunch from tuckshop**'. If there is anyone who didn't receive this survey please contact the office to do so. This draw will take place next Monday. The winning student will receive their lunch on Wednesday 14th October. Good luck to all.

There will be a Tuckshop meeting 14th October at 11.45am in the tuckshop, all welcome.

Karran Simpson (convener)

Goombungee & District Little Athletics Sign On

Where: Goombungee Sports Oval, Edward St.

When: Friday 9th October, 4.30pm

Contact: Donna (46965273)

John (46965376)

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STUDENT FREE DAY

19 OCTOBER

**Tuckshop
Group 2
7 October 2009**

Workers

Kaaran Simpson
Julie Proud
Carolyn Asher
Melissa Eldridge
Jenny Finch

Suppliers

Patty Cakes – Dale Kerans
Slice – Sue Sullivan



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