



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff of Crows Nest State School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday. If you are travelling at all, please do so safely and enjoy this time with your children. We look forward to having everyone back safe and well for Term 2.

Term 1 in Review

It has certainly been a very busy Term 1 for the 2009 school year. So much has already happened with school camps and excursions, sports carnivals, preparation for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN testing in Term 2, Year 4 and 6 QCAT's as well as the normal everyday happenings in our classrooms.

I would like to congratulate in particular the following people.

Firstly our School Captains: Irene, Tyanna, Lily, Samuel, Monique and Brock. All of these students have excelled in their new roles and have taken on their responsibilities admirably. They are now running our School Assemblies efficiently and Irene and Tyanna have taken on added responsibilities of leading our Student Council as well. Our leaders for 2009 are a tremendous asset to our school.

Our House Captains: Nicole, Ben, Verity, Luke, Sarah, Camille, Jody and Toni have also taken on their roles in a very positive way. Their enthusiasm at our Swimming Carnival was fantastic and I know that they are looking forward to our other carnivals throughout 2009.

Congratulations to our two Darling Downs sports representatives thus far. Todd White (swimming) and Dominic Crosato (orienteering) have or will represent Darling Downs at their State Titles for

their sport. This is a tremendous achievement and one that we should all be proud of.

Finally, I want to thank our staff for all their efforts for the term. A lot of time and hard work goes into preparing to teach students every day as does the task of running an office, maintaining grounds, cleaning rooms, etc. Without the hard work and dedication of our staff this could easily fall apart and it is for this reason I say thank you.

Literacy tips for the school holidays

During the holidays, your child can learn outside of the classroom and practise the skills they have learned at school.

Our school suggests these quick and inexpensive activities that you can do with your child during the break:

- plant a garden of plants or let your child help you look after some of the plants you have at home – involve your child in choosing the plants, researching and making a garden journal to record what is happening in the garden and figuring out how much water plants need and how often
- if visiting friends or going to different places over the holiday break, encourage your child to make their own postcards, creating a drawing on the front and writing a story on the back
- make up a bingo set using numbers, symbols, letters or words
- exploring the library is also a great holiday activity as there are books to read, listen to and borrow, games to play and events to keep your child busy and exercising their literacy skills.



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If you would like further information on helping your child with literacy and numeracy in the holidays visit:

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

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

The pride of performance is not in winning, but in a job well done.

Regards,

Scott Edmunds, Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 11 recipients.

Student of the Week

1-3 Jordon Newman - consistent effort in all areas

6/7C Kristina McGeevy - excellent supervision of Prep students in the afternoon. Very pleasant, conscientious and efficient.

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Fun not Fuss with Food workshop: An early intervention workshop for parents with children who have problem eating and mealtime behaviours

The aim of the *Fun not Fuss with Food* workshop is to provide parents with information and strategies so that they may better manage their child's problem eating and mealtime behaviours. It is hoped that when parents implement the behaviour management strategies there will be a subsequent improvement in the child's problem eating and mealtime behaviours. This will result in mealtimes that are more enjoyable for the parent and the child.

The workshop is a 'one-off', 2½ hour education program that covers the main content areas of childhood nutrition and behavioural management strategies.

Who: Parents with children aged between two and ten years who have problem eating and mealtime behaviours.

Time: 9:30 am – 12 noon



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When	Where
Thursday, April	9 th Immunisation Clinic, Victoria and Little Sts, Toowoomba
Wednesday, 22 nd April	Wilsonton Shopping Centre
Thursday, May	7 th Immunisation Clinic, Victoria and Little Sts, Toowoomba

For further information please phone Kirsty Bannon at Child, Youth and Family Health, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District, on 4616 6861.

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 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

P&C NEWS

AGENDA ITEMS for next meeting
Bike Ride, Wish List, Notice Board

Next meeting will be held on the 21st April at 7.30pm in the Admin Building.

Thank you to all members who elected me as President, I will try my best to serve our children and to the betterment of our community as a

whole. Unfortunately we still don't have a secretary and I will be looking forward to being joined by a member of our P & C to join our new committee and assist me to progress forward with new ideas.

Many Thanks, Justin Simpson

Discoveries Through Landcare- Waste

As you all know Landcare committees have been chosen. The waste group will be known as the "Rubbish Rivals"

Monique Edser is our chairperson. Lily Goddard is our secretary. Sarah Wiemers is head of publicity and Todd White & Tabitha Tindall are publicity support staff.

We have many brilliant goals that now have been approved by Mr Edmunds. We would like each class to paint their own bin. This way we hope classes will be proud of them and make a point of placing their rubbish in the bin.

Our committee would also like to make our own CNSS recycle bags and distribute them among local businesses.

We need many more hands to help us. So please join us on our missions to help Crows Nest become a healthier town.

Lily, Tabitha, Monique, Sarah & Todd

Discoveries Through Landcare – Water

The "World Water Wise Warriors" from year 6/7C. Mrs Reushle's class will be examining ways to conserve water. Our group consists of four people, Erin Spreekinbrink Chairperson, Emily Ripps Secretary, Kristina McGreevy and Matthew Pallister.

Our job is to maintain and monitor taps and bubblers to see if they leak or a broken. We want to make a register for taps and bubblers and anything else that uses water and is not working efficiently. It will help us to find out which sources of water have a problem and we will tell Mr Davies and hopefully it will be fixed. We have other ideas that we will announce later in the year.

This year is going to be a water saving year! We hope you can help us save water during 2009.

Matthew, Erin, Kristina & Emily



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Tuckshop Meeting

Wednesday 11:30am at the Tuckshop building to discuss the process of ordering.

Crows Nest Arts Council Production

Auditions are to be held for children's parts over the age of ten years for the production "CHRISTMAS AT WOLLYMEGOLLYWHERE SMEROOGONE STATION" which is being presented by the Crows Nest Arts Council Players and is to be staged on the 20th & 21st June 2009 at the Crows Nest Community Centre.

The theme for this play is an Australian Bush Christmas.

For those who are interested, please contact Linzi Owen on: Home phone 4698 2819 or Mobile; 0419 172 225.

School Holidays start Friday 10 April.

School Resumes 21 April.

**Tuckshop
Group 1
8 April**

Workers

Karran Simpson
Georgie Edser
Donna Battams
Carolyn Asher
Jillian Neilson

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Kerri Emmert
Slice- Gillian Nielsen



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