



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to Term 4

On behalf of the school I would like to welcome everyone back to the Term 4, the final term for the year. I would also like to extend a welcome to our new students and families who join us this term as well.

Term 4 is looking to be a very busy term for the school and our students, culminating in our Annual Awards Night on Tuesday 24 November. I encourage you to be a part of your child's learning and to talk with and experience their schooling over the next ten weeks.

I would also like to remind every family that if you have any concerns about your child's schooling or the work they are covering to please discuss this with your child's teacher. All our teachers are happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time and discuss any of these concerns.

2009 School Planning

Planning for the commencement of the 2009 school year has already commenced. To assist us and to minimise any possible disruptions at the start of next year could all families please complete and return the tear off section in today's newsletter indicating if you will be returning to Crows Nest State School next year or not.

School Attendance/Late Arrivals

The school is very concerned with the number of school days missed by students that are not of medical or emergency reasons.

While we realise that there has been a lot of students absent due to the flu there have also been a number of students who have been away for various miscellaneous reasons eg. gone shopping or to a hairdresser's appointment, felt like a day at home, it was a birthday, etc.

As outlined in *SECTION 176 of the EDUCATION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) ACT 2006*

Obligation of each parent

- (1) Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must—
 - (a) ensure the child is enrolled at a State school or non-State school; and
 - (b) ensure the child attends the State school or non-State school, on every school day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled;unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

Compulsory school age is defined as any child aged between six and sixteen.

We provide a sequential five day a week program to our students. If a child is continually absent they may struggle to keep up with this program and find it increasingly harder to make up missed work.

Late arrivals are also a concern as all children need to be here on time each and every day. When a child arrives late they may become upset and find it more difficult to know what is going on and settle in to the day's routine. Sometimes classes may also be in different locations and more time is lost locating the class and getting ready for the day.

An important part of school is learning and establishing routines. By being at school on time and every day you are teaching your child to be responsible.



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If you are having troubles getting your child to school on time, please discuss this with your teacher.

Celebrate National Water Week

Families are invited to make a splash with the Waterwise display at the Queensland Museum, South Bank during National Water Week from October 19 to 25.

With interactive displays, experiments and activities for both children and adults, Waterwise at the Museum offers something for everyone.

Visit the Waterwise display to learn more about using water wisely. Find out who (or what) is 'Whizzy' and share in his adventures. You can also view some of the great films and animations as part of this year's Liquid Lens Short Film Competition.

Entry is free to the display which is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

Visit Queensland Museum South Bank on www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au for more information or email waterwise@nrw.qld.gov.au

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

Tomorrow students in Yr 3/5/7/9 who participated in the National Literacy & Numeracy testing will receive their 2008 Student Report. Accompanying the report is an overview of how to read and interpret your child's results. If you require any additional assistance with the report or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Lost Property / School Uniform

There is a large number of jumpers, tracksuit pants etc in the lost property from the winter season. I encourage parents & students who may be missing any of the above items to have a look through the lost property as these items are expensive to replace.

Students and parents are reminded that our school does have a uniform policy and that we do expect students to wear the correct uniform at all

times. If your child is unable to do so a note should accompany your child to explain why they may be out of uniform. Last term a number of students had to be reminded about our school uniform policy. If you are unsure of the correct uniform please refer to the School Handbook, contact your child's teacher or enquire at the school office.

Your assistance with these matters is greatly appreciated.

Yr 6 Tallebudgera Camp Medical / Permission Forms

This week children attending the Yr 6 Tallebudgera Camp will receive a Memorandum to Parents and Medical Consent form. *The Medical Consent form will need to be returned by Tuesday the 14th of October.* All medical forms will need to be returned by this date as we need to forward them to the Tallebudgera Beach School as week prior to camp.

The Memorandum to Parents is not to be returned but outlines the final costing, dates, personal belongings that are required for camp, safety aspects, parent / student contact during the camp experience, security & night procedures, food and valuables and any special arrangements which the Tallebudgera Beach School should be aware of.

Amaroo Environmental Excursion

Year 5C will be participating in an excursion to the Amaroo Environmental Centre at Kleinton on Wednesday 15 October. The program is called **Energy Efficiency**.

Students will be introduced to renewable and non-renewable forms of energy. They will look at the advantages and disadvantages of forms of energy, global warming and consequences of the greenhouse effect.



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Please return this information to the school office by Monday 13 October 2008.

Family Name: _____

2009 Year Levels (please circle):

P 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Our family will/will not be returning to Crows Nest State School in 2009.

(Parent's Signature)

Year 10 Work Experience

The last week of Term 3 saw our Year 10 students attend their chosen work experience for the week. All of our students had an extremely enjoyable week, and have gained a valuable insight into their chosen fields. Crows Nest State School would like to thank all of the employers who hosted our students, and thank them for the wonderful opportunity they provided our students.

National Secondary Schools Computer Fund

Earlier in the year we secured funding as part of the Federal Government agenda to provide computers for secondary students. The funding that we have for this round will mean a computer ratio of 1:2 for our Year 9 and 10 students.

We intend to begin the implementation of this funding next year, most likely to our Year 10 students.

This will mean that every Year 10 student will receive a laptop (which is owned by the school) for school and home use. The notion of this obviously can raise some concerns for parents; however the educational benefits far outweigh these issues. As part of the implementation of this, we would greatly appreciate any questions, queries or suggestions that may arise from your child receiving a laptop. Please direct these concerns to Justin Kummerow preferably via email jkumm1@eq.edu.au or alternatively contact Justin directly at the school. We encourage

parents to raise these issues now, to ease the implementation process.

Results from the Readers Cup Challenge

After two exciting days of competition in Week 10, Term 3 here are the results!

Year 6/7 Team : "The Publishers" consisting of, Chelsea Blinco, Reanna McGreevy, Lilly Goddard & Tabitha Tindall.

Year 4/5 Team : "Page Turners" consisting of Edward Hatt, Hannah Simpson, Josie Copley, Lindsay Blinco.



Well Done Students

Goombungee & District Little Athletics

Sign on Day will take place on Sunday 12 October at 9:30am at the Goombungee Showgrounds.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

14 October 2008
Year 5-6 Amaroo Excursion

20 October 2008
Pupil Free Day

25 October 2008
Crows Nest Day

27 – 31 October 2008
Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4
and
WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES

TUCKSHOP
Group 3
08/10/08

Workers

Bobby Goddard
Sue Galbraith
Jenny Pendlebury
Kirsty Myles

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Jodie Parton
Slice- Sue Sullivan