



# Crows Nest State School

## **NEWSLETTER**

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*9/06/09*

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### **Principal's Message**

#### **School Lockdown**

By now you will be aware that the school enacted an Emergency Lockdown procedure last Thursday afternoon.

At no stage were any staff or students in danger. No one was threatened.

On a term by term basis, Crows Nest, like all schools in Queensland, practises Fire Drills and Emergency Procedures. This practice is essential as our staff and students need to learn how to act in such an emergency.

It was disappointing for us that there was an actual need to enact this procedure last week. It is pleasing that the practice that we have done in the past prepared our staff and students well for what they had to do.

The staff and students have had the opportunity to debrief about last Thursday. I am unaware of any concerns that any student or staff member may still be having, however I encourage you to talk with your child if they want to discuss this matter with you. Please do not hesitate to phone the school if there are any on-going concerns.

As is normal practice, we are currently reviewing our Emergency Procedures to ensure that any issues identified during this lockdown are addressed for future occasions.

### **Showcase Awards**

Mrs Lee Reushle and I attended the Darling Downs South West Regional Showcase Awards last Thursday evening. This event recognized excellence across our region in a number of different categories. We entered 'Discoveries Through Landcare' in the Showcase for Excellence in Inclusive Education category. While we were not successful, it was acknowledged that our entry was of a very high standard. Roma State College and Tara State College/Meandarra State School shared this award. A full list of all winners will appear on Education Queensland's website shortly.

### **Premier challenges students to discover books**

Crows Nest State School students are invited to take part in the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is a statewide initiative for all Queensland state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 7. The Premier is challenging students in Prep to Year 2 to *read or 'experience'* 20 books, and students in Year 3 to Year 7 to *read* 20 books between 11 May and 21 August 2009.

All students are encouraged to participate knowing that the Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition, but a way to encourage greater involvement in reading. Students who meet the Challenge will be rewarded with certificates signed by the Premier, and schools that register 100% participation will hold their own "Award Ceremonies" during the Premier's Reading Challenge Celebration Week .



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Please take the time to visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website at [www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/) for more information.

I look forward to a number of our students engaging wholeheartedly in the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge. Our target this year is to achieve 100% of Prep - Yr 7 participation with classes who achieve 100% participation also receiving an additional prize from the school.

### **Year 7/8 Sydney/Canberra Camp**

Parents are reminded that permission forms and the balance of payment for students and parents attending the Sydney/Canberra Camp are due by the end of this term. Another information evening will be held in the coming weeks as we count down to our departure date on Saturday 29 August.

There will also be a Camp Meeting held next week on Tuesday 16 June at 4:30pm in the Staffroom. This will be the final meeting for parents in the lead up to camp. If you plan on attending could you please RSVP to the school office by 11:00am next Tuesday morning.

### **Thought for the Week**

No-one like you was ever born or ever will be.  
*Constance Foster*

Regards,

Scott Edmunds  
Principal

### **Colds and Flus**

Steps to stop the spread of Colds and Flus

1. When sneezing or coughing cover your mouth/nose with your hand
2. Wash hands often
3. If you have flu like symptoms stay at home
4. If need be see a GP (fever, coughing, sore or bloodshot eyes)

Debbie  
School Health Nurse

### **Student of the Week/Academic Award**

Congratulations to the Week 8 recipients.

#### **Student of the Week**

- 1C Adin Prince - great work in all areas  
2C Elvie McKay - excellent "Special Forever" entry  
3C Jackson Boardman - excellent writing presentation  
4/5C David Tompkins - a large improvement in school work effort  
6/7C Dynamic Description

#### **Academic Awards**

- 8C Grant Morley - excellent result on his Year 8 Science Exam  
10C Dominik Kohler - excellent result on his Year 10 Mathematics Exam  
10C Luke Christensen - excellent result on his Year 10 Mathematics Exam





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### **P & C News,**

Bike ride meeting tonight at 7.00pm at the school and don't forget the P & C Meeting on 16th at 7.30pm in the Admin building. We still need a secretary, so if you could help us out it would be of great advantage to the P & C and our children.

Justin Simpson (President)

### **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

#### ***Menu for year 4 -10 sports day.***

Sausage on bread \$1.50

Steakette burger \$3.50  
(with coleslaw & onion)

Cream donut \$1.50

All cold drinks \$1.50

(soft drink, juice & water)

Assorted chips & chocolate bars will also be available.

Please note that there will be a **COFFEE 4 YOU** van set up next to our tuckshop venue for the sports day, many different coffee's will be available ranging from cappuccinos, flat whites, skinny latte's, hot chocolates, etc all that you would find at a coffee shop. Prices start from \$3.50 and a % of sales will come back to the P&C for our children.

HELP is still required on the day. Please contact Karran Simpson on 4698 2031

### **150 Years in Education – Old to New**

On Friday 5 June, Prep to Year 3 and lots of parents and grandparents enjoyed a range of activities ranging from an historical display from Highfields Pioneer Village, tug of war, hopscotch, dancing, ballgames, spinning to the Interactive White Board demonstration. We started the session with a sausage sizzle and planting a commemorative tree and concluded the celebration with a Qld 150<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who joined us. Thanks also to former teachers Warwick Whatmore and Ellen Kruger for explaining the historic display, Steve Plant and the council for the commemorative tree, President of the P&C Justin Simpson for BBQing. We had perfect weather and a good time was had by all.

### **Sock it to you Drive**

Orders and money are due this Friday 12 June. If you would like more order forms they are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

### **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 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3-10	10 <sup>th</sup> June
ICAS Mathematics	\$6	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3-7	29 <sup>th</sup> July

Total enclosed:

\$.....

Signed:.....

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 19 June**  
School Athletics

**Friday 26 June**  
Last Day of Term

**Tuesday 23 June**  
P-3 Athletics

**Monday July 13**  
Student Free Day



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