



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

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.

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

Students wishing to participate in the Challenge will be registered through the school. Students have been given a Reading Record sheet to record the books that they have experienced or read.

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.

State Education Week 1 - 6 June 2009

This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary.

Key events being held during State Education Week include Principal for a Day and Back to School, with My Favourite Teacher winners and Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools regional winners also to be announced.

Our school has nominated in the Darling Downs South West Regional Showcase Awards and Mrs Reushle and myself will be attending the award ceremony in Roma on Thursday 4 June.

State Education Week 2009 will wrap up on Queensland Day, Saturday 6 June, with two spectacular performances of *Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage*. The dynamic two-hour variety show will involve more than 2500 state school students performing at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland.

For more information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html

Literacy Training - Teachers

For the past two weeks our Years 4-7 teachers have been involved in Literacy Training. This is a statewide training program for all Teachers and Teacher Aides throughout Queensland. After this week all of our Teacher Aides, Primary Teachers



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and some specialist staff will have completed their training.

The implementation of what our staff has learned will be next on our Curriculum agenda as we review our programs and continue to attempt to improve the Literacy standards of all of our students.

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.

Thought for the Week

Every person that you meet knows something that you don't - learn from them.

HJ Brown

Regards,

Scott Edmunds
Principal

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 6 recipients.

Student of the Week

4/5C Lachlan Campbell - regularly working independently

6/7N Rebecca Smith - 100% problem solving. Well Done!

6/7N Peter Rose - excellent bus monitor for Prep students

6/7N Emma Baker - excellent bus monitor for Prep students



Brisbane Show Camp Nominations 2009

Nominations for the Brisbane Show Camp are now open for Year 6 and Year 7 Queensland State School Students. The Show Camp is a program run by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre, a department of Education Queensland, for 20 students to live in at the Brisbane Show for a literacy and multimedia camp.

The Brisbane Show Camp runs during Brisbane EKKA from 6 - 14 August 2009.

THE CAMP AIMS TO:

- develop skills (eg. researching, interviewing, writing, editing, technology use) which will enhance their ability to communicate through a variety of genres within the setting and experiences of the Brisbane Exhibition;
- develop students technology skills through the use of digital video, digital photography and podcasting productions;
- bring together selected students with similar abilities and interests from the whole of Queensland;
- develop friendships;
- enable students to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of the Exhibition to the rural community of the State.

Further information on the camp as well as the nomination form can be found on www.urbaneec.eq.edu.au/showcamp.html or you can email showcamp@eq.edu.au or telephone the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre on 3552 7111.

Nominations for this year's camp close on 12 June 2009.

Thank You

On Friday 15 May we had our Loud Shirt Day and sausage sizzle. It was a successful day. We raised \$238.00 for the Hear and Say Centre and \$240.00 for the school Student Council. This



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would not have been possible without some wonderful people contributing their time to give us a hand. So thank you to Mr & Mrs Littleton, Mrs Simpson, Mr Smith, local IGA for donating all the bread and a big thank you to all the students who participated and made it worth while. Thank You All.

ATTENTION

Trash and Treasure **THURSDAY 4 JUNE**

Bring in your trash and we will sell it.

Bring your trash to Mrs Reushle's room before Wednesday 3 June. We are raising this money for Discoveries Through Landcare Projects. So help us make our school more sustainable. Remember Thursday 4 June is SALE DAY.

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	19th Aug	3-7	29th July

Total enclosed: \$.....

Signed:.....

Short Stories From Year 3

The Evil Box

One day there was a happy boy named Jacko. He was getting dressed. He had short brown hair and dark green eyes. He had a super-hero cape. The super-heroes name was Andy Man.

Jacko couldn't decide what to wear. Suddenly he found a red box in his wardrobe. Jacko opened the box. Soon the red box wasn't a red box any more. It grew two giant blue leg's four tremendous blue arms and one giant red head with evil eyes, six of them.

The Magic Box

One day a little boy lived in Victoria and it was his birthday. Mick asked his Mum if he could have a magic box for his birthday. Mum said YES!

Mick got the magic box and wished for a motor bike. Suddenly a red motorbike came. Mick went to a bike track and rode it.

Suddenly a large hole in the ground made Mick crash the bike, it fell to the ground and changed back into the box.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8 June
Queens Birthday Holiday

Friday 19 June
School Athletics

Friday 26 June
Last Day of Term

Tuckshop Group 3 27 May

Workers

Bobby Goddard
Jenny Plendlebury
Kirsty Myles
Kym Campbell

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Jodie Parton
Slice- Karen Moody



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