



Crows Nest State School

NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter and Website Revamp

We hope that you like the look of our new newsletter. With the assistance of the businesses on the back of the newsletter it has been made possible to promote our school more to the community. Many thanks to these businesses for making our newsletter possible.

We are also updating our school website and making it more dynamic as well. We hope to make it 'live' by the start of next term. Once it is 'live' the newsletter will be uploaded to it once again.

Happy Holidays

We hope that you enjoy the week's break next week. Remember that school commences for students on Tuesday 15 April 2008.

Religious Instruction

Sent home with today's newsletter are some Religious Instruction forms. Your child/ren would have received either a Form C (2) or a Form C (1) depending on the information that you nominated when enrolling your child at Crows Nest State School.

Form C (1) notifies parents of the Religious Instruction that your child has been placed in eg Catholic, Anglican etc. If you wish for your child to continue with their allocated Religious Instruction group no further action is required. However, if you wish for your child to participate in an alternative Religious Instruction denomination or withdraw from Religious Instruction, you must return the completed form to school with the appropriate information.

Form C (2) notifies parents that their child/ren were not nominated for any religion on their enrolment forms. If you wish for your child to not participate in Religious Instruction, no further action is required. However, if you do wish for your child to participate in Religious Instruction you will need to nominate a religious program and return the completed form to the school office.

In no way should this been seen as a religious recruitment drive. It is an audit requirement that every

state school in the Toowoomba District will complete. We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Year 9/10 Performing Arts "Monologues"

Parents and friends of students from the Year 9/10 Performing Arts class are invited to the presentation of their assessment items (Monologues) on Wednesday 2nd April, 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Students have been working very well towards their assessment item and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Rock Eisteddfod News

Students from the Secondary Department (Year 8 to 10 only) wishing to participate in Rock Eisteddfod Challenge this year, need to return permission slips and Drug Free Pledges before the end of this term. The due date was Friday 28th March, but will be continued to be accepted until Friday 4th April. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Community Water Grant

Our project to install rainwater tanks and water saving devices has now been completed. Behind the multipurpose building we now have 5 full tanks which are connected to the secondary toilet block. To minimise water usage, water saving taps and dual flush cisterns have been installed throughout the school.

Thank you to all businesses and helpers, without our well known supportive Crows Nest community this would not have been possible!

Financial support has been provided by the Australian Government through "Community Water Grants".

Considerable water savings are evident on our rates notices!.

Crows Nest State School is a water wise campus.

Cookbooks

There are a small number of cookbooks left from last year's fundraiser. These are available for \$10 each at the school office and funds are used for IT resources. They make a great gift!

Notice P&C Meeting

Tuesday 15 April at 7:30pm

Notice Tuckshop Meeting

Wednesday 16 April at 11:30am

Yr 5 Sunday Creek Camp

Day 1

We have just left for Sunday Creek and Zoe is screaming, "Turn the radio up!" That was very irritating.

Finally we arrived at Sunday Creek. It is about 37km north of Kilcoy. Seven adults came with us. Those people were Mr Mathewson, Mr Smith, Mrs McLean, Mrs Schefe, Mrs Falcon-Green, Mrs Collis & Mrs Ripps. Dan & Greg were the teachers at Sunday Creek. Dab gave us all camp numbers. My number was two. He also explained the camps rules to the group.

The first activity we did was Team Challenge. In Team Challenge there were 5 different games: Big Foot, Snake Bite, Bullring, Blindfold Puzzle and Quicksand. My team made a new record for Bullring.

We ate lunch then went on a dry sclerophyll forest walk. In the dry sclerophyll forest there were ticks and leeches, bull ants and meat ants. I liked the walk but a lot of people didn't due to the ticks and leeches!

Finally, we get to our cabins and make our beds. We had a shower and dinner and got ready for the night activities.

The next activity was called Time Capsules. We were divided into groups. In my group there was everyone that came last year. We were the first people to find the Time Capsule. In our capsule there were pictures of people cutting down trees to represent the logging that took place in the forest around Sunday Creek.

Day 2

We had to get up to go bird watching. We had to find five different birds before we would have breakfast. Finally all the birds were found and we could have breakfast.

After breakfast we had to go on a wet sclerophyll forest walk. We saw similar animals except there were forest dragons. Forest dragons are like chameleons. I think this walk was much better than the other walk due to the beautiful rainforest scenery.

No one knew what we were doing next. Some people said we were going rock climbing. They were close. We were actually climbing 18m high trees. I climbed half way and then descended.

After the climb, we had Billy tea and damper. I didn't really like either of them.

Finally we had our dinner and a shower and watched a movie called Planet Earth – Rainforest and then Ratatouille.

Day 3

Yumm! We had Nutri-grain for breakfast and played some games. Next we had to pack up. I didn't want to pack as I wanted to stay longer. After packing we had

to walk through and over obstacles blindfolded. It was fun but I liked the last activity that we did most. It was called Cross Saw. We had to work in pairs to cut wood using a cross saw. Cross saws were used by the logging teams many years ago.

After the cross saw activity it was time to go. I enjoyed the camp greatly and am looking forward to next year's camp.

By Dallas Yr 5

Student of the Week/Academic Award

Congratulations to the Week 10 recipients.

Student of the Week

- 1/3N Hayley - Working hard particularly in reading.
- 2C Jackson - Working well in all areas.
- 4C Lindsay - Enthusiastic effort in all areas.
- 4/5N Harry - Superb project work.
- 5C Rochelle - Improved handwriting and book work.
- 6C Tamika - Being a good sport and overcoming her fears.
- 6/7N Matt - Great effort in all areas.
- 7C Rachel - Conscientious and dedicated work at all times.

Academic Awards

Luke - For considerable improvement and a high result in Year 8 Maths.

Michael - For considerable improvement and a high results in Year 8 Maths.

James - For achieving 100% in Year 8 Maths exam.

Brittany - For consistently applying herself to her work in a mature and focussed manner in all subjects.

David - For consistently applying himself to his work in a mature and focussed manner in all subjects.

Dain - For excellent work in Year 8 Maths.



Free Dress Day- Discoveries Through Landcare

Year 7 will be having a Free Dress day on 3 April. The money raised will help fund the liner for the frog pond. The cost will be 50 cents. Clothes must be sun safe and closed in shoes must be worn as usual.

Gail Walker Swim School

Showing the way in aquatic education!

Ideal teaching conditions at our indoor heated pool.

School holiday lessons 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th April 2008
Term 2 lessons

Commence Monday 14 April for 11 weeks

10609 New England Highway ~ Highfields
4696 8908

The Primary School and Secondary Inter House Cross Country will be held this Friday **Term 1, April 4.**

Event times

9:05 – Students competing in early events move to bottom oval.

9:10 – Marshalling of first event.

9:15 – 9 Girls Race

9:25 – 9 Boys Race

9:35 – 10 Girls Race

9:45 – 10 Boys Race

9:55 – 11 Girls Race

10:05 – 11 Boys Race

10:15 – 12 Girls Race

10:25 – 12 Boys Race

Events will begin at the allotted time.

1:55 – High School students and 13year old primary school students assemble in the high school assembly area (grass area in front on secondary sports shed) for briefing.

2:05 – Students move to the bottom oval. Warm up time.

2:15 – 13 to 16 year Boys & Girls Race

2:55 - Completion of all events

3:00 - Home time.

Inner Downs / Bunya Districts Combined Rugby League Trials

Yesterday, Todd White and Ben Littleton competed in a Rugby League Trial to gain selection into the Inner Downs / Bunya Districts Combined team. Todd and Ben were already successful in gaining selection into the Inner Downs team earlier in the term with the purpose of this selection to make the team stronger at the Darling Downs Trials. Congratulations to both students on their selection into the team. Well done!

Australia-wide and International Academic Competition

We encourage **ALL** students to participate in these competitions.

Competition	Cost	Sitting Date	Years	Payment Closing Date
Rio Tinto Science	4.50	22 May	8-10	14 March
ICAS Science	6.00	29 May	3-10	18 April
ICAS Spelling	8.00	12 June	3-7	24 April
ICAS Writing	11.00	12 June	3-10	24 April
ICAS Maths	6.00	29 July	3-10	18 June
Aust Math	4.50	31 July	8-10	24 April
ICAS English	6.00	12 Aug	3-10	20 June
ICAS Computer	6.00	27 Aug	3-10	30 July

P&C Cookie Dough

Cookie Dough can be collected from the tuckshop on either Thursday afternoon between 2pm & 4pm or Friday between 11am & 3.30pm. There will be a few tubs of each flavour leftover.

TUCKSHOP

Group 1
02/04/08

Workers

Karran Simpson
Georgie Edser
Dhana Pukallus
Gilly Fowler
Donna Battams
Carolyn Asher

Suppliers

Patty Cakes- Kerri Emmert
Slice- Carolyn Bridges

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1 & 2/04/08

Parent Teacher Interviews

4/04/08

Last Day Term 1

14/04/08

Pupil Free Day

15/04/08

Term 2 Commences

24/04/08

School Anzac Day Service

25/04/08

Anzac Day Holiday



LEARNING NETWORK QUEENSLAND

Creating opportunities for you

Back to Work Program

This fully funded program is designed to provide you with improved job seeking skills and accredited computing skills via three units from Certificate I in Information Technology.

START DATE: Wednesday 7 May 2008

- No cost to eligible participants who are looking for work.
- People over 40 and not on Centrelink income support are eligible. Job Search is OK.

at Learning Network Queensland Crows Nest on **4698 2237** to enrol



This project has been funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* Initiative

