Dear Parents,

2016 School Leaders

Congratulations to Miguel and Tom for being chosen for the role of School Leader. Both boys presented a speech on parade, campaigning their suitability for the role, and had taken on the leader’s role from day one. Both boys had stepped up and taken on the leadership role since day one and proved to be positive role models. Because of this, it was decided to have them both as leaders for 2016.

Leadership Camp

Leadership camp was awesome. I really liked how my group worked together. I also make new friends and met old ones. Getting to know how to use a compass is an awesome experience and a helpful skill for whenever I need to use one. For example, if I get lost in the bush, or maybe if I need to teach someone how to use it. The puzzle games that we played were really hard, yet a lot of fun. I learnt more on how to be a great leader. I improved my communication with others, which helps me to be a more confident leader. Leadership camp was an awesome experience. Miguel

On the first day of leadership camp, we trained for the Barambah Challenge. The Barambah Challenge is walking through the bush, going from checkpoint to checkpoint back to home. Every check point you go to gives you points which is transferred into money for the Barambah auction, then we had a wet sponge catapult war. The best part was learning how to be the best leader I could be using the Barambah high five, which are; have a goal, care for your team, delegate tasks, communicate clearly and make a decision. Now I am a better leader and even more proud to call myself a school leader. Tom

Attendance

Every day matters! Coming to school every day makes a difference. All absences add up and make a difference over time.

The year 4-6 class continued its magnificent run of 100% attendance until last week, but they are anticipating recommencing it again next week. Congratulations to all members of the class for such a great effort and diligence to their learning.

The P-3 had some students away sick, but hopefully will end the term by receiving some ice blocks on Fridays for 100% attendance for the week.
**NRL Visitor**

Mario Fenech, a retired NRL, State of Origin and Australian representative player, came to our school to talk with our students. Some NRL ambassadors visited schools in our area to help deliver the NRLs message of healthy eating, wellbeing, setting and achieving goals. Mario spoke about getting enough sleep and what we put into our bodies. As he said, if we put water into our car, what will happen? It is the same with our bodies, by consuming bad foods and drinks we are not giving our bodies the proper fuel they need to function at their best. Students had some fun with the games and trivia and listening to Mario.

Our school says 'Bullying. No Way!' on the National Day of Action

On Friday 18 March, our school will be taking a stand together on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The National Day is an annual event for Australian schools where school communities across the nation stand as one against bullying and violence.

Prep-3 Class

Hello from the Prep to Year 3 classroom! We have been very busy over the last few weeks and this is what we have been up to:

- Reading and retelling stories in English. The Year 1-3s have begun their written assessment in which they will write an imaginative retell about their chosen story.
- In Maths, the Year 1-3s have been practising numbers and place value, addition and subtraction. We will continue to practise these skills over the next week as well.
- The Preps have been practising numbers to 6 (number recognition and counting to 7) and also making patterns. If parents can use numbers and practise counting at home it would be greatly appreciated!
- In Science we have been looking at materials (ie, fabric, paper, plastic, aluminium) and have begun to combine materials to create new products. We are having a lot of fun doing this!
- Assessment has begun for History as well. If Prep parents could get their family photo in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the parents who have been practising reading at home and practising Magic Words with their children. It is greatly appreciated!

Lisa Burns
P-2 teacher
Playgroup
The Crawford Little Learners Playgroup has commenced for 2016! Trudy from Bushkids will be running Playgroup. Bushkids is an organisation that helps rural kids and Trudy was keen to assist run and promote our playgroup. **Playgroup will operate on a Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00am at the school.** All non-school age children are welcome to attend. It is a condition of attending that a parent remains to supervise their child.

**HOW YOUR CALMNESS DECREASES SIBLING SQUABBLES**
By Michael Grose

There is nothing like a sibling squabble to supercharge a child’s emotions. What starts as a minor dispute escalates into World War 3, where the whole family becomes involved, including you. Of course, these fights break out at the worst times – whilst you are in the midst of getting dinner, helping with homework or getting ready for work in the morning. As the caring adult, it is your job to maintain peace and take the heat out of difficult situation.

First you need to stay **calm**. Yep, stay in control. Staying calm while there’s chaos all around is the NO.1 task of leadership. In fact, in any group the leader will always be the person who will remain calm in a crisis. You don’t have to have the answers, but you do need to stay calm and in control.

When you stay calm not only will your children follow, but you will be able to more effectively manage their squabble so it doesn’t happen again.

**NEWSLETTERS FOR 2016**
This year, where possible, we would like to e-mail the newsletter (& attachments) and any other important notices to parents/caregivers. If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if you could complete the tear off section at the end of the Newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible so we can update our mailing list. If you do not have an e-mail address, a hard copy can still be sent home.

**SOUTH BURNETT SCHOOL SPORTS DATES**
Attention students who would like to trial to represent the South Burnett.

Trials are for students who are turning 10, 11 or 12 in 2016. Please note that students who would like to trial to represent the South Burnett are expected to be participating at a club level or have demonstrated a significant ability in a sport. **Please note that it is not have a go day.** Students who are interested need to speak to Mrs Goschnick. These dates and venues are subject to change at the convenor’s discretion. All venues for these trials are in the Kingaroy town area. Notes and permission for these sports will be sent out as the information becomes available.

| SB Boys and Girls Touch Trials - 18 March |
| SB Boys and girls Basketball Trials - 18 March |
| SB Boys and Girls Soccer, Tennis - 15 April |
| SB Girls Netball - 15 April |
| SB Boys Rugby League U/11 and U/12 - 15 April |

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WALK WITH LYNDIA (GEIGER) MELANOMA CHARITY WALK – KINGAROY**
Information and Registration Night – Thursday 10 March 2016 at the Carrollee Hotel
Turn up anytime between 6-8pm
$20 registration fee
See attached flyer for further information.

**HUB KIDS CLUB**
See attached flyer for further information.

**ST MARY’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION**
See attached flyer for further information. Program and nomination forms available at office if interested.
P&C REMINDER
Please be aware that the next P&C Meeting is this coming Tuesday, 8 March at 3.30pm in the Principal’s Office. All parents are most welcome and encouraged to come so you too can have a part in supporting the children of Crawford State School.

AWARDS RECEIVED
ON PARADE

Prep-3 Students of the Week –
Ainsleigh, Claire & Jesse
Curriculum Achievements - Magic Words
David & Siosifa – Gold
Nina & Chloe – Lemon & First 200 Words
Year 4-6 Students of the Week –
Miguel, Tom & Sam

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Cantankerous – being bad tempered, argumentative and uncooperative
Controversial – giving rise or likely to give rise to controversy or public disagreement
Synonymous – closely associated with or suggestive of something
Ambiguous – open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning

IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR
COMING EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9:00-11:00AM - PLAYGROUP

8 March  P&C Meeting – 3:30pm in Principal’s Office
11 March  Book Club Orders due – to order online: scholastic.com.au/LOOP
24 March  Last Day of Term 1
11 April   First Day of Term 2
25 April   ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
2 May     Labour Day – Public Holiday

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