Dear Parents,

2016 School Leaders
Miguel and Tom attended the GRIP leadership day recently and had a fun day making loud noises and playing games, as well as learning more about leadership. One of the messages of the day was that leaders are not people who are elected, or are the most popular. Leaders are people who see a chance, and take it. This could be by seeing a need and helping out, or an injustice and standing up to rectify it. Without people standing up to take lead when the opportunity arises, means there is no change.

Bullying was also addressed and how our school leaders can help play a role in stamping out bullying. Definitely a hard thing to do, but there were some inspirational people talking about how they stood up and made a difference.

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

On Thursday all students who have attended for 100% of this term will enjoy a sausage sizzle and an ice-cream for lunch. I keep hoping to have to cook enough sausages for every student.

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.
is a condition of attending that a parent remains to supervise their child.

**Adopt a Cop**
Constable Mick stopped by to catch up with our students.

**Amenities**
The new amenities block arrived on Saturday and is now on its stumps. A new sewerage system is to be constructed to support the building and early next term it will be open. The old amenities block will be demolished after completion.

**Creating Creative Kids**
Dr Jenny Brockis
Creativity adds value to and enriches lives and our kids have wonderful fertile minds just brimming with ideas. The problem is we can stifle that creativity, particularly during those upper school years when sticking to the demands of a busy curriculum takes increasing priority.

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

There are four main ingredients required for creativity:
- Mess
- Mistakes
- Make-believe
- Mucking in together

**Top tips for fostering creativity**
1. Give permission for freedom of expression.
   It's not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.
2. Encourage play
   Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.
3. Celebrate your child's creative expression
   That's what fridge doors, corkboards, and mantelpieces are for! It's not to reward the masterpiece itself (that’s a quick way to stymie any future creative activity!), but to celebrate the process of exploration and discovery.
4. Foster originality by being accepting of difference.
   While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

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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 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 Soccer, Tennis - 15 April
SB Girls Netball - 15 April
SB Boys Rugby League U/11 and U/12 - 15 April

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUN WELL AT MAIDENWELL
Easter Weekend. See attached flyer for further information.

CROSS COUNTRY COMES TO THE SOUTH BURNETT
Sunday, 17th April. See attached flyer for further information.

NEXT P&C MEETING
The next P&C Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday after the holidays, 12th April 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

POSSIBLE STUDENT OF THE WEEK –
Kenneth & Ashley
Year 4-6 Student of the Week –
Caine & Aaron

WORDS OF THE WEEK
Obliterate – to destroy utterly, or to make invisible or indistinct, or to cancel something. Aaron
Courteous – polite, respectful or considerate in manner. Caine

IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR
COMING EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9:00-11:00AM - PLAYGROUP
11 April First Day of Term 2
12 April P&C Meeting – 3:30pm Principal’s Office
25 April ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
2 May Labour Day – Public Holiday