Dear Parents,

Last week our school leaders went to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for a three day leadership camp. Daniel, Ryan, Bailey, Jeff and Jamie worked with the leaders from Tingoora, During South, Coolabunia and Kumbia to plan a route through and around the centre. The objective was to reach as many waypoints and answer a question as possible to accumulate points. These points were turned into Barambah Bucks to spend at an exciting auction.

We also constructed catapults to fire water bombs at each other and the teachers, traversed the low ropes and learnt how to use a compass, GPS to find a waypoint and follow it, and maps.

The big message during the camp was the Barambah Leadership Hi 5. Good leaders...

- have a clear goal or purpose
- communicate clearly
- make decisions and solve problems
- delegate roles and responsibilities
- care for their team

Every student had to show each of these qualities when they had their turn to lead the group to their waypoint. At times we were off any tracks and following directions through bush to find the waypoint.

They all survived and returned safely, tired and wanting to know how many bucks they had earned for the auction. It was a good camp and pleasure to have spent it with Crawford’s great leadership team.
SCHOOL LEADERS
After some very good election speeches on parade, students voted for our 2015 school leaders. An extremely close vote followed immediately with Daniel Hansen-Crawford and Ryan Olsen being elected as our 2015 school leaders. After watching them during the leadership camp, not only Dan and Ryan, but all our leaders, we are lucky to have some excellent leadership ability to lead our school this year. Congratulations to Daniel and Ryan.

ATTENDANCE
The 2014 attendance rate was only 88.1% for the year, which is below the regional benchmark of 92%. The data shows that Crawford students had 116 absences due to sickness, 182 days for other reasons, 206 unexplained absences and 10 absent days for holidays. That is a total of 514 lost school days in 2014 for our students. Every student, every day, learning is what we would like to achieve in 2015.

Our attendance rate started off well but has started to decline. It takes a lot of time to catch up on missed days. Work is revised again but it is difficult to go back and explicitly teach the same concept again. Every day missed is a learning opportunity lost.

P&C NEWS
The P&C AGM was held last Tuesday. The Executive for 2015 is as follows:
President: Jo Olsen
Secretary: Nikki Hansen
Treasurer: Denise Weier
Vice-President: TBA

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that we start the 2015 year. We are extremely pleased that the P&C have been successful in gaining a substantial OLGR grant to assist us in providing a permanent undercover area for the school. The undercover area has been a huge “wish” on our list and we are excited that we are one step closer to seeing this become a reality.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new parents that have students now attending our wonderful school. We would also like to extend an invitation to all parents to attend the P&C meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 3.30pm (students are welcome to stay and play.) You do not need to attend every meeting to be a part of the P&C and all new ideas are welcome. If you are unable to attend a meeting but still wish to share your ideas, please do not hesitate to approach a committee member who will happily voice your ideas at a meeting. The P&C are committed to continually providing as much assistance in as many ways as we can to the school and everything we do is for the benefit of our students.

Due to the huge success of the chocolate drive in 2013, it has been decided to start the year off with this fundraiser. Each family will have a box of chocolates sent home in the next few weeks to sell. If you would like additional boxes please let us
If you do not wish to participate in this fundraiser we would ask that you complete the “Opt Out” form attached to the newsletter and return it to the school by Monday.

AWARDS RECEIVED ON PARADE

Prep-2 Student of the Week

Week 2 - Chloe
Week 3 - Abby
Week 4 - Noah

Curriculum Achievements - Magic Words

Ashley & Chloe - Gold
Cooper - Blue & Green
Sharleah - Green & Orange
Haiden - Green

Year 3-6 Students of the Week

Week 3 - Dan, Ryan, Bailey, Jeff & Jamie for mastering the Barambah Challenge

HEAD LICE
Please note that Head Lice has been detected in the School. Please check your child/ren’s hair and treat as required.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUTH BURNETT SAINTS AFL
Come & try days. Please note the clinic originally scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday 21st February has been cancelled due to the wet weather. First clinic will now be next Saturday, 28th February.

See attached flyer for further information.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CHILD SAFETY LUNCHEON
See attached flyer for further information.

LIFELINE BOOKFEST – TOOWOOMBA
See attached flyer for further information.

“Stop, Drop & Go are great”
Stop, Drop & Go is a fantastic, safe & time efficient way to drop off and collect your child/children from school, provided that we follow the RULES.

To keep our children safe & understand the rules.

IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS

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Our Vision

Everyday working together fluidly, to empower our digital natives to reach their full potential in an inspiring, caring and secure environment that provides opportunities, values diversity and encourages excellence and life-long learning.