Croydon State School acknowledges the Tagalaka as the traditional custodians of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their elders past and present.

Term 3 Week 5 10/08/15

Croydon students achieved great success in the educational section of the Etheridge show, taking out two of the major year level prizes and the overall junior art award.

Congratulations to all the students who entered work at the show, particularly to Jacinta Yore and Luke Smith who received first prize in their respective grade levels for their school project. Congratulations also to Amy Pickering who won the overall award for most outstanding junior art work.

The major award winners were:
Jacinta Yore: 1st Year 5 girls school project.
Luke Stonehouse: 2nd in bush art
Luke Smith: 1st - Year 4 boys school project
Travis Stonehouse: 1st in bush art
Amy Pickering: 1st Art - paper craft

The National year 3 and year 5 testing results were released last week. Croydon students overall showed great results with the year 5 students being higher than the National mean across all learning areas and the year 3 students also showing good results. Individual student reports will be sent home this week.

Last week we had Tony and Nelson from the National Rugby League running some clinics for the students. The students also received a poster of the No.1 State of Origin team to take home.

The Croydon School Track and Field Championships were held last Friday and were a great success. The overall trophy was taken out by Wattles. Congratulations Wattles.

Age champions are as follows:
2010 Boy Ethan Stoddart
2010 Girl Shyamah Wildermuth
2009 Boy Ewan O'Neill
2008 Boy Jai Logan
2008 Girl Tamia Dempsey
2007 Boy Brendan Kelly
2007 Girl Annie Kidd
2006 Boy Travis Stonehouse
2006 Girl Kasmin Logan
2005 Boy Luke Smith
2005 Girl Jacinta Yore
2004 Girl Amy Pickering
2003 Boy Luke Stonehouse
2003 Girl Elaina Douglas

Thanks to the P&C, particularly Natalie, Aaron and Anita for their efforts in assisting with the barbecue that raised several hundred dollars.

On Friday we also said farewell to Trish after working as a teacher aide at the school for several years. Thanks for your support and your strong work ethic. We wish her all the best for her move back to Mt Garnet.

This Friday we will be competing in the Savannah District Track and Field Championships at Georgetown. We have had most permission notes returned for this event. There appears to be a great deal of support for the carnival with many families driving across to cheer on their children as they compete.

Students travelling across on the bus will need to be at school to depart by 6.15 a.m. People driving across in cars need to be in Georgetown by 8.15 a.m.

The Gulf Kids Environment Day will be held at the Croydon Rodeo Grounds on the 28th of August. It has a theme of, “Edge of Extinction.” There will be a study of plants and animals that are threatened and there may even be a dinosaur encounter. Further information is available at www.northerngulf.com.au

Also to keep up with events at school download the free Qschools app that is available for Windows, Apple and Android devices. The school also has event information on the school web page www.croydonss.eq.edu.au

Daniel Smith
Calender 2015

August
14th - District Track and Field
17th - Hockey clinic
17th - Health screening
23-24th - Peninsula Track and Field
28th - Gulf Kids Day - Rodeo ground

September
3rd Rock climbing wall
15-17th Karumba Sports
18th - End of term 3

October
5th - Labour Day holiday
6th - Term 4 starts
19th - Student Free Day
18–24th - Year 6 transition camp

November
25th - Graduation night

December
2nd - Christmas Tree night
4th - Last day of term 4

Our school expectations - Absentees

All children should attend school every school day

When students are absent
Ring the school on 47456197 before 9.00 a.m. with a reasonable explanation or provide a signed note.
If the student absence is to be for some time collect some work from school.
Students are required to be at school by 8.20 am to ensure they go into class in adequate time.
When students are late i.e. after 8.30 a.m. they need a note explaining their absence.

School Response to absences
2 days absence without explanation – class teacher will ring home to enquire
4 days absence without suitable explanation – Principal will ring home to enquire
If there is no response to the phone call then an Absence Letter will be mailed home, reminding parents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the requirement for providing satisfactory explanations for all absences.

Absences greater than 10 days
If you are expecting that your child will be absent for greater than 10 days you need to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.

Congratulations to Wattles, taking out the Croydon State School Track and Field Championships.

Congratulations to Luke and Jacinta who received first place in their school projects at the Etheridge Show. Here they are pictured in front of all the school projects.