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.

Touch carnival rescheduled to April 20—22nd.

It is great to be back in Croydon and I would like to thank Ms Dean for filling in for me over the past five weeks and the rest of the staff for continuing to do a great job.

The next week looks as if it will be a wet week which is good to see. I should have scheduled the touch carnival earlier in the year to attract some early rain. Maybe next year.

This week we had staff from Distance Education e-kindys come into work with Nat and the other parents. It was great to see so many parents coming into the school and showing an interest in your child’s education.

As I have said many times in the past, student success is 20% attributable to the school and 40% to the home environment. The other 40% comes from peer relationships. Your involvement in your child’s education will result in an increased success rate.

Recent data also attributes student achievement directly to attendance levels. As attendance falls achievement also falls.

There are a few parents in the community who are insisting on their children fail by neglecting their education. Thankfully most parents care about their child’s future and ensure they are at school every day.

Many schools with high achievement attain attendance rates of 95%. We currently are at 85% which is the worst term 1 statistics we have had since I have been at the school.

The school is currently receiving record funding due to the Gonski review that favours students in remote areas.

The extra funding has no benefit if students aren’t at school to access this. Governments do look at these figures and can cut funding to schools such as Croydon if attendance levels continue to remain low.

There are a number of genuine absences due to medical issues but there are also absences due to nothing other than neglect.

I would like to thank the departing executive of the P & C for their great work last year with record fund raising levels due to their hard work. I would also like to welcome the new executive of President: Anita Pickering
Vice President: Jane Kidd
Secretary: Mandy Pickering
Assistant Secretary: Rebecca Fitzgerald
Treasurer: Jo Morris

The Croydon P&C is an organisation that has done some great work over the past few years including contributing to the purchase of the school bus. It is a forum for you to have some input into your child’s education.

If you are not at the meeting you miss out on having your say on various issues and you give your say to others that may not represent your views.

The meeting is involve a great deal of discussion before decisions are made that all people don’t always agree with. It is a democratic process. If you want your say come along to the next meeting.

The school dentist will be in Croydon April 19 - 21st. Dental forms have been sent home but if you missed out they can be picked up at school. Parents are responsible for contacting the dentist to make the appointment. The forms do not come back to the school.

Keep up with events at school by downloading the free QSchools app that is available for Windows, Apple and Android devices.

Daniel Smith
Calender 2016

March
18th - Dance eisteddfod
23rd - Last day of term
24th - Show holiday
25th - Good Friday

April
11th - Term 2 starts
18th - Track and Field clinic
20th Swimming Carnival
21st Touch football
22nd Touch Football
22nd Dance Eisteddfod

May
2nd - Labour day holiday
6th - Forsayth Cross Country
27th - Under 8’s day Normanton

June
24th - End of term 2

July
11th - Start of term 3
29th - Georgetown Athletics

September
5th - Proper Solid
16th - End of term 3

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.

Croydon State School P & C Association

On Friday 11 March 2015 the Croydon P & C met for the AGM followed by the general meeting. Executive Members are:

President – Anita Pickering
Vice President – Jane Kidd
Secretary – Mandy Pickering
Treasurer – Jo Morris

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you have great ideas or input but are unable to attend the P & C meetings.

With the Touch Carnival and Eisteddfod only a week away, it was a hot topic. If anyone can help by serving in the canteen, even for just a short time, please contact Anita. If you can’t help over the 3 days then maybe you can help cook some cakes/slices at home, if so please contact Jane.

Your support helps to assist the local and visiting children feel proud of having participated in a fun successful touch carnival and eisteddfod. It’s a great event and we look forward to seeing everyone support the kids.

The next P&C meeting will be held at the School on Friday 15 April 2016 at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Touch Carnival postponed
To April 20 - 22nd
TOUCH FOOTBALL
and SWIMMING CARNIVAL
PLUS
GULF EISTEDDFOD
HOSTED BY
CROYDON STATE SCHOOL
April 20 to 22nd

WHAT’S HAPPENING
Wednesday, April 20th – Travel Day and swimming carnival
Thursday, April 21st – Touch Football
Friday, April 22nd – Touch Football and Gulf Eisteddfod that evening