I would like to thank the staff at Croydon State School for doing such a great job while both myself and Ms Martin were on Long Service Leave.

I would particularly like to thank Tahni Stonehouse who had to deal with a much greater amount of work and Jane Dean for her work in my absence.

This week is the major event of the year with the Gulf Swimming Carnival, The Gulf Touch Football Championships and the Gulf Eisteddfod. There will also be some rugby league games held this year.

This has been followed up with Saturday morning touch football games at Normanton involving Karumba, Gulf Christian, Normanton and Croydon schools.

Congratulations to Annie and Ash who received the Croydon most valuable player awards. Also thanks to Mr O’Neill and Jane Kidd for driving the students to Normanton over the past two weeks.

There has been a great deal of work completed in the past few weeks. Most of the maintenance tasks have now been completed. There have been new cages placed around the air conditioning units and the mower shed has been totally recovered.

The new work looks fantastic. Thanks to Shaun Martin for doing such a great job. The only thing left to do now is the replacement of the junior playground. That will be done during the June holidays.

Reminder that we have the Closing the Gap and Harmony Day on Monday (bring a plate) and the family reading day on Tuesday with coffee made by the Principal.

Daniel Smith
Calender 2015

March
23rd - Close The Gap Day
24th - Family Reading Day
25th - Swimming Carnival
26th - Touch Carnival
27th - Touch and Eisteddfod

April
2nd - Last day of term 1
3rd - Easter Friday
20th - Start of term 2
25th - Anzac Day

May
1st - Forsayth Cross Country
12th - Year 3/5 testing
13th - Year 3/5 testing
14th - Year 3/5 testing

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 par- ents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the require- ment 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 ex- emption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.