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 1 Week 5 24/02/14

Great Results Guarantee

Our goals are as follows: Improve PM reading to L9 in Prep from 40% to 80%, to L19 in year 1 from 44% to 80% and to L23 in year 2 from 66% to 80%

Improve NAPLAN reading results in Year 3 MSS from 120 points less than QSS to QSS

Improve NAPLAN reading results in Year 3, 5, 7 from 0% to 30% in U2B in 2014 and 2015.

This means we are working for your child to get them to where they should be now.

We need your help!

1. Make sure your child is at school each day. We can’t do anything if they are not here.

2. Read to your child or have your child read to you every night.

3. Come in and help at school whenever you get a chance. There are a number of things that you can help with. We need people to cook, to read with kids, to make costumes for the dance, assist with art activities, weed, chop trees.

A reminder that school starts at 8.30 a.m. Students should not be at school before 8.00 a.m. To be in class in time students should arrive by 8.20 a.m.

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland

Congratulations to the school leaders who were presented with their badges on parade last Friday. Bobbie Knudsen and Henry Kidd as the Captains; Rosie Douglas and Chelsea Petersen as the vice Captains.

Also congratulations to the junior leaders Makala Spinnler-Harries and Lataia Petersen.

As a part of the leadership program Henry, Chelsea and Elaina participated in the Gripleadership program held in Cairns. They contributed immensely to the day and demonstrated some real signs of leadership.

This has been extended to the rest of the senior class where Henry and Chelsea have started to run classroom sessions to train all the students into being leaders. Leadership is about what you do as a person. Every-one is a leader and how you behave leads others to act in certain ways.

Parents in particular have a very important role in leading their children to a particular way of thinking and behaving.

It doesn’t matter how many times you tell a child to do something, they will end up doing exactly what you do. If you want your child to behave in a particular way, you also need to behave that way.

The P & C meeting was well attended last week. We started discussions on the touch football carnival and various programs happening in the school.

We do need parents to help with making costumes. If you can help come and see us at school. Dance rehearsals are 1.30—2.30 most afternoons.

In a few weeks time I will run some ready reader sessions with parents and carers to assist with helping your child read at home. Stay tuned.

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you’ll go.”

Dr Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut (1978)

Regards

Daniel Smith
Calender

2014

**March**
- 21st - Harmony Day
- 21st - Principal Meeting
- 26th - Swimming carnival
- 27th - Touch carnival
- 28th - Touch carnival
- 28th - Dance Eisteddfod

**April**
- 4th - Last day term 1

**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 students of the week for this week and last week. Luke, Hayley, Amber and Kallum. Well done.
The Eisteddfod

At the school eisteddfod this year we are performing a dance. The Dance is about Snow White and the seven dwarfs. I will be one of the seven dwarfs. I think I’m going to wear a floppy hat and fancy clothes.


Welcome to term one week 5.

We have started our school Eisteddfod practise, we will be doing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Parents are welcome to help make some costumes, if you can’t come in and you will learn how to. It has been going very well. As the school captain I believe that this year is going to go extremely good and I hope everyone enjoys it.

Eisteddfod on the 26th of March Friday

Bobbie Knudsen

Red Dog and Red Cat
Red dog and red cat are fighting ‘but why? Is it because they didn’t meant wow! They are strong and brave Red dog loves visiting Nancy for lunch but someone is stopping him all the time, it’s Red cat who’s stopping him. Done by Myar Booth.

THE EISTEDDFOD DANCES.

EVERY YEAR CROYDON STATE SCHOOL PERFORMS DANCES, IT IS GREAT AND ALSO WE NEED MORE MOVES BUT US GIRLS ARE DOING GREAT. US GIRLS NEED GOOD MOVES AND ME MYAR, CHELSEA BOBBIE AND AMY EMMA JACINTA ARE DOING GOOD AND I LIKE IT BECAUSE IT IS VERY GOOD AND ALSO WE ARE REALLY GOOD. BY ROBERTA.
Touch carnival

We are getting ready for touch carnival we’re very busy training and sorting out the teams. We have been trying to fit a game or some drills in every day. The last couple of days it has been raining (but who doesn’t like rain in Croydon). The P&C can’t wait to run the canteen!!!

This year is going to be the best one so far. As school captain I know everyone will have a great time.

It is on the 26th, 27th and 28th March

**LOTÉ**

*This year the grade six and seven are doing LOTÉ. We talk to sensei about the Japanese language. There are lots of schools that do LOTÉ as well. We use the schools computer to go online. If you’re interested in Study Ladder there is a website on Google. There are many languages on Study Ladder. Georgetown, Forsayth, Cairns SDE and Croydon do Japanese languages.*

*Written by Chelsea*

Henry Kidd

**Geography**

At the start of the year we started to learn about geography and learning about the world, we are also learning about different places for E.G the equator is in the centre of the earth. We also have been learning about the different tropics like the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn but also the different contents like Australia and Asia we have been having a lot of fun and we all have been doing good in geography.

Rosie Douglas

*Written by Emma*

**School captains**

At last weeks parade [Friday February the 21st] the school captains Henry and Bobbie and the vice captains Chelsea and Rosie were given their badges. After going through speeches, votes and a leadership camp these students are already demonstrating their acquired skills by doing activities in the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 class. Ethan Foley.