Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone had some well spent family time during the past two weeks with some shared time for reading.

The teaching staff look forward to working with you and your family during the term.

At the end of last term we had the touch, swimming and dance eisteddfod that was well attended and had only positive feedback from schools on what a great time the students and staff had. Thanks again to everyone involved in the organisation and implementation of the carnival.

It is a time where staff work from 5.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. and there is great cooperation demonstrated by parents, P&C, students and staff.

Congratulations to all staff involved in the preparation of the dance eisteddfod with the school gaining first place for the first time in fifteen years. Well done. This is what can be achieved when the principal takes long service leave.

There were a number of lead up activities in the days preceding the carnival with harmony day, close the gap day and a family reading day.

This school has come along way over the past four years in improving reading but we need to maintain the focus on continuing to develop reading in the school. There is still some improvement that can be achieved.

To continue on this path we need to continue with reading time at home each afternoon and ensure that students are at school everyday.

The attendance figures for Croydon State School in term 1 2015 was 90%. This is the first time this has been achieved since records were being taken.

Most students attendance is much higher than this. There are only one or two families that are placing other priorities ahead of their child’s future.

The District cross country is being held at Forsayth on May 1st. There will be some students selected to travel down on the bus to compete based on fitness, behaviour and attendance.

Students who do not have attendance over 90% will not be allowed to compete in school activities unless there are extenuating circumstances. Schools throughout Queensland have adopted similar attendance policies.

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The full recording of the dance eisteddfod is also available through the Croydon Qld link in Facebook.

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There are still packets of CC’s, poppers and Snickers Bars leftover from the touch carnival for sale.

Daniel Smith
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.
TOUCH SWIMMING
CROYDON EISTEDDFOD WINNERS 2015
2015 Results

10 year Touch Competition

Winner: Gulf Christian
Runners Up: Mornington/Karumba

12 year Touch Competition

Winner: Gulf Christian
Runners up: Mornington

Best and Fairest

Under 10 Girls best and fairest: Beau - Georgetown
Under 10 Boys best and fairest: Marius – Gulf Christian
Under 12 Girls best and fairest: Glynette - Croydon
Under 12 Boys best and fairest: Elijah – Mornington

Dance Eisteddfod

Overall – Croydon
Runner up – Georgetown
Visual Appearance – Karumba
Music – Gulf Christian
Choreography – Georgetown

Swimming Age Champions

Girls
6 years Liahra Waldon – Karumba
7 years Chantel Wilson – Mt Surprise
8 years Annie Kidd – Croydon
9 years Mackenzie Stephens – Gulf Christian
10 years Emily Hammann – Karumba
11 years Hailea Wallace – Gulf Christian
12 years Eliza Friend – School of Distance Education

Boys
6 years Kaelan Atkinson – Mt Surprise
7 years Jai Logan – Croydon and Warwick Crossland - Karumba
8 years Camren McNeill – Karumba
9 years Marbuck Gabory – Mornington Island
10 years Cooper Solinas – Georgetown
11 years Elijah Joe – Mornington Island
12 years Cameron M – Gulf Christian