The excitement and activities continue to grow as we approach the Poddy Dodgers parade and rodeo beginning on June 19th. The students will start preparing for the parade over the next couple of weeks.

Before this though we have another fantastic event organised by Jana and the Shire council at Golden Gate. This will involve the students travelling out to Golden Gate on the train Wednesday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. The students will be dressed in period costume and there will be games organised for the students from 3.30 p.m.

The program will be opened by Patrick Wheeler at 6.00 p.m. and the students will be involved in line dancing at 6.20 p.m. This will be followed by fireworks at 6.45 p.m.

The P & C Association will be operating a bar and meals will be for sale on the night. The first train will return to Croydon at 7.30 p.m. The last bus run will be sometime after 10.00 p.m. depending on requirements.

This week is also National Reconciliation Week and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Teachers will be starting to complete report cards for this semester over the next two weeks. Parent interviews will be scheduled to take place during the last week of term.

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

Croydon students can get involved in the Shire Council Library by joining up in the kids club activities. Students who register at the library get their own membership card and have the chance to take home the green sheep for a night or two and add to the adventure.

The four under ceiling air conditioners in the classrooms are being replaced in the next couple of weeks. This should allow for a quieter classroom as the current ones are around twenty years old and quite noisy.

There will be a send off for Ms Martin at the end of this term on Friday 26th of June. This has been changed from the Thursday. On this night we will also have a showing of the television episode that was made in Croydon and shown on the ten network. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

Representatives from MSB college will be talking to the students on Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. Parents and families of students that may be attending MSB next year are welcome to come and join the discussion. Individual times can be made to talk to the representatives if required.

The school photos were completed last week and should be available for collection in three to four weeks time.

Just a reminder that the newsletter with full colour photos is also displayed on the school web page and a copy is sent as an email. If you are not receiving a copy as an email please leave your email address at the office.

Also to keep up with events at school download the free QSchools app that is available for Windows, Apple and Android devices.

Also good to see the natural order has been corrected with the Queensland State of Origin win last week. It’s great to live in Queensland.

Daniel Smith
Calender 2015

**June**
- 3rd - M.S.B. visit
- 3rd - Golden gate train ride
- 8th - Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 9th - Guidance Officer
- 10th - Guidance Officer
- 19th - Poddy Dodgers Parade
- 22nd - Shire holiday
- 23rd - Teacher aide conference
- 24th - Teacher aide conference
- 26th - Special celebration
- 26th - End of term 2

**July**
- 1st - Cairns - Karumba Bike Ride
- 13th - Start of term 3

**August**
- 23-24th - Peninsula Track and Field
- 28th - Gulf Kids Day - Rodeo ground

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.

**National Sorry Day 26.05.15**

The recognition of past wrongs in Australia has been described as 'the test we’ve always failed'. National Sorry Day recognises the negative impact of Australian policies, practices and attitudes on Indigenous people.

**National Reconciliation Week**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

**Congratulations to the Students Of The Week. Tamia Marie Dempsey from the junior class and Luke Smith from the senior class for perseverance with work in the classroom.**
Croydon students had an interesting week visiting the displays at the Court house and participating in the squaring the wheel workshop. Thanks to Jana for organising the displays and the theatre.
Mount St Bernard College will visit
Croydon State School
Wednesday June 3rd from 10.00am

To meet with families and assist with new enrolment enquiries for Girls and Boys Boarding

For further information please contact Mount St Bernard College on 40961444 or you can contact the College representatives during their visit on 0429 954 031

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