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.

We have come to the end of another interesting term with the students having a number of artistic experiences.

This culminated in displays at the Poddy Dodgers Festival last week and will continue this week with NAIDOC week activities.

I would like to thank Croydon Shire Council and the RADF committee for providing such fantastic experiences for the whole community that the students were able to be involved with. In particular I would like to thank Jana for all the organisation and effort she has put into organising these activities.

Every visitor I have had to the school over the past three years has commented on what a lovely spot we have here in Croydon. This has only been possible through a competent Shire Council with dedicated workers that have transformed this town into the Jewel it is.

We may have gone down in the State of Origin this year but where would you rather be? In the best town in the best state in Australia or that other state.

In term three we will be continuing on with the art activities but there will be more of a focus back to sport with the Track and Field being held at the end of week three at Croydon and week 4 in Georgetown. The students in years three to seven will also be involved in basketball and hockey at the Karumba Festival of Sport in the last week of the term.

Parents of students in years P - 2 are required to attend the Georgetown sports if they want their children to participate. There will be limited transport for older students in the form of the hire of the mini bus. We would like as many parents as possible to attend. It is a great community day.

Report cards are currently being prepared and will be sent home before the end of the week. Teachers will be conducting interviews on Thursday and Friday. If these times do not suit there will be further interviews held at the start of next term. It is important that you do come and discuss your child’s progress with the classroom teacher.

As a part of the Great Results Guarantee the students have had further reading testing. The testing regime involves the students being involved in some form of testing every five weeks.

The results to date have been very encouraging with the target group of students achieving very highly. The year two students have 60 percent of their cohort at levels 16—21, which is a great improvement over previous years and places us at a higher standard than most schools in Queensland. The biggest hindrance to some children not achieving is lack of attendance. Students who have had long absences may be required to repeat their year level.

There is a very strong correlation between student attendance and achievement. The game has changed. Schooling is now compulsory up to year 12. If you deny your child an education in Prep year 1 and year 2 they will not catch up. Their one chance has been stolen from them.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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.

Regards

Daniel Smith
Calender 2014

**June**
- 27th Last Day of Term 2
- 27th NAIDOC celebration

**July**
- 14th - First day term 3
- 29th - Sports Tour

**August**
- 1st - Croydon Track / Field
- 8th - Georgetown Sports
- 29th - Gulf Kids Day

**September**
- 16 - 18th Karumba Sports
- 19th - Last day term 3

**October**
- 6th - Public Holiday
- 7th - First day of term 4

**November**
- 26th - Graduation night

**December**
- 4th - Christmas Tree
- 5th - Last day of term 4

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**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.