Welcome back to term three. I trust everyone spent some quality time with their children over the past two weeks and the students are now keen to get back into some serious learning.

The two week holiday was an eventful time starting with the Paddy Dodgers event on the first weekend. This was continued into the show season with many Croydon residents going across for the Atherton show and the Mareeba Rodeo last week. The Cairns show of course being on this week. I had a great time at the Atherton show and met up with a number of past and present students from Croydon. It was good catching up with the Shoreys and Petersens.

The Cairns to Karumba bike ride was held during the first week of the holidays and a number of school families were involved in this event particularly Jane Kidd and Gillian.

Thanks once again to Shelley and Anita for their efforts in running the bar at the bike ride and bringing in another $3000 for the P & C. Thanks also to the many residents who came out to support the school through the purchase of drinks and take advantage of the steak and sausages being offered. It was a great night all round.

The send off for Ms Martin also went very well the last day of last term. We now move into the first term without Ms Martin for 25 years.

Welcome to Liz Carlson who will be completing her final five week teaching prac at Croydon starting this week. After this she will be a fully qualified teacher and will be a great asset to our school over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to the students of the week from the last week of last term, Lataia and Shanee. This is a big term for sporting events as we have the school track and field and district track and field being held. We also have the Karumba Festival of sports on where the students from year 3 to year 6 are involved in playing hockey and basketball.

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

The school gardens have been revitalised with peas, pigeon pea, Brazilian spinach, watermelon, pumpkin, sunflowers, rosellas and arrowroot now growing. The worm farm has also been restarted and we have placed 1000 worms into the actual garden areas.

NAIDOC will be celebrated next Friday July 24th. All community members are welcome to come in and participate from 11.00 a.m. This would be a good time to access the school computers and complete the School Opinion Survey that is currently underway.

Thanks also to the P&C with their contribution of another $5000 towards the new school bus and for the purchase of four new computers for the junior area.

It was great last week to see that apart from living in the best State in Australia and living with the best people in Australia that we still have the best Rugby League team in Australia. Daniel
NAIDOC Activities
Friday July 24th
All Welcome
Activities start at 11.00

Croydon State School
Track and Field Championships
Friday August 7th
Distance Ed Students Welcome
Barbeque Food for Sale

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.