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 3 Week 1 15/07/14

Welcome back to term three which once again has many interesting activities planned. This term the focus remains on reading achievement. There has been significant improvement in the student reading levels over the previous three years and we aim for this to continue.

We can only do this if the students are at school. The biggest hindrance to some students’ learning is their parents pulling them away from school. If students are not achieving by the end of year two they will not catch up. The gap will only widen. If you do not ensure your child is at school regularly in years P - 2 you have effectively robbed them of a future.

This term there will also be a number of sporting activities. We start with Athletics in Croydon on Friday August 1st. There will also be a sports tour during this week on July 29.

The District athletics will be held at Georgetown on the following Friday August 8th. 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 drive across. It is a great community day.

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.

Students will only be able to attend this event if they have good attendance. Letters have been sent home to every student in years 3 - 7 detailing their current level of attendance and what is required for them to participate in this event.

The school pays large amounts of money for this excursion with no contributions required from families. We will not supply this funding to people who do not come to school regularly.

We have a lunch program at school that is currently free. This program is provided for two reasons. Firstly to ensure high levels of attendance and secondly to provide a healthy freshly prepared meal as an alternative to prepackaged foods.

This program is being reviewed as we cannot continue to pay large amounts of money on strategies that don’t work. The facts are attendance needs to improve across the indigenous and non indigenous communities and students eating habits are showing minimal change.

This will be among a number of issues to be discussed at the next P & C meeting. If you want a say come along. This is where the decisions are made.

Diabetes type 2 is one of the biggest health problems in Australia and is continuing to grow every week. The eating habits that we create with our children will have a large impact on if they develop diabetes or not.

If we are sending rollups, biscuits, soft drinks, processed fruit juices and other packaged foods we are not giving them a treat we are developing habits of eating that will lead to health problems in later life.

Timetables were also sent home yesterday asking for assistance with the lunch program. I understand that many parents work and you contribute in many other areas.

If you have spare time on either Mondays or Fridays we need people to make sandwiches.

Cardboard can be dropped over the front school fence near the fruit trees.

MORE Cardboard and MANURE needed

There will be an on going need for gardening project. Please contact the school if you can help.
Calender 2014

July
14th - First day term 3
21 - 25th - Dentist
29th - Sports Tour

August
1st - Croydon Track / Field
8th - Georgetown Sports
13th - P&C Meeting
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

Facts on Diabetes

Over 100,000 Australians have developed diabetes in the past year.

Diabetes is the fastest growing chronic condition in Australia

Almost 1.1 million Australians currently have diagnosed diabetes.

This includes:

The total number of Australians with diabetes and pre-diabetes is estimated at 3.2 million

Indigenous Australians are 3 times more likely to have type 2 diabetes compared with non-Indigenous Australians

At least 2 million Australians have pre-diabetes and are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Type 2 diabetes can be prevented

DO YOU WANT THIS FOR YOUR CHILD?
Think about what you feed them.

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 par-ents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the require-ment 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 ex-emption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.
Croydon State School conducted a very successful NAIDOC activity day the last day of term 2. Thanks to all staff who were involved in organising the activities particularly Trish Mitchell and thanks to community who attended and made contributions through various activities.

The students were involved in a number of activities during the day, including boomerang painting, cooking, beading, art work, cooking and dreamtime stories.