The students have been preparing for the Track and Field being held at Croydon this Friday. This is the inter house sports where the students represent Wattles and Eucalypts.

This leads into the District athletics that is being held in Georgetown on the following Friday, August the 8th.

The District athletics at Georgetown is more for the senior class but parents of students in the junior class are welcome to attend with your children.

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.

There will be a normal school day for students who don’t attend this event.

Students and parents are reminded that there is a requirement for students to have demonstrated good behaviour and have adequate attendance for them to participate in activities outside of school. At this point there are no students who will be excluded due to behaviour. Attendance will be looked at on a case by case basis.

On the point of behaviour I would once again like to compliment the students on their behaviour at school. As I have said on many occasions I look forward to coming to school each day because it is such a nice place to be. This is mainly because the students are such nice people. This is a reflection of the families they come from. The students come to school with a great deal of self discipline and respect for themselves and each other. You are all to be congratulated for that.

Students will also be involved in the sports tour on Tuesday. They will rotate through activities including hockey and rugby league. Basketball training will begin next week for the senior students on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 1.00 - 2.30.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday August 13th at 5.00 p.m. in the library. Due to the fundraising efforts of the P & C members there is a healthy bank balance of over $20 000.

This year the P & C have raised money through the Touch Football, the Golden Gate train ride, Poddy Dodgers and the last event was the Cairns to Karumba bike ride during the school holidays. Some of these activities go unnoticed but there is a group of people in the background constantly working to raise money and support your students.

I would like to thank Anita Pickering and Michelle Perkins for their efforts during the holidays in raising another thousand dollars operating the bar during the Cairns Karumba bike ride.

To support our kitchen garden program we are developing the garden area around the fruit trees. This is a big job and if you are interested in gardening we would appreciate help at any time. The area needs to be weeded and we have a number of seedlings that are ready to be transplanted. This can’t be done until we get the garden area fenced. I am hoping to set up a fence next weekend so we can firstly keep out the kangaroos.

We also need a constant supply of manure and cardboard, even small amounts of manure are useful. Thanks to Anita Pickering and Tahni and Darren Stonehouse for bringing in manure to date and Toby and Karen at the hotel for the cardboard.

School opinion surveys are being completed now. This can only be done on line. Ask your teacher if you haven’t received one. Surveys can also be completed on computers at school.

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
Croydon Track and Field
Friday August 1st
All Welcome

District Track and Field
Georgetown
Friday August 8th

Transport provided for students in senior class.
Junior students can compete if parents/family attend and provide transport.

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.