Last Friday students at Croydon State School competed admirably in the Savannah District Track and Field Championships.

It was great to see so many parents involved in the day and making the trip across to Georgetown. The children love to see you at these events. Thanks also to the Mayor, Trevor Pickering to take some time out of his busy schedule to travel across and support the students.

We had a number of successes at the event with the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Ball Game teams taking out the Ball Games Trophy. Well done to the whole school as every-one was involved in this. This achievement demonstrated great team work and team spirit between the Croydon kids.

We also took out three of the age champions with Chelsea Petersen (12 year girls); Rosie Douglas (11 year girls); and Annie Kidd (7 year old girls). Congratulations to those students.

Congratulations also to Roberta Nimble, Rosie Douglas and Chelsea Petersen who were selected to represent Savannah District at the Peninsula regional trials next Sunday and Monday in Cairns.

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.

This is particularly the case for school funded activities such as the Karumba sports. Students are required to have 90 percent attendance to participate. Students at risk of missing out have been informed and attendance letters have been sent home to parents/carers.

Basketball training will begin this week for the senior students on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 12.30 - 2.30. Students participating will be driven to the recreation grounds.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday August 13th at 5.00 p.m. in the library. Please come and make a difference.

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 though until we get the garden area fenced. This will more than likely happen at the Gulf Kids Day.

The Gulf Kids day is scheduled to be held on Friday August 29th. During this time the students will be involved in a number of kitchen garden activities. This day is conducted by The Northern Gulf Resource Management Group and is always well organised and great fun for the kids and parents. Any parents that are interested in participating on the day are very welcome. Students will be attending from Karumba, Normanton, Georgetown, Croydon, Forsayth and Mt Surprise.

We still need a supply of manure and cardboard, even small amounts of manure are useful. Thanks to Anita Pickering who is continuing to bring a supply of manure.

MORE Cardboard and MANURE needed
There will be an on going need for gardening project. Please contact the school if you can help.
Cardboard can be dropped over the front school fence near the fruit trees.

The new playground has also arrived. We now need to wait for funding from the current financial year to begin construction. The awning outside the classrooms has also been replaced after being damaged in some strong winds.

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

August
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

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.

P & C Meeting
Wednesday 5.00 p.m.
at School
In the Library

Behaviour Focus
- Hats
Please ensure your child brings a hat to school.
NO CAPS.
CHAMPIONS