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.

Croydon State School National Testing data has shown the biggest improvement since the testing regime began.

The report demonstrates a significant improvement in mean scale score in year 3 reading, writing and spelling; year 5 reading, writing and number; and year 7 reading, writing and number. This means these students are at the same academic standard as students in Cairns or Brisbane.

The graph titled U2B means these students scored in the upper two bands which is two years ahead of where they are expected to be. Croydon again showed significant improvement in year 3 reading, writing, spelling and number; year 5 number and year 7 reading and number. This means we have students in year 3 working at a year 5 level; students in year 5 working at a year 7 level and students in year 7 working at a year 9 level.

This is a massive improvement and staff, parents and students need to be congratulated on this development.

The entire school data profile can be read at school and is available on the school website.

The main factor holding back some students is lack of attendance. The school data profile shows non-indigenous attendance at 91% and indigenous attendance at 84%.

Most of these absences are in the junior class where there seems to be an attitude that school isn’t really important in Prep and year 1. The most important years for a child to be at school is Prep and year 1.

SCHOOL IN PREP AND YEAR 1 IS IMPORTANT

Your child’s future is in your hands. If your child is not reading well by the end of year 2 their chance has gone.

Society has changed in the past twenty years. It is now compulsory to be at school until you have met minimum standards in year 12. It is standard for people to go to university. If you want your child to have a fair chance you must ensure they are at school EVERY DAY.

Your child’s future depends on what you do today.

This term there continues to be an emphasis on sport particularly in the senior years where the students are preparing for the Karumba hockey and Basketball carnivals. Next week Wes from Remote Hockey will be running clinics with the students at the school and I will be continuing to hold basketball coaching sessions at the recreation grounds. This will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

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. Generally 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.

The P & C meeting was held last Wednesday. Thanks to all who participated. Major things are starting to happen.

MORE MANURE Needed Urgently This Week For Gulf Kids Day Thanks to Toby and Karen at the Croydon Hotel for collecting and delivering cardboard boxes. Much appreciated

The Gulf Kids day is this Friday August 29th. During this time the students will be involved in a number of kitchen garden activities. The 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.

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.

Daniel Smith
Calender 2014

August
28th - Queensland Hockey
29th - Gulf Kids Day

September
11th - Arts Choir
16 - 18th Karumba Sports
19th - Last day term 3

October
6th - Public Holiday
7th - First day of term 4
20 - 24th Year 6/7 transition

November
26th - Graduation night

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

Students of the week

Behaviour Focus
Hats
Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat. No caps.

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.