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 4 Week 8 23/11/15

As we move into the festive season there are a number of activities planned to take us through to the end of the year. This week we have the graduation and presentation ceremony at the Matron Morrow Hall on Friday night. If you are planning on attending please return notes as soon as possible.

The Xmas tree night will be held next Thursday night December 3rd. Students have been working hard on their presentations for this night.

Any families having students in the age range 0 - 4 that aren’t at school will need to inform the school so they can receive a present from Santa.

Congratulations to all the students and their excellent results in the recent PatR and PatM testing. There has been considerable improvement within grade levels and a record eight students scoring in the upper stanines. Congratulations in particular to Mia O’Neill who scored in stanine 8 for both reading and numeracy. Well done.

These improvements in results are the direct result of a greater commitment from families in supporting your children by getting them to school on time, developing their reading at home and believing that they can achieve highly.

Report cards are currently being prepared and should be home by the start of next week. Teachers will be organising interviews with parents over the next week.

There are a number of activities planned for this week and next week with Chappie Joe running a pancake breakfast morning on Tuesday (tomorrow) starting at 7.45 a.m. All community members are welcome and the event is free. Following on with this on Tuesday there will be a visit from the Salvation Army who will be arriving in a helicopter bearing gifts for each of the students.

The pilot has also offered to take groups of one adult and three students on rides over Croydon in his helicopter. Notes were sent home for this last week. Permission notes will have to be signed for students to go up for a ride.

On Tuesday we also have Dwayne from the AFL running football workshops on Tuesday from 12.00—1.00 p.m. This will be followed up with sessions on Thursday morning.

On Monday of the last week of school there will be a visit from Go West who will be running activities for the students all day with a Christian focus. There will also be activities after school. Permission notes for this were sent home last week.

School will operate as normal up to the end of term. The last day of school is just as important as any other day. There has been a steady improvement in student attendance through this year which has been pleasing to see.

There will be two staff changes next year with Rosalinda leaving for Brisbane in two weeks and Tahni moving to Atherton. I would like to thank them for the significant contribution they have both made to the smooth running of the school. I wish them all the best for the future.

P&C Christmas Tree Night
Thursday December 3rd 2015
6PM START
BBQ
Sausages $2.00
Steak $5.00
Soft drinks $2.00

Thanks to staff and community for making this another great year of my life and looking forward to next year where Qld will win again.

Daniel Smith
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.
Pancake Day
Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} November

Chappy Joe is cooking a pancake breakfast to celebrate making it to the end of the school year!
Whole school community welcome - come join in from 7:45am to enjoy some delicious pancakes.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
AND PRESENTATION NIGHT
Date: Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} November 2014
Place: SES Hall
Time: 6:30pm
Cost: $15.00 Adults and $10.00 Children
(Year 6 students free)
Reminder: Children must be accompanied by an Adult
IT IS HOPED THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND