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 3 20/10/14

We are currently participating in a testing program to see how our students are going compared to other students in the state. The results are encouraging with students across a few different grade levels scoring in the upper two bands. This means that some students in Croydon are operating about two years above where they should be. We have year 1 students for example working at a year three level.

This has come about by a committed staff and support from home. The school focus on reading is starting to show positive effects in National testing programs such as NAPLAN.

It is critical that we continue with this focus over the coming weeks particularly in the area of students reading at home. Reading for fifteen minutes every evening should by now be a part of the routine in every house.

Students need to have a good education to succeed. This is decided by the time they finish year 2. **It is critical that your child is at school EVERY DAY in Prep, year 1 and year 2.**

Next month the school will be involved in a quadrennial curriculum and behaviour audit that will provide data of where we need to go with our school planning.

The curriculum audit will cover the following eight areas:

1. An explicit Improvement agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic curriculum delivery
7. Differentiated classroom instruction
8. Effective teaching practice.

Results of this will guide the school’s future direction. Any community member that would like input into this process is welcome to come to the school on November 4th.

Congratulations to the students of the week in the first week of this term - Nathan and Makala.

Thanks to Leanne from Anglicare who ran an interesting art workshop last week. The students had a great time and created some interesting works of art. The activities ranged from working with paint and crayons to rock art using the feet as a mould in sand.

This activity was followed up by Chris McCallum from the Shire Council who ran a fantastic photography workshop at school with the students and community.

We learnt how cameras worked and different aspects of framing the picture. On Saturday night the activity became even more interesting when some of the students took photos outside the shire hall and the old jail. In these photos lighting and shutter speeds were played with to create some very ghostly images. These images can be seen on facebook. Do a search under Croydon Qld and you will be able to see the photos.

Thanks also to Bendigo Bank for donating a new barbeque to the school. This is of a high quality and will be well used.

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

October
20 - 24th Year 6/7 transition
21st - Live, Learn, Leap
28th - Live, learn leap

November
4th - Curriculum Audit
11th - Learn to Swim training
26th - Graduation night

December
2nd - Go West
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.

Behaviour Focus

Littering
Students generally try very hard to keep the school grounds clear of litter, sometimes though small bits of plastic from popper straws, roll up, muesli bar, biscuit packets appear on the ground.
This will be targeted for the next two weeks and some students may be given litter duty. Assist by not sending prepackaged food to school.

Congratulations to Sophie
Student of the week

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