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.

This newsletter brings us to the end of probably the second most enjoyable year of teaching I have experienced. The most enjoyable will come next year. Something to look forward to.

This year we have achieved a great deal with education standards improving across the grade levels particularly in the focus area of reading. We have students across most year levels now reading above their age levels. Students in prep and year one are reading at a year three level, students in year five and six are reading at a secondary school level. This should start to transfer through to our NAPLAN data next year.

This improvement has only been achieved through the committed work of school staff, students and most importantly parents. Parental participation in school has five times more effect on student learning than teachers. Your children need you in the classroom.

A good way to start the process of being in the classroom is to involve yourself in the parent days organised for this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We need your assistance during this time from December 3rd to 5th in making a short film. We need adults to contribute to the films being made. We need ideas. The students will be acting out two stories they have been working on in class.

This will lead into the presentation/Christmas Tree/Short Film Festival on Thursday night. The night will begin at 5.30 p.m. and continue into the night with the short film festival being the culminating activity.

Report cards are being sent home on Monday with the students. A timetable will also be sent home of available times for parent teacher interviews. Please make a time and come to the school to discuss your child’s progress.

The new school website has been finished and is now operational. To get the most out of the website it is necessary to download the QSchools app available for Windows, Android and Apple systems. This app will allow the school to send information to your smart phone as required. The Far North Queensland region also has its own website now, “Crayons to Careers,” and this can be accessed at www.farnorth.eq.edu.au

The television episode of Outback Tracks has been postponed for one week and will be shown on Imparja at 5.30 p.m. December 8th. This will focus solely on Croydon and has some great interviews and shots of the community.

The prep orientation day is being held today (Monday).

Parents are invited in Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Parent Week.

I would like to thank every-one for making this such an enjoyable year. The school has strong community links with the businesses in town, police, health and Shire Council. This will continue to strengthen over the next few years. We have a great staff and this will continue next year with all teachers choosing to stay into their third and fourth years. This stability in staff will further develop your child’s education over the next twelve months. This has occurred largely because the community has made us feel welcome.

regards
Daniel Smith
Prep Enrolments 2014

Croydon State School is now accepting enrolment of students into prep for 2014. Students should be born between July 1st 2008 and June 30th 2009.

Enrolments are being accepted from Wednesday to Friday up until December 6th 2013. Enrolments will then be accepted from January 24th 2014.

There will be an introduction to prep day on Monday December 2nd where the students will have a chance to experience a day at school with their teacher and other students. Further information will be given out on this day and parents are welcome to stay for an hour or for the day.

For further information call Daniel or Tahni at Croydon State School on 47456197.

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 am 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.