Principal’s Report - Greg O’Neill

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Waugh was successful in her application for the position of Relieving Assistant Principal at Emerton Public School. Mrs Waugh will commence at Emerton Public School at the beginning of Term 2. We congratulate Nicole and thank her for the commitment to teaching and learning at Crawford Public School. Mrs Arnall will undertake the teaching of 5/6W for the remainder of 2014.

Ms Still will move into a support role for the remainder of 2014 with Ms Vaoga continuing to teach 2S for the remainder of 2014.

At this stage, Mrs Benfield is due to return from Long Service Leave at the beginning of Term 2.

I am hopeful that Mrs Evans will return next week but this will depend on family circumstances.

I will be taking Long Service Leave the first 4 weeks of Term 2, returning in Week 5, 26 May. Mrs Taylor will be relieving Principal in my absence and Ms Alipate will be relieving Deputy Principal.

COMMUNITY

NgalluWal have now moved out of the Crawford Community Cottage. The Crawford Community Cottage is to be used for all parent meetings and forums.

The school has entered into a number of partnerships with other providers (e.g. Children’s First operate the Playgroup that happens on Thursday mornings). These groups will also operate out of the Crawford Community Cottage as required.

Greg O’Neill
Principal

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING

Crawford Public School is taking part in the Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking program. School Banking is an initiative of our P&C with the support of a School Banking Coordinator in implementing the program.

The benefits of School Banking

The School Banking program teaches children good money management skills that will last well beyond school life.

The program also offers financial benefits for our school. The school will receive:

• $5.00 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time
• 5% commission for each deposit (up to a maximum of $10 in commission per individual deposit)
• Minimum commission payment of $25 per quarter (provided at least one deposit is received from the school per quarter).

STEWART HOUSE DAY 2014 DONATION DRIVE

Stewart House envelopes have been sent home. For your chance to win a $4,000 family holiday to a destination of choice, all you need to do is fill in your name, address, telephone number and school on your envelope and insert a donation of at least $2 and seal it. All envelopes need to be returned to the front office by Friday 9 May, 2014.

The winning entry will be drawn on Friday 23 May, 2014 at 1:00pm. The winner will be contacted by phone and mail as soon as possible after 1:00pm. The winner’s name will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald.
Deputy Principal’s Report—Mrs D. Taylor

REMINDERS

Attendance
Thank you to all our parents who are assuring their child/ren are at school on time and ready to learn. Can I please ask all parents to remember if your child is absent from school, they are required to provide a note outlining the date or dates of the absences and a satisfactory explanation for their child being absent. As the Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act also requires you to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. Explanation can be provided in writing as soon as possible or alternatively you may wish to contact the school via phone.

Uniform
With our morning becoming a little cooler, can I please remind parents and students that they need to be wearing green jumpers and ones that have been clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Also remember hats protect us from the sun so please make sure your child has their hat with them every day. On days where hats are forgotten they will be reminded to play in the shade.

Morning Drop Off
Well most of the tears of have stopped and students are now more comfortable with coming to school. However, we do still have a couple of students who struggle with saying goodbye to mum. To make this transition easier on all parties, can we please ask parents to drop their students at lines and move to the top of the amphitheatre allowing the teachers to set them up for success for the day. If your child is having difficulty settling or needs assistance, the stage supervisor or deputy will be in contact with you.

The Brewongle and Crawford Public School Leadership

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader”. John Quincy Adams.

The Brewongle EEC Leadership Camp.
Students spent two days with the leadership team, where the Brewongle staff put them through a rigorous and challenging program of outdoor activities. Where they worked hard to be part of the leadership team to complete a variety of activities including kayaking, navigation, hiking and problem solving. They were given time to brainstorm ideas on how to complete the rest of their leadership award when they return to school.

The big question they were asked was “What makes a good leader?” We learnt a lot about being leaders and working together while having a lot of fun.

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A voluntary leadership program for primary school students in NSW schools. “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader”. John Quincy Adams

What is The Award...Environmental, community and school leadership
To achieve the award students will need to accomplish projects in the above areas, as well as complete a challenging program of outdoor activities and leadership skills at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. The award is voluntary and supervised by teachers at Crawford. Students will commence the award by attending and completing the Brewongle Leadership Camp. This is a chance to test their skills, discover what makes a good leader and work on some project ideas as well as have a whole heap of fun with their friends!

Students have two school terms to complete a leadership activity in each category of environmental, community and school leadership. To achieve each category of the award students will need to finish at least 6 hours of time devoted to each category over two terms. Students will need to record the time spent on each activity in this log book and Mrs Taylor as your supervising teacher will sign you off when you have completed the required hours.

Students will need to be submit their information for assessment to Principal and Brewongle EEC for certification. Upon successful completion of all sections, you will be presented with the award certificate at presentation night in Term 4.

Remember, this is a voluntary program and you will need to show initiative, motivation, communication, organization, leadership and inspiration to reach your goals!

Mrs Deanne Taylor
Deputy Principal
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It is nearly the end of our first term together and the teachers are astounded at how far our Kindy students have come in just nine weeks! Our ‘Star of the Week’ awards began in Week 7. These are awarded to students who teachers believe have been safe, respectful learners consistently. Their photos and work are displayed on the windows in the Kindergarten area so please stop and have a look at our stars. Well done to these students!

**Week 7 Stars of the Week:**

KM—Krezlee  
KH—Aubree  
KG—Heath

**Week 8 Stars of the Week:**

KM—Shamika  
KH—Teariki  
KG—Chelsea

Just a reminder that our Easter Hat Parade will take place in Week 11 on Thursday 10 April at 9:30am. Our Stage 3 buddies have been helping us to design our Easter hats but we would still love some donations such as little fluffy chickens, plastic eggs etc. to add to our hats. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event!

Mrs Elyse Meadows  
Relieving Assistant Principal
STAGE 1 NEWS

On Tuesday 25 March, Stage 1 went on their excursion to Sydney Sea Life Aquarium. The students had a wonderful day discovering so many interesting sea creatures. We learnt about how certain creatures are suited to their environment as well as discovering some of the unusual places these creatures call home. It was great to see all the students enjoying their experience at the aquarium and that they were able to make connections about what they have been learning in their classrooms. The Stage 1 students and the teachers are now excited to plan their next adventure for Semester 2.

Family and friends are invited to attend the 2A assembly on Friday at 10:10am. Mr Atfield and his class have been busy preparing an item to share with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a ‘Star Student’ award for being Safe, Respectful Learners:
1A- Marcellus & Tanisha
1D- Latu & Gabriel
1M- Adrian & Amy
2A- Caitlin & Daniel
2B- Cloe & Ashlee
2S- Andrea
2V- Meen & Raiha

Keep up the great work Stage 1!

Miss Vanessa Stone
Rel. Assistant Principal- Stage 1

STAGE 2 NEWS

The end of Term 1 is nearly upon us and there is still much to happen at Crawford Public School.

At the end of Week 11 on Tuesday 8 April, the CSIRO will be coming to Crawford Public School to conduct the ‘Human Body’ sessions. We are no longer taking permission notes and money for this event as all organisation for this has been completed. Those students who are not involved in this event will be in class doing science sessions about the human body.

Parent/Teacher interview notes have gone home this week. If your child has not received one of these, please contact the school office to get one of these notes. All parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate in this process to assist in your child’s learning. All notes need to be returned to your class teacher and will be marked off. While Miss Pratt is away, could all parents please return the note to the front office.

Change in Weather
Over the last few days and also in the next few days, the weather has been and could be quite wet and the temperature may vary. If your child does walk to school and it looks like wet weather, then a small umbrella may be packed into their school bag or a wet weather jacket placed in their bag.

Hats in the Playground
Could I please remind parents/caregivers to make sure that your child has a hat so that they can play on the grass area at break times.

Mrs Lowing
Assistant Principal—Stage 2

DAD AND SON TIME

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship.


HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A GOOD SPELLER

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

All the students have been very busy in their classrooms this term. On Thursday 20 March all students took part in Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony day is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. Students from the Support Unit got very creative by researching the different cultural backgrounds of their classmates. Students from K-6N, K-6J & 3-6M were so excited to celebrate Harmony Day that they made orange jelly, honey carrots, harmony paper chains and they decorated their own nation’s flags. All the students looked fantastic in orange.

On Tuesday 25 March students from K-6N headed on an excursion to Sydney Sea Life Aquarium Darling Harbour. K-6N thoroughly enjoyed the excursion as they took an underwater journey through freshwater and marine aquatic environments. The look on their faces when they saw the massive great white shark was priceless.

Miss McGrath
**Having Trouble with your Technology? Not sure how to do that?**

If you have a device and you are not sure how to use it or would you like to learn how to do more on your computer? Then come along to our Information Session about “Using Technology at Home.”

Bring your technology questions and/or your devices to school for a chat about how to get the most out of the machines you have.

**When:** Thursday 3 April, 2014  
**Where:** Crawford Community Cottage  
**Time:** 2:00-3:00pm

From this afternoon session, a schedule will be arranged outlining explicit sessions we will be running to assist you in extending your confidence in using technology effectively in an ever changing world.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards  
Ms. Leigh Alipate

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**CYBER SAFETY**

As we all know, the internet is a portal to the rest of the world, the unknown world! Information is more readily available to us in the 21st Century and the opportunities online are almost endless. Sometimes we become so used to having it as a part of our everyday life we become complacent to the hidden dangers of it, especially for our children.

Be sure to know what your child is doing online, who they are talking to and whether the settings on your computer are correct for your child to be able to use the internet as safely as possible.

Remember that children are able to connect with the outside world via various devices, so ensure that you become familiar with the technology your child is using, ie. mobile phones, video game consoles etc., and ensure that you discuss with your child the dangers of being online and what to do if something is going wrong.

For further information go to the website: [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

It is very important that parents and caregivers reinforce the message of cyber safety at home so children understand the importance of being cyber smart.

Ms Alipate  
ICT Coordinator.

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**The GREAT Book Hunt.**

Easter is approaching us very quickly and we are getting ready to search for our Easter Eggs. But before we do, we are going to have a Great Book Hunt.

You are asked to search at home for any school library books that are overdue.

If you return a library book to Mrs Chandra or Ms Alipate before April 10, 2014, that is more than 10 days overdue, you will be rewarded with a critter and a special Easter surprise.

Happy Hunting!

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**Why active kids are less likely to be cyberbullied**

We all know that getting kids off the computer and outside to play is important for their health. But researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

PBL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their PBL badges during our last couple of assemblies for being a safe, respectful learner.

3/4S  Cai and Kayla (Bronze)
3/4T  Amelia (Bronze)
5/6B  Jennifer and Mehul (Maroon)
      Harrison and Eliza (Bronze)
5/6R  Steven and Troy (Bronze)
      Carlo (Gold)

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year we have started a school-based Mathematics Competition. Classes have been learning and revising the number facts and each week they complete a task which creates their class score. In the newsletter, we will be celebrating the achievements of these classes and the effort that everyone put in to improving their recollection of these facts.

Stage Winners!

Stage 3:
Week 2 (x 10 ) – 5/6R
Week 3 (divided by 10) - 5/6R
Week 4 (x6) - 5/6E
Week 5 (divided by 6) - 5/6R
Week 6 (x9) - 5/6R
Week 7 (divided by 9) - 5/6R

Stage 2:
Week 2 (x2) - 3/4L
Week 3 (x2) - 3/4L
Week 4 (x5) - 3/4L
Week 5 (x5) - 3/4L
Week 6 (x3) - 3/4L
Week 7 (x3) - 3/4L
Week 8 (x7) - 3/4L

Stage 1:
Week 2 (+1) - 2A
Week 3 (-1) - 2A
Week 4 (+2) - 2A
Week 5 (-2) - 2V
Week 6 (+3) - 1A
Week 7 (-3) - 2V
Week 8 (+4) - 1A

Well Done Everyone, Great Work!

Homework for little kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/homework-

KEEN GREEN BEANS!

Many people eat cooked green beans at dinner. But did you know that raw green beans also make a great snack?

Why not try sliced fresh green beans in a small container for your child’s Crunch&Sip break?

Keep ‘em keen - give ’em beans!
South Marayong Out of School Hours
64 McLean Street Blacktown 2148
Email: smooshinc@bigpond.com
Mobil 0415231509

Week 1…………………………...
Monday 14 April
Greatest Scavenger Hunt
Incursion cost $15.00

Tuesday 15 April
Art Express
Recycle & Bedazzle Day
Cost $5.00

Wednesday 16 April
Ice Skating at
Norwest Ice Arena
Excursion cost $25.00

Thursday 17 April
Celebrate Easter
Around the World.

Friday 18 April
Good Friday
Public Holiday

Week 2………………………………...............
Monday 21 April
Easter Monday
Public Holiday

Tuesday 22 April
Camping INN
Bring your sleeping bag for Camping Fun
Billy Tea, Damper & Bush craft

Wednesday 23 April
ANZAC Day
Celebration & BBQ
Lunch Cost $5.00

Thursday 24 April
Tree Tops Adventure Park
Swing through the trees
Limited places
Cost 35.00

Friday 25 April
Anzac Day
Public Holiday

SMOOSH Daily Fee is $40.00 before CCB or CCR
Breakfast and Afternoon tea are included in the daily cost.
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BLACKTOWN CITY
FESTIVAL
24-31 MAY 2014

STREETS
ALIVE AND
PARADE
DAY

Peppa Pig
Saturday 31 May

Taylor
Henderson

SPORTS IN THE PARK
IT’S YOUR GAME

Wednesday 28 May

Friday 30 May

ZUMBA
FITNESS PARTY

Wednesday 28 May

My Lords & Ladies Medieval Fayre
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May

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Free face painting
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Price includes entry to Museum

Adults $30
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FREE with paying adult

(Children under 16, student delete if over 15 years)

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Sydney Classic & Antique Truckshow on 15th June 2014 (See website for more details)