Principal’s Report—Greg O’Neill

My thanks to students, staff and parents for their on-going support of the school. This is evident in so many ways but recently through our NAIDOC celebrations and parents involved and supporting Homework Club. This is evidence of the strong partnership that exists between the home and the school.

As previously advised we are in the process of changing our reporting style. This is still a ‘work in progress’ but the transition will be completed by our next reporting cycle. Your feedback is always appreciated and valued and I suggest any feedback is directed through the P&C.

We will soon be commencing work on the next School Planning Cycle (2015-2017) and there are many changes underpinning the new planning process. We need to develop a school plan that is a learning organisation for all.

We lead the learning of essential skills and abilities for each student:
- in literacy and numeracy
- to be creative and productive users of technology
- to think deeply and logically
- to obtain and evaluate evidence in a disciplined way
- to be creative, innovative and resourceful
- to plan activities independently, collaborate, work in teams and communicate ideas.
- to make sense of their world.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school a safe and happy holiday.

Greg O’Neill
Principal

GATE TIMES FOR ELECTRONIC PEDESTRIAN GATE

8:30am - 9:15am
2:55pm - 3:30pm

During these times, the electronic gate is unlocked for entry and exit of the school. All that is required is to push or pull the gate open.

Outside of these times the gate will be locked. Entry and Exit of the school will be by pushing the button located on the gate and waiting for a response from the school office.

Unless you require to sign your child out for an early pass from the front office, the gate will remain closed until 2:55pm.

Greg O’Neill
Principal

TUESDAY 15 JULY, 2014.
Deputy Principal’s Report - Mrs. D. Taylor

We have come to the end of another term and we have had plenty to celebrate. This term we have seen a growth in the number of our students who have met the school expectations at all times. In Term 2, 86% of the students will have attended the School Reward Day on Friday 27 June. We also would like to congratulate the 25 badge recipients who were recognised at the PBL Principal’s Morning Tea. They enjoyed cakes, juice and conversations with the Principal and myself.

In addition to this, the leadership team have been working hard to create inviting and practical garden spaces in the school where all students and community can come to together. This has included the students working on determining the budgets required to support the project and writing to the community and council for assistance in ensuring it will be completed by the end of Term 3 and ready to enjoy.

During the colder months, parents need to remember attendance at school is a legal requirement for all students between 6 and 17 years of age. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please visit the school office to make an appointment to see Mrs Taylor. We will be holding parent information sessions to suggest ways on how to support your child's attendance or engage them in their school experience.

Hats are still required in the colder months and students are reminded everyday about how they need a hat to play in the playground, otherwise they will be redirected to the amphitheatre. This is for their safety and protection from the sun. Can I please ask that your child comes to school with a hat everyday and please make sure it is clearly labelled.

To all our students who are working really hard to stay safe, be respectful and learning to the best of their ability by being a part of school life everyday, thank you.

Please remember to have a safe and restful holiday, returning safely to us on Tuesday 15 July 2014.

Stay Warm
Deanne Taylor
Deputy Principal

MERIT SYSTEM

Awards
Students at Crawford Public School are able to proceed through an award hierarchy designed to reinforce the DET Core Values and school rules and acknowledge their adherence to these. The hierarchy is structured as follows:

Merit Certificates (1 point)
Awarded by the classroom teacher in the weekly assembly.

AP’s Award (2 points)
Selected by the classroom teacher and awarded by an Assistant Principal to one member of the presiding class at the weekly assembly.

DP’s Award (2 points)
Nominated by the classroom teacher; selected and awarded to the selected student(s) by the Deputy Principal on a twice-a-term basis.

Principal’s Award (3 points)
Nominated by the classroom teacher and awarded to the selected student(s) by the Principal on a twice-a-term basis.

Ten Point Medallion
Awarded to qualified students at major school assemblies. Qualification is brought about by accumulation of 10 points worth of awards as indicated by the point value in brackets next to each award.

Student Leadership
Opportunities for students to display leadership within and outside the school will be provided on an ongoing basis. These will include:

- Captains and Prefects
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Wow another term has flown by! What a wonderful and busy term we have had in Kindergarten. Last week we visited Healthy Harold and enjoyed some wonderful activities as part of our NAIDOC Day celebrations. Yesterday we caught a bus to the Museum of Fire in Penrith where we learnt all about fire safety, fire engines and fire fighters and how they can help us.

Thank you for a brilliant term, we hope you have a fun and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing our students back refreshed for a big Term 3!

Elyse Meadows
Relieving Assistant Principal.

Maro, Shamika, Mia and Ethan. We are using their XO Duo laptops during literacy groups.

Kindergarten students are learning some AFL skills during NAIDOC Day celebrations.
STAGE 1 NEWS

It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of our second term. The students have worked incredibly hard throughout the semester and we thank parents and caregivers for your ongoing support with their learning. Semester 1 reports went home this week. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s progress further.

The Stage 1 teachers are starting to prepare the Sydney Powerhouse Museum excursion for next term. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that your child has paid and returned their permission note by Friday 28 July. Due to the number of students in Stage 1 and venue restrictions, Year 1 will attend on Tuesday 12 August and Year 2 will attend on Wednesday 13 August.

On Monday 23 June, we held our end of term reward session for the students who were awarded a ‘Star Student’ award throughout the term. The students got to be involved in some food decorating and dance activities. It was an opportunity to recognise some students who have consistently displayed our school values of being a Safe, Respectful Learner throughout the term.

The following students received the last ‘Star Student’ awards for this term:

| 1A - Chevy’mai | 2A - Mia |
| 1D - Aarshav | 2B - Melanie Rose |
| 1M - Rebel | 2E - Emma |
| 2V - Raiha |

Congratulations to all of our students who received Star Student awards and those who were invited to the PBL surprise on Friday afternoon. Let’s continue this great work next term!

Miss Vanessa Stone
Rel. Assistant Principal- Stage 1

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

In Stage 1 we have had a busy few weeks learning about people who work in our community. The teachers organised for Blacktown Fire Brigade and Blacktown Police to come and visit our school. We would like to say a huge thank you to both services for providing us with an informative session about how they help people in our community. Stage 1 students thoroughly enjoyed asking many questions about their roles and responsibilities and were very excited to inspect their vehicles and some of their work equipment. More photos from these events are available on our school website.
STAGE 2 NEWS

Well, we have come to the end of another school term and I wish all our students and their families a safe and relaxing holiday break. If any families are travelling, I hope that you have a wonderful trip and return with many fantastic stories to tell.

This week 70 of our Stage 2 students will attend an excursion to Nan Tien Chinese Buddhist Temple. This experience for the students involved shall give them an opportunity to see first hand what a working temple is like. We will be leaving at 8:30am as to reach the temple in time to take part in the activities and then return by 3:00pm.

Please note that if the bus is late we will contact the school with updates on our return.

This term while some students were involved in PSSA, those involved in school sport had the opportunity to be involved in an Australian Football awareness program. Our ATSI students had the opportunity to do a 4 week “Kickstart” AFL program and 2 weeks of cultural activities. I must thank those staff members who assisted in the smooth transition of this program and to AFLNSW/ACT for conducting the program at school free of charge.

Next term our stage will be studying about cultural identities, how communities have changed and aspects of Australia. We shall also be involved in some dancing and continuing on with Fundamental Movement Skills to assist our students in playing games and sports.

As we will be returning from holidays in the middle of winter, could I ask all parents or caregivers to have their children suitably dressed. Bringing a jumper to wear or long pants during these colder days is important in protecting them from the cold. Please have your name on each item of clothing as it is easy to lose your clothes if not marked with your name inside the jumper.

If your child’s medical information needs to be updated at all please contact the school office.

Any outstanding absence notes for this term should be sent into your child’s teacher. A simple phone call to the office in regards to any absences from school can also be made if this is more convenient.

Once again I wish you all a terrific holiday break.

Mr Lowing
Assistant Principal
Stage 2

LIBRARY BAGS

Please ensure your child brings a library bag to school to borrow books. As a suggestion, the bag could be approximately 35cm by 35cm with a drawstring to prevent books from falling out. Alternatively, library bags could be purchased from the school office for $9.00 each.

Remember reading with and to your child is an important experience for your child. You will have lots of fun and help them to learn at the same time.

Mrs Chandra
Library
We have come to the end of Term 2 and we are now halfway through the year! There are so many things to look forward to in the next 6 months that I cannot wait for Term 3 to begin.

**Please Remember: Mobile Phones and other Electronic Devices**

A letter has been sent home regarding students bringing mobile phones and other electronic devices such as iPods etc. to school. We have still had a number of students bringing these items to school and while we do understand that some parents like to have the opportunity to contact their child and vice versa, all communication needs to occur via the school office. You will be contacted in the event of an emergency, illness or otherwise regarding your child by a member of staff.

**Peddler’s Day**

This year we will be hosting Peddler’s Day in Term 4 and we are beginning to think about how we can make it as successful as possible. Classes are busy thinking of what individual stalls they would like to run and further information will be coming out to the families of those students next term. However, we are going to begin collecting donations of items we require a plenty of. If you are able to begin donating some of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. (Lollies, Chocolates, Marbles, Hair-ties, Soft drink, plastic cups and spoons, napkins) We thank you greatly in advance.

**Camp Yarramundi**

It has been amazing to see more students bring their note and money in to ensure they secure a place. If your child is interested in attending and has not brought their permission note, there is still time. As long as we have a position available for your child to attend, then you are able to bring in a permission note and money. **Remember that your child’s inclusion in camp is based around their behaviour at school. If there are concerns about your child’s behaviour and their opportunity to go to camp, I will be in contact to discuss this matter.**

If you are interested in seeing what the camp has to offer, please look at their website: [http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-camping/camp-yarramundi](http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-camping/camp-yarramundi) - CAMP IS IN WEEK 8 NEXT TERM, please make sure you are continuing to pay your balance.

**VERY IMPORTANT** – We would greatly appreciate your assistance on this matter over the break!

We are requesting that your child comes to school each day with the right equipment to ensure there is minimal disruption to learning time.

The minimum requirements are: 3 blue pens, 2 red pens, 1 black pen, 3 lead pencils (HB), a glue stick, an eraser, a wooden or plastic 30cm ruler (no metal please), a sharpener and a highlighter.

If your child would like to bring other types of stationery, this is at their discretion. We strongly suggest that all personal equipment is labelled to prevent loss. Please ensure that your child has a blue and red pen, ruler and lead pencil (minimum) each day, as we do not have enough of these items for everyone.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact me at the school at your earliest convenience.

Ms. Leigh Alipate
Assistant Principal—Stage 3 Supervisor
Another great term has come to an end. The support Unit have been very busy over the last couple of weeks preparing for their assembly item for Week 1 of Term 3. It would be great if you could join us on the day to see what we have been up to!

Over the past few weeks students in K-6N had the privilege to meet policeman and fireman during an incursion for Workers in the Community visit. Students not only got to meet policemen and firemen during the visit, they also got to walk through a police van and a fire truck. Some of the students even had the privilege of pretending to be firefighters by speaking over the radio and even switching the sirens on.

Term 2 has been an exciting term with lots of quality teaching and learning in all the Support Unit classes. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Just a few reminders:
Don’t forget that Crawford school uniform is either the Crawford Jumper purchased from the office or a plain bottle green jumper.

Our assembly items are Week 1 of Term 3. K-6N will be running the Infants assembly on Monday morning of Week 1 and 3-6M and K-6J will be running the Primary assembly on Thursday afternoon of Week 1.

Thanks Miss McGrath
Classroom Teacher (Special Education)

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- They are sweet and juicy. Kids love them!
- They are nutritious—full of vitamins and fibre
- They come in their own biodegradable packaging
- They don’t bruise easily
- They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&Sip
Mathematics Competition – Term 2

Each term, every class participates in a Mathematics competition relevant to their stage and with a weekly focus. This term the “Mathematics Champions” have included:

Week 1:
- KH (1-10 in order)
- 1A (+6)
- 3/4T (x10)
- 5/6R (x7)

Week 2:
- KH (1-10 out of order)
- 1A (-6)
- 3/4T (x10)
- 5/6A (÷7)

Week 3:
- KH (5-15 in order)
- 2B (+7)
- 3/4L (x6)
- 5/6A (x11)

Week 4:
- KG (5-15 out of order)
- 2B (-7)
- 3/4L (x6)
- 5/6E (÷11)

Week 5:
- KG (10-20 in order)
- 2B (+8)
- 3/4S (x9)
- 5/6R (x8)

Week 6:
- KM (10 – 20 out of order)
- 2B (-8)
- 3/4T (x9)
- 5/6R (-8)

Week 7:
- KH (0-10 out of order)
- 1A (+9)
- 5/6R (x3)

Well done to each and every student who have aimed high to do his or her best!

Miss N Parkinson
Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our school contributions for 2014 are now overdue.

**$20.00 per student or $35 per family**

Teachers are collecting money in the classrooms or the contributions can be given directly to the office.

These funds are collected from all families and form a vital part of our school budget. In order to provide for the quality and variety of opportunities at Crawford we need families to continue to support the Contribution Scheme.

We thank our families for their support.

PBL AWARDS

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

- 2V Avele (Green)
- 3/4S Hayley (White), Joshua (Green), Jackson, Brendan, Trent and Liam (Maroon)
- 3/4T Caley (Bronze)
- K-6N Taylor (White), Hayley (Maroon)

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school’s front office will be attended Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm only.

NO SMOKING

The school premises is a Non Smoking Area Thank you for your cooperation.
2014 Arts Initiatives
Boys Vocal Workshop

Are you a boy at a public school? Do you love to sing? Then this experience is for you!!!

The Arts Initiatives Boys Vocal Workshop is an exciting singing workshop specifically designed for boys. It is aimed at engaging male students in singing in schools.

During the four-hour workshop, attending students and teachers will have the opportunity to work with conductor Peter Lehner on vocal warm-ups, vocal techniques, ensemble singing and exciting repertoire.

Peter Lehner is a well respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. He has worked with a variety of ensembles as musical and choral director. These include many acapella choirs, jazz quartets, and groups for festivals around the state such as the Lismore Lantern Parade for many years. He has also been the Musical Director and Coordinator for the Sydney Street Choir, including performances with Delta Goodrem, Ricki-lee, Normie Rowe, Jonathon Welch and Deborah Cheetham. Along with this he has been the coordinator and manager of the Sydney A Cappella Association. Peter has conducted many music and performance workshops around NSW.

His work has involved working with many different sectors of the community including Aboriginal/Indigenous groups, Glee clubs, Hip Hop choirs, Disadvantaged groups, and Special Needs groups.

Peter has worked on many short independent films. He has also appeared in many different theatrical productions and television roles in shows such as Home and Away, A Country Practice, Rafferty’s Rules, Come In Spinner and Candid Camera.

He has been the recipient of several awards including “Living for Others” (2009, Universal Peace Federation), “Top 100 Influential People” (2009, Sydney Morning Herald) and an Australia Day award for Services in Community (2011, Lismore Community)

Workshops are being held all over the state on the following dates:

- Merewether HS  Thurs 14 & Fri 15 August  10.00am – 2.00pm
- Woonona HS    Friday 22 August          10.00am – 2.00pm
- Penrith HS     Tuesday 26 August         10:00am – 2:00pm
- Tacking Point PS Thursday 30 October     10:00am – 2:00pm
- Byron Bay HS   Friday 31 October         10:00am – 2:00pm

Workshops are open to individual students and student groups accompanied by teachers from NSW Government schools.

Applications are Now Open via our Website:
http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-initiatives

See information for closing dates.

For further information please visit our website or contact Kirsten Dickason - 8512 1178
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UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

KIDS FUN DAY – Chemistry for Kids
Chemistry and chemicals are everywhere! Most people think of chemicals as nasty toxic stuff but in this program we explore the fun (and tasty!) side to chemicals and chemistry.

School Holiday Astronomy Night
SEEING THE INVISIBLE
There is more to the universe than what we can see with our eyes. An investigation into the science of revealing the invisible throughout the universe and what the unseen can tell us.

KIDS FUN DAY - Rockets
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE viewing of the sun.

School Holidays Astronomy Night
OUR MOON
A close up look at our closest celestial friend.

In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University’s telescopes. Our pro-

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION
We are taking part in a mobile phone collection program to raise funds for our school. If you have old mobile phones around your home that you no longer use, please send them to school and place them in the box in the front office.
Thank you for your assistance.

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS 2014
The Uniform Shop will be open for business every Thursday morning from 8:30am-9:30am in the Crawford Community Cottage.
A non-contact Rugby League program designed for special needs and intellectually disabled children and adults.

Established in 2013 Try Time provides a safe and enjoyable environment where children and adults with Special Needs and Intellectual Disabilities can play Rugby League.

Try Time provides the opportunity to play on a weekly basis promoting - fitness, strengthening muscle tone, improvement in gross motor skills, social interaction & team work but most of all having fun and allowing them to feel equal.

Quakers Hills J.R.L.F.C are holding a coaching clinic on Saturday 28th June 2014 at 2:00pm at Waite Reserve, Tamarind Drive, Acacia Gardens 2763. The clinic is designed to showcase the Try Time program and an exhibition will be provided by current players from Wentworthville United & Brothers – Penrith J.R.L.F.C.’s.

For further details regarding our clinic and program visit our Facebook page – Try Time Junior Rugby League, or feel free to contact:

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