**Principal’s Report - Greg O’Neill**

Crawford Public School is delighted to be involved in the ‘Thrive@5 in Doonside Mini Tots Soccer Program’.

Thrive@5 in Doonside Mini Tots Soccer program is a partnership between Thrive@5 in Doonside, Family Relationship Service, Mini Tots Soccer, Wesley Mission, Crawford Public School and Doonside Technology High School. The program aims to foster a collaborative approach to improve the health and development of children 3-5 years of age and their families who reside in Doonside.

The Mini Tots Soccer program will be delivered at Crawford Public School Wednesday mornings between 9:30am and 11:30am for 8 consecutive weeks in Term 3, 2014, commencing Wednesday 23 July with the final session Wednesday 10 September.

Crawford Public School is also keen to support ‘Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Education Program’. This program will be delivered to all children K-2 on Thursday 21 August at no cost to students as the school has fully subsidised this program. Children will have the opportunity to experience a Personal Safety Education Program “The Ditto Show”. Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe. At Crawford Public School the safety of children is our highest priority.

Greg O’Neill
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report - Mrs. D. Taylor

Education Week 2014

Congratulation to all of our students who were selected as the 2014 Education Week award winners. This year we highlighted our students’ achievements through the presentation of a selection of awards in our special assemblies, open classrooms and displays. It makes me so proud to work in a school where the students strive so hard to be the best they can and the staff work above and beyond to support our students and the community.

Crawford Public School: "Lighting the way to a better world".

PBL News

WOW: Over the last 3 years we have awarded 1096 badges, over 4704 certificates and three major award days for staying in the green, to our students for meeting the school wide expectations. Students are building their capacity to meet the school’s expectations of being safe, respectful learners. We work with the students to teach them what is expected and to support their learning in meeting these expectations. Elsewhere in our newsletter is our school wide expectations as a reminder of what is expected of all members of our school community.

I would like to commend all the students at Crawford Public School who have begun to earn their badges and encourage others to strive to do the same. We are truly proud of your efforts.

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. The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day, 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.

With the cold and flu season upon us, if your child is absent for any days, we ask that on their first day of return they bring a signed note outlining the reason for their absence.

Uniform

Hats, Hats, Hats
All students are required to have a hat to play in the playground as part of the school’s sun safe protocols. Students without hats are asked to play in shaded areas. Please make sure your child’s name is on their hat and all other school property.

Appointments

Just a reminder, we recommend if you would like to discuss or have any concerns regarding the curriculum, your child’s progress in their class or any other matter relating to your child, you are required to make an appointment at the school office. This allows all parties to have time to convey information in a suitable forum. These meetings will be scheduled with the classroom teacher and supervisor.

Updating Information

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

Mrs D. Taylor
Deputy Principal
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten students and teachers visited the Museum of Fire in Penrith at the end of Term 2. The teachers were incredibly proud of the beautiful behaviour demonstrated by all students while visiting the museum and Mrs Meadows even received a letter from the staff outlining how impressed they were with the way our students behaved on the day. Here are some photos of us at the Museum as well as some of the recounts we wrote when we returned.

Please look out for the permission note for our next excursion being held at the end of this term, this time to Golden Ridge Farm! This note should be coming home with your child within the next week.

Thank you
Mrs Meadows

Crawford School Wide Expectations

**Be Respectful**
- Listen to others
- Follow teacher’s instructions
- Treat everyone fairly
- Speak politely

**Be Safe**
- Stay in bounds
- Walk indoors and on concrete areas
- Play fairly
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Use equipment appropriately.

**Be a Learner**
- Do your best
- Always have a go
- Stay on task
- Come to school prepared

SNAIL TRAIL

On Friday 29 August, 2014 we will be holding a Snail Trail to raise funds to purchase new Maths equipment for our students to use.

Each class will be building a snail trail of small coins to see who can make the longest trail. The winning class from K-2 and from 3-6 will receive a small prize each. Winning classes will be based on how long each trail is in total.

Please collect as many small coins as you can. (No old 1 and 2 cent coins or any foreign coins.)

Tip - it is better to have ten 5c coins instead of one 50c coin.
NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM - 2E

At the end of last term, 2E participated in some activities for NAIDOC Week with Aunty Daph. We used crayons, paper and bark to create our artworks. We also got to try some beading, painting and AFL games. We had a lot of fun!

STAGE 1 NEWS

We’ve had a busy start to Term 3 with Education Week and the Primary Athletics Carnival for some of our Year 2 students. We hope you enjoyed visiting our classrooms this week. The students were very keen to share some of their learning activities with you.

Our Stage 1 students and teachers are getting excited for the Sydney Powerhouse Museum excursion in Week 5. Year 1 will attend on Tuesday 12 August and Year 2 will attend on Wednesday 13 August. Please ensure that your child brings their hat, recess, lunch and a bottle of water with them on the day. Children are expected to be wearing their full school uniform and are required to be at school by 8:30am.

Our library has a new reward system for students who regularly borrow books. Children will receive a token each time they borrow from the library and their names will go into a draw for some prizes. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag each week on their library day.

Some of our students have run out of some of their stationery items. Please assist us by checking that your child has pencils, erasers and a glue stick and replacing these items if necessary.

Congratulations to the following students who received the first Star Student awards for this term:

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Miss Vanessa Stone
Rel. Assistant Principal- Stage 1
ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, 2 August (7pm – 9pm)
SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES AND THE UNIFIED MODEL

Many galaxies contain supermassive black holes in their centres, whose gigantic forces are enough to power a show of cosmic fireworks. But why do they look so different? Could they all be the same? We'll look at what black holes and their supermassive versions are, and how the Unified Model explains that very different-looking galaxies may be essentially the same.

These nights will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

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 rmccourt@uws.edu.au

STAGE 2 NEWS

Welcome back to all our families for Term 3. This week we are celebrating Education Week and it is a time to reflect on the fantastic efforts and results for many of our students across our stage. I do hope that parents and caregivers are able to celebrate their children's achievements and visit our open classrooms and assembly.

This week we had many students participate in our school athletics carnival. For some of our students it was their first carnival and from the conversations heard by our students it seemed to be a fantastic experience for those involved. A big thank you must be given to all those staff members and parents who assisted in the coordination of this event. During Weeks 1 and 2 I was involved in the Australian School Sport National Australian Football Championships.

As it is still winter time we ask that children come to school dressed warmly. We are also keeping track of uniforms each day so we encourage all our students to wear our school uniform with pride.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have made appointment to see your child’s teacher via the office. It is terrific to see that this process continues in order to meet any questions that you may have.

Have a wonderful week.

Mr Lowing
Assistant Principal—Stage 2
STAGE 3 NEWS

We are getting closer to camp and we have so much to do before we can get onto the bus and head to Yarramundi for 3 days of fun. We only have 10 places left if anyone is interested in returning their note and money by 15 August, 2014. It would be wonderful if we can have as many students as possible to attend. If you are still owing money please have this finalised by 15 August, 2014.

This term we will be learning many new things. Students have been enjoying engaging in the story of the Wizard of Oz through our intertextuality unit and they have been learning about global connections with Mrs Furlong in RFF.

We are hoping to be teaching students how to play the recorder as a part of our music unit. This will require our students to bring in their own recorder due to health and safety reasons. We are trying to source some recorders that can be purchased from the school but we will need to inform you of this shortly. If your child has a recorder at home or if you are able to purchase a simple recorder that would be greatly appreciated. We would like to commence these lessons in Week 5.

Students in Stage 3 will take part in their Peer Support Training in Week 8, Thursday 4 - Friday 5 September, 2014. Students will engage in the content they will be teaching in their peer groups and learn the skills they need to effectively facilitate these sessions. Further information regarding these days will be sent home in the next few weeks.

I would like to thank all of the students who have been bringing their equipment for learning to school each day. We strongly encourage students to continue to bring in the resources to prevent interruptions to learning time.

If you have any questions regarding this information or anything else relating to Stage 3, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Ms Alipate
Assistant Principal - Stage 3

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

Wow! This term has got off to a flying start! One of the highlights so far has been the athletics carnival for our primary students. I was so happy to see everyone willing to have-a-go at all of the events and earn some points for their houses. The behaviour of our students was also outstanding!

We unfortunately have had a lot of sickness within our classes this term, can I please ask that if your child is sick that you keep them at home for at least 24 hours. This will help to limit the spread of illness for the other students and staff.

Next week we will welcome back the lovely Miss McGrath from her travels, we are all very excited to hear about her adventures. Thank you to Mrs Collier for her hard work during this time.

Enjoy your term!

Miss Matthews
Assistant Principal - Special Education Unit
National Literacy and Numeracy Week is an initiative of the federal Department of Education. Crawford Public School will be involved in a number of exciting events to help us celebrate learning with our students and families.

Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend a Literacy and Numeracy parent information session and morning tea on Wednesday 27 August from 9:00am.

Students will have the opportunity to enter a writing competition, create poems, participate in numeracy activities and raise some money with a snail trail during National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Please assist us to purchase new Literacy and Numeracy resources for our school by collecting 5 and 10 cent coins for the snail trail on Friday 29 August.

For more information about NLNW, please see:

### Preschool (2-5 yrs)
Preschoolers can begin learing basic concepts that they will need in the kitchen. Keep in mind that their attention spans are short, so small tasks are usually best, particularly those that don’t call for actual prep work.

- Stirring batter in a bowl.
- Rinsing and straining fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Pouring liquid ingredients.
- Spreading peanut butter and jelly on bread.
- Mashing potatoes and other cooked vegetables.
- Rolling bread or pie dough.
- Using cookie and biscuit cutters.
- Whisking pancake batter.
- Cutting soft fruits and vegetables with a dull butter knife or plastic knife.
- Measuring liquid and dry ingredients.

### Young Cook (6-8 yrs)
As kids learn to read, the perfect activity is to read cookbooks and follow recipes with your child. An important decision you have to make is when is your child ready to begin using adult knives, the stove and oven? Close and constant supervision are required at all times.

- Whisking eggs.
- Frosting cupcakes and icing cookies.
- Mixing cookie dough and brownie batter.
- Using a can opener, juicer and garlic press.
- Grating cheese with a box or hand grater.
- Peeling fruits and vegetables.
- Mixing and rolling pie and tart dough.
- Making fresh pasta dough and using a hand-cranked pasta machine.
- Melting chocolate in a microwave.
- Whipping cream with a hand mixer.
- Making ice cream with a countertop ice cream maker.
- Using paring or other small knives.
- Boiling eggs and pasta.
- Frying eggs and grilled cheese sandwiches.

### Preteens (9-12 yrs)
Preteens should be able to read labels, follow recipes and prepare many parts of simple dishes themselves. They should feel comfortable with basic knife skills, turning on appliances and in some cases be ready to cook on their own.

- Trimming and slicing vegetables.
- Putting foods in the oven and removing them.
- Working with timers and thermometers.
- Baking quick breads and muffins.
- Kneading dough and letting it rise.
- Cooking soup.
- Using specialty appliances such as a panini press and waffle maker.
- Steaming rice.
- Roasting vegetables.
- Cooking pancakes on a griddle.
- Using a food processor, blender and stand mixer.
- Frying hamburgers.
- Using a chef’s knife and other larger knives.

### Teenagers (13-16 yrs)
Teenagers shouldn’t need close supervision and can choose what they would like to cook. They can prepare meals for the family.

- Using all kitchen appliances, including safely handling and cleaning the sharp blades of food processors and blenders.
- Developing knife skills to efficiently chop, dice and mince.
- Baking more complicated yeast doughs and pastries.
- Making risotto.
- Marinating foods.
- Panfrying and grilling steaks, chicken breasts and other meats.
- Using slicers and mandolines.
- Using and cleaning outdoor gas and charcoal grills.
- Deep-frying French fries and chicken.

### REMEMBER TO:
Wash hands, listen to the grown up in charge, ask questions, pay attention and HAVE FUN!
PBL AWARDS

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

KM Kemryn, Anesh and Keira (White)
1D Sayed, Shaniece, Samree and Melzerane (White)
2V Michael, Ariki and Ellaphon (Green)
Raiha and Tafenga (Maroon)
3/4S Sai Ridi (White) Katherine (Maroon), Lleyten (Bronze)
3/4T Semisi, Lakisha-Anne, Macayla (Maroon)
Tori, Kalani, Spencer (Bronze)
5/6A Joshua and Jaward (Bronze)
David, Emma and Ebony (Silver)
5/6R Madeline and Koevy (Maroon)
Jacob and Joshua (Bronze)

LIBRARY NEWS

Every person who borrows a book from the library gets an ‘I Borrowed a Book’ token and is eligible for a prize every fortnight.

BOOK FAIR

Crawford will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 14.8.14 - Wednesday 20.8.14. More information will be given out shortly.

Mrs Benfield
Teacher Librarian

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
NORTA NORTA TUTOR

Crawford Public School has received funding under the Norta Norta Program 2014. The Norta Norta Program funds in 2014 are based on the 2013 NAPLAN results. The entitlement received by the school is then based on the number of Aboriginal students identified at and below the national minimum standards in all five domains of NAPLAN.

We are looking to employ a tutor to work for nine hours per week over three days with the teachers to enhance student engagement and improve the academic achievement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that have been identified.

Please forward a one page Expression of Interest: Norta Norta Tutor
Outline your skills, experience and suitability to undertake the role of the tutor (as outlined below).

Role of the Tutor:
The tasks that a tutor may be expected to undertake include:

• provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy achievements.
• assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities.
• follow the teacher’s set program and ensure that the tuition provided is aligned with the student’s Personalised Learning Plan.
• maintain a structured timetable in negotiation with teachers to ensure all eligible students receive tutor support.
• keep a record to communicate observations and information about each student to the class teacher.
• assist teachers as requested to communicate and provide feedback to parents, caregivers and community members.
• attend, where possible, professional learning activities to develop effective strategies in providing tutorial support to Aboriginal and Torres Islander students.

Please forward the Expression of Interest: Norta Norta Tutor to the Principal, Mr O’Neill by Friday 15 August, 2014.
CANTEEN CATCHUP

Did you know we have eftpos?

Don’t forget the lunch order box on the counter. Just drop your order in. Change if needed, will be taped to the bag.

We ask that parents help us encourage the children to order their lunch and any hot food they might like at recess, especially in the colder weather, to avoid disappointment.

Lunch ice block and slushy orders: just bring your bag to the canteen.

Don’t forget our pay in advance card system. More information available from your canteen.

Meal Deals Thursday & Friday ONLY

Pizza, Popper and Popcorn          $3.50
Chick & Corn Roll, Grape ban and Milk $3.00
Soup, Bread roll, Mamee Noodles, Quelch stick $3.00
BLACKTOWN POLICE / BLACKTOWN HIGHWAY PATROL TARGETING SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY.

The School Holidays are over so as you make your return to school, Blacktown Police would like to remind all parents that the Blacktown HWP and Blacktown LAC will be out in force to ensure that your school zone is as safe as possible for your child to return to school and maintain that safety throughout the term. The speed from 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm. in a school area, is a 40km/h zone. Blacktown Police will be focusing on parking offences, speeding offences and pedestrian safety at crossings. REMEMBER – Kiss and Drop zones are not to be parked in. Drive in, Drive out.

POLICE URGE ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE THEIR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF IN A SAFE MANNER AND ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SCHOOL CROSSING WHEN NECESSARY.

Parents are reminded that there are steep penalties for an array of offences in school zones and include:

- **Speeding offences:** 10km and under in a school zone – 2 points $436.00  
  10km and over in a school zone – 4 points $545.00  
  Over 20km in a school zone – 5 points $654.00

  It’s easy to see that if you are travelling at just 51km/h in a school zone, you will lose 4 points and a lot of money….be aware of your speed, save a life and your wallet.

- **Parking offences:** double parking, No Stopping, No parking, Bus Zones, dropping off your kids at a crossing are all offences…..park and walk if you cannot safely and lawfully park or stop your vehicle to allow children to alight.

- **Crossing Offences:** Slow down and stop when children are commencing to cross, always watch your Crossing Marshall if you have one, when the STOP – Children Crossing sign is displayed, YOU MUST STOP.

- **Phone offences** – stay off your phones, especially in a school Zone, we need you to concentrate on your driving.

- **Smoking in vehicle when children under 16 present:** illegal, bad for a child’s health and expensive if you are caught, $250 fine.

- **Child Restraints and Seatbelts:** Ensure your child restraints are fitted correctly, are appropriate for your child’s age and weight and the seatbelts are fastened.

Blacktown Police ask you all to SLOW DOWN when KIDS are AROUND !!!!
Mount Druitt Little Athletics – Family Fun and Fitness

Registrations for 2014

All interested children/parents are invited to come and speak with us. Registration begins on Saturday 16.8.14 and Sunday 24.8.14 between 12:00-3:00pm at the Carousel Family Inn and also on Friday 5.9.14 at our field, (May Cowpe Reserve) from 5:30-8:00pm. On this night we also hold an introduction to Little Athletics where children can try out some events while mum and dad sign up.

If you are not sure if Athletics is right for you, we have a 2 week trial period for all ages.

More information including prices, start dates etc can be found at:
http://www.mountdruittlac.com.au

Registrations will continue to be accepted on any Friday night at our field between approx. 5:00-6:00pm. Mount Druitt Little Athletics Centre season officially starts Friday 12 September, 2014 at 5:45pm.

Crawford’s ‘Meet the teachers’ afternoon tea

We would like to invite all of our wonderful families to an afternoon tea to meet the staff at Crawford.

When: Monday 11 August
Time: 2:15 – 3:00pm

We would like to give you the chance to get to know the teachers and staff at Crawford and we would love to get to know you. Come along and have a coffee and a chat.

Crawford Aboriginal Parent (CAP) meeting

The dates for this term’s CAP meetings are:
Thursday 7 August at 2.10pm
Thursday 4 September at 2.10pm
Where: Crawford Aboriginal Education room.
Come along and have a coffee, cake and a chat and hear about what is happening at Crawford. We would love to see you all there!