Principal’s Report - Greg O’Neill

Crawford Public School, like most School Communities across the country, are marking the Anzac Centenary. Between now and 2018 we remember, honour and commemorate those Australians who served in the Great War, as well as the many who have served in subsequent conflicts. We also remember the part played by school communities and sacrifices made by teachers, students and families.

Our school’s Centenary program will involve classroom projects, special events or excursions. We hope to make this commemoration a truly remarkable and memorable period.

As advised in Term 2, we have commenced work on the next School Planning Cycle (2015-2017). One of the first steps is to gain feedback from all members of the school community on our School Vision Statement. I have included my draft and would welcome any feedback (in writing or via email).

“Crawford Public School is a dynamic, future-focused 21st Century learning environment. Innovation, creativity, inclusiveness and equity provide the platform for high student engagement and performance. Our staff are passionate about teaching and learning and provide enriched and differentiated learning opportunities for students. We have a strong partnership with our parent community.”

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.

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.
Deputy Principal’s Report - Mrs. D. Taylor

Excellent work 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 every day.

As a school we have commenced the school planning process. Recently the school Executive met to discuss the vision for the school and areas of growth. This process will continue throughout the remainder of Terms 3 and 4. We will be holding a number of parent forums to discuss your vision for the school and area for growth and focus, these forums will be held during school hours and also in the evening to give all members of the school community the opportunity to have their say. In addition to parent feedback the student leaders from Years 2 – 6 will also be asked to contribute their ideas and have discussions with their peers across the school to ensure the 2015-2017 plan is effective and reflective of the whole school’s community needs.

Hats are still required in the colder months and students are reminded everyday about how they need a hat to play in 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 labeled.

Just a reminder, if you have a child who has any major health care concerns, can I please ask that we are made aware of them. Also a reminder that our student risk assessments and health care plans are being reviewed. If you have received a phone call from the Assistant Principal and documents have been sent home for you to sign, please return these ASAP. Also if your child has a medical condition which could have serious implications to their life at school, can I please ask you take the time to visit the school and discuss how we can help support your child during school hours, including developing a first aid plan where required.

Deanne Taylor
Rel 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
- School Representative Council
- Peer Support
- Other Representative Opportunities
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It was very exciting to watch KH run the Infants Assembly last week and perform their item about fire safety. Well done KH and Miss Haller! KG and KM have been busy preparing for their items that are coming up:

KG – Week 7 (Friday 29 August) from 10:00am in the hall.
KM – Week 9 (Friday 12 August) from 10:00am in the hall.

Next week is our K-2 Athletics Carnival, we would love to see you there from 11:30am on the back oval! Please see the note sent home for more details, including your child’s class colour that they are encouraged to wear on the day.

Kindergarten are counting down the sleeps until our excursion to Golden Ridge Farm on Thursday 18 September. Please return your child’s permission note and money as soon as possible as money will not be accepted after the cut-off day. Please see the teachers if you require another note.

Elyse Meadows
Rel. Assistant Principal – ES1.

Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

Destination NSW (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
Winter school holidays in Sydney (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
School holidays in Newcastle (http://bit.ly/1nljlpq)
Winter school holidays Central Coast (http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
Attractions for kids in regional NSW (http://bit.ly/1IE8vMw)
Australian Museum (http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation (http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

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.
STAGE 1 NEWS

Stage 1 went on their excursion to Sydney Powerhouse Museum last week. The students had a fantastic time exploring and learning about various modes of transport and how they have shaped our way of life. Finn, our entertaining tour guide, took the students on a journey into Sydney’s past to show them how transport has advanced over time. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Powerhouse Museum. This learning experience has greatly enhanced the classroom discussions in their H.S.I.E and Science units on ‘Transport’. Many of the teachers and helpers commented on the polite and respectful behaviour the students displayed throughout the museum visit- Well done Stage 1!

Thank you to all the families who have been donating recyclable materials for our transport models. The students are eager to start their transport designs and will find these materials very useful over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded a ‘Star Student’ award for being Safe, Respectful Learners:

1A - Tamara  
1D - Sayed  
1M - Bernice  
2A - Nikolina  
2B - Rohan  
2E- Ryan  
2V - Jake

Keep up the great work!

Miss Vanessa Stone  
Rel. Assistant Principal- Stage 1
**Catch up**

*With the latest in your canteen*

**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
- Popcorn
  - $3.50

- Chicken & corn roll
- Grape bag
- Milk
  - $3.00

- Soup
- Bread roll
- Mamee noodles
- Quelch stick
  - $3.00

Eat well, learn well, play well.
This term is going by so quickly and we find ourselves less than 2 weeks away from going to camp. Please ensure that your child has returned their medical forms, that you have updated your contact details and that you have provided me with any medication with administration details from your doctor as soon as possible. Also, please ensure that all monies are paid in full. I will be sending the final information to the camp next week. We are looking forward to this memorable and enjoyable event.

Just a reminder that students in Stage 3 will take part in their Peer Support Training in Week 8, Thursday 4 - Friday 5 September, 2014. This year we will be looking at developing resilience in peer support and these lessons will be conducted during Term 4. Your child will have the opportunity to learn how to be an effective leader during the training and we are confident that our students will learn many skills that will assist them in the future.

I would like to remind parents about our 100 Point Challenge. I will be closely monitoring the behaviours of some of our students over this week and remind them of the appropriate behaviours for school. We would like to have as many students as we can, receive an invitation to our stage celebration at the end of the year. We expect a high level of behaviour of our senior students as the role models of our younger grades.

Peddler’s Day is next term and we are looking for support with donations – if you are able to donate things like coloured hair spray, lollies, chocolates, soft drinks etc. items that we will use in a number of our stalls, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send these donations to your child’s classroom teacher. We would like to start collecting these items now to ensure that we are prepared for this event. Stage 3 thank you in advance.

This week you should have received a notification about our Personal Development Health Unit on Child Protection. Please send in a written note if you wish for your child to be excused from these lessons. All students will be participating in these lessons as per curriculum requirements unless the classroom teacher is informed otherwise.

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.

I have also begun a Stage 3 Blog that your child can access through their student portal. This blog has been set up so we can communicate with our students and remind them of items they may need to bring in to school or of up and coming events. It is also a way for clarification and communication between home and school. This is carefully monitored, so please ask your child to show you this site and feel free to see what is happening in Stage 3.

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 TERM 3 WEEK 6

Literacy and Numeracy week is coming up and students will enjoy many fun activities including the Snail Trail, Poem in a Pocket, writing competitions, Reaching for the Stars Math activity and much more. We welcome you to attend our parent information session on Wednesday 27 August from 9:00am to 10:00am which will give information on the new English and Numeracy Syllabus.

K-6N had a fantastic time at the Powerhouse Museum on Tuesday 12 August. Students in K-6N enjoyed walking around the museum and viewing all the old cars and in particular the Wiggles exhibition.

Stage 3 Camp is not far away now! Years 5 and 6 students will be heading to YMCA Yarramundi in Week 8. Students will be participating in educational and fun water activities including canoeing, fitness, personal choices and other Physical Education activities.

Just a friendly reminder that the Kindergarten excursion to Golden Ridge Animal Farm is due by Wednesday 10 September.

Review Meetings for our K-5 students are being held in Weeks 8-10. Please bring back the forms with your meeting time preference by Monday Week 7. If you are unable to attend the meeting then please write down your comments and opinions on the survey at the back of the form or come and see your child’s classroom teacher.

If you have any questions or enquiries then please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us through the school.

Mrs Jain

PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES

Free dental care is available at NSW public dental clinics for:

- All children under 18 years of age
- Adults who hold any of the following Centrelink concession cards (Pensioner Concession Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and Health Care Card)

All patients must be eligible for Medicare and should have a valid Medicare card. For Medicare information call 13 32 54).

For further information or appointments please contact Western Sydney 9845 6766 or Nepean Blue Mountains 1300 739 949
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:

**PBL AWARDS**

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

- **1M** Kodi and Rebel (White)
  - Bernice and Angel (Green)
- **3/4L** Josef and Lianne (Green)
  - Roy, John, Gurnoor, Adina (Maroon)
  - Jiya (Bronze)
- **3/4T** Fantashia, Michael and Jiya (Maroon),
  - Jose and Alina (Silver)
- **5/6A** Joshua (Bronze), Jade (Silver)
- **5/6B** Ethan (Green)
- **5/6E** Liam (Bronze)

**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.

**NO SMOKING**

The school premises is a Non Smoking Area

Thank you for your cooperation.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves.

You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

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**I Can Read:**

**learning to read at home**

1. Reading to your child.
2. Reading with your child.
3. Listening to your child read independently.
4. Read words in context
5. Read words out of context.
Father’s Day is fast approaching! We would like to celebrate this very special day with all of the fathers, grandfathers and male carers that we have in our community.

**When:** Friday 29 August, 2014  
**Where:** Crawford Public School – Hall  
**Time:** 8:00am – 8:45am

A bacon & egg roll, tea, coffee and orange juice will be available for you. Please stop in with your children on the way to school.

We look forward to seeing all of our doting dads!
MATHS COMPETITION RESULTS

All classes have been working hard, improving their mathematical skills during our Maths competition! Congratulations to the following 'Maths Champions' for the first half of Term 3:

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A very big 'Congratulations' to all of our classes and teachers for the big effort they put into our school-wide completion every week!

Mrs Bowden and Ms Still
Crawford Aboriginal Parent (CAP) meeting

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!