Principal’s Report - Richard Ford

The end of Week 4 already proves the term is flying fast. Teachers are cross checking students’ efforts in class and making sure that results are right for report writing in the next few weeks.

Recently, Miss Foster organised a talk with the Stage 3 classes with her brother Jake Foster. Jake has played NRL for 3 clubs, works for the NRL in Queensland and grew up in Doonside. It was a great talk about setting goals and becoming the best you can be. Jake talked to the kids about working hard and overcoming hurdles that might get in the way. It is always great to see a local person come back to talk about their journey and inspire the students.

Last week I was able to attend my first Crawford Aboriginal Parents meeting. This was a nice time to meet some of our parents and discuss Aboriginal education and perspectives within the school. We had some good ideas and talked about possible future directions.

On Tuesday we had Grandparents day. This was another first for me. It was amazing to see the number of Grandparents that came to watch some of our school performances. In total we had 81 visitors that watched the assembly. As I said on the day Grandparents are the people we look to for wisdom, their life experiences and their support. They are unconditional with their love and will do anything for you. Thank you again to all the grandparents of our students.

Today was the last day of Cubs. It is great to see the new faces coming to Crawford next year and how they have started to get used to the school. Next Thursday is our Kindy Orientation that is a one-off important information time for parents and a chance for students to go into the classrooms. We hope everyone starting school next year can attend next Thursday morning.

The P&C AGM will be held next Wednesday 4 November. Anyone who was a financial member by the end of the last meeting is eligible to vote. All office bearers (P&C Executive) stand down from their positions and a ballot is held to see who will fulfil the positions for the next year.

Thank you to all the parents who have assisted us in getting the students to wear school uniform everyday. It has been really noticed and the children look great. As the weather has been colder over the last few days the multi coloured jumpers have been coming out and lowering the standard. If your child needs to wear clothes that are non-school uniform then they need a note from home giving a reason. I will again be contacting parents of students who constantly are out of school uniform.

The next few weeks look a little quiet but towards the end of term it is getting really busy. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events as some of these require payments such as excursions and swim school.

Our planning for 2016 is underway and we are seeking your support in informing the school office as soon as possible if you are moving and if your child will not be returning to Crawford Public School next year.

Richard Ford
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report - D. Taylor

Our Stage 3 students getting advise on gardening from Mr Lawson. We are growing tomatoes, cucumbers, beetroot, spinach and beans.

Mrs Taylor (Deputy Principal)

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS 2015

The Uniform Shop will be open for business every Thursday morning from 8:30am-9:30am in the Crawford Community Cottage.

PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Saturday 31 October
8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

All Hallows Eve: Halloween in the Stars, legends of ghosts past - Many ancient stories and myths involve the stars in our sky, these patterns were watched by our ancestors and one in particular led to the starting of the Witches' Sabbath.

We investigate the stars and the stories behind what we know today as Halloween. Many of these come from Celtic roots, the Celts marked the stars of the Pleiades and when they reached their highest point it was thought the boundary between the living world and the deceased could be crossed.

The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Fun for young and old alike. The first 50 paying people to show up in costume will receive a free Family Pass valid for 1 year.

Cost:
Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50
Workshops: $15 per child/adult

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

Contact: Tel ((02) 4736 0135
Email: r.mcourt@westernsydney.edu.au
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Our Kindergarten 2016 students enjoying the last Kindergarten Cubs day. Just a reminder, Kindergarten Orientation Day is on 5 November, 2015 at 9:00am in the school hall.
STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2015

Stewart House is once again holding their clothing appeal. Collection bags have been sent home. Please return any bags of clothing to the school front office by Tuesday 17 November, 2015.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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CHANGE OF SCHOOL BUS NUMBERS

Commencing Monday 2 November, 2015, many school bus numbers will be changing as shown below. It is important that you make yourself aware of the new bus number for the morning and afternoon trip, as both will be different.

This change to 4 digit numbers is required to ensure Busways can meet guidelines set by Transport for NSW in terms of reporting and ticketing functionality.

Detailed school bus timetables (including all connecting services) are available on the Busways website at www.busways.com.au or for further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

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For more info about the venue, trading hours and menus, visit www.lyls.net.au

Lyls Restaurant, Bar & Function Centre | 5 Quin Avenue, Sewen Hills | 02 88185555

Coming soon!
PBL AWARDS

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

KA  Isaac, Maricos, Omar, Tyler, Curtis, Mia and Xavier (White)
KC  Zahra
KF  Bontiana, Bronson, Christopher, Diamond, Gabriella, Gursimran, Sinalilo, Tyrell and Savannah (White)
K/1H  Loviana and Tori (White)
1/2D  Makenzie (White), Jaysen (Green), Jameson (Maroon)
1/2M  Lyrix (Green)
1/2P  Jor-El (Maroon)
3/4L  Pooja (3/4L)
3/4S  Briana (Green), Matthew (Maroon) Jackson (Bronze), Alina (Gold)
5/6T  Haroun (White), Assata (Green) Levi, Emma (Bronze), Semisi and Georgia (Silver)

Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.

Full Government subsidy and eligibility offered. Our centre is open 7am to 6pm all year round.

Our Before School Care operates from 7.00am – 8.45am.
Our After School Care operates from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

For further enquiries, please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

Special Swimming Scheme

If your child has been allocated a placement in the Special “Learn to Swim” classes held from 30 November - 11 December, 2015, final payment needs to be made NO LATER than Friday 13 November. If full payment has not been made by this date, your child will unfortunately lose their spot and children on the waiting list will be offered a placement.

Mr Atfield
Swimming Scheme Coordinator