Welcome to the last newsletter of the year. As I look back, even though I have only been at Crawford for 3 terms, it seems like I have been here forever. I would like to thank the students, teachers and community for making me feel so welcomed. We have started to do a lot but there is more to be done. As a partnership we will all work together for our children and keep ensuring that we challenge our students to be their best.

Over the last few weeks there has been so much on. First we had the Swim Scheme that finishes tomorrow. Thank you to Mr Atfield and Mrs Lewis who have been taking one for the team and getting in the nice cool water on those hot days. It was lovely to hear the instructor’s comments about how well behaved our school is and that she hopes to see us next year.

We had our PBL excursions for K-2 and 3-6 for the students who remained in the green zone all year. K-2 had a wonderful time at the Zoo and 3-6 really liked the movie at Hoyts. Again the teachers could not fault the behaviour of the students and said both days were great.

Other excursions I had a chance to be a part of was the V8 excursion and the Support class going to the Variety Club Christmas party. We had a super time at the supercars and Mr Ford got his hearing back a few days later. The cars were so loud, but the kids were excited and got to do a lot of activities on the day. The Christmas Party was also an action packed day and it was great to see the smiles on the faces of the kids and all the rides they got to go on.

Also last week we had our 2016 Leadership speeches. The quality of the speeches by all the candidates was great. To get up in front of all those people is nerve wracking but the students did an amazing job. The votes have been counted and the successful candidates will be announced at Presentation Day, which will be held next Monday 14 December in the hall.

The Year 6 graduation and farewell were successes again and the students enjoyed themselves on the night. All the students danced, there were some funny speeches and everyone got into the spirit of the night. It shows how much the students are valued when over 30 staff members give up a night from their families to celebrate the kids going to Crawford.

As I have been reading the reports of the students it is great to see the effort that our learners are putting in. We want to continue that trend and keep the love of learning going throughout the whole school. If you need any clarification about anything in the reports, please feel free to ring up and make an appointment with your child’s teacher after you get it.

A note went home about an expression of interest for PSSA next year. This needs to be returned to school by next Monday, as we have to decide on what sports we would like to do. Hopefully we get enough interest as this year we did not do Summer PSSA and the kids really missed the competition and the going out each week. We have also decided to bring the cost down of the sport to $5 each week, and the school will supplement the rest. We believe that the students should get a number of experiences to be active and that PSSA should be one of those activities.
Classes and staffing are still being finalised at the moment and we will not be informing any parents about what students have what teachers until next year. We understand that people would like to know but over holidays there are always changes to circumstances and this impacts on how the school is staffed.

I would like to acknowledge all the staff for their hard work this year and their dedication to the students. There will be a few changes next year as we will be saying goodbye to some teachers as some of our permanent teachers return and other teachers moving off to new schools.

We would like to farewell Mrs May who was successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Seven Hills. She has been involved in nearly everything over her time at Crawford and we wish her all the best in her new position.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Still who has been working closely with a number of our students this year giving them some extra support and seeing some great results. She is moving with her family and we hope she enjoys it at her new school.

Mrs Collier is also relocating her family and will be saying goodbye to Crawford Public School. She did a great job taking on 3/4B this year and we thank her for all her hard work.

Miss Wood and Mrs Krasser have been wonderful in their roles as RFF and support teachers and we are hoping to see them in the future at Crawford Public School.

We would also like to say thank you to Miss Foster who will be starting her first permanent job as a high school PE teacher. She has inspired many of the kids in her class.

Thank you to all those teachers and the part you have played in making Crawford a place for students to feel safe, respectful and want to learn.

Richard Ford
Principal
PBL AWARDS

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

KC  Payton-Louise (White)
K/1H  Lewis and Dexter (White), Giselle (Green)
1/2A  Dhenuka (Green), Manaia (Maroon)
1/2D  Reem (White), Emmanuel Jayden Jnr (Green), Ethan, Kara-Leigh and Sauni (Maroon), Stevie-Rae and Amy (Bronze)
1/2P  Indianah (Maroon)
1/2T  Bailey and Lucas (Maroon)
3/4B  Caleb, Andrea and Nullegai (Maroon), Nagia (Bronze), Prisha (Silver)
3/4G  Margaret (Bronze)
5/6C  Jade (White), Charles (Bronze), Anna (Silver), Hannah and Luke (Gold)
5/6S  Nikolina (Green), Sophie (Bronze), Riley (Silver)
5/6T  Salma (White), Roy (Silver)

STUDENT TRANSPORT

STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXISTING BUS AND TRAIN PASSES AND ARE GOING FROM YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3 IN 2016 NEED TO APPLY ONLINE FOR A SCHOOL OPAL CARD FOR 2016.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, their home address or moving from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7.

Website:  www.transportnsw.info/school-students

For LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED opal cards:
Phone: 131 500
Or email: concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school’s front office will be attended Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm.
P&C CHRISTMAS STALL

Our friendly P&C is holding a Christmas Stall in the Crawford Cottage on Thur 10 December and Fri 11 December.

From 11:00am—1:30pm

The gifts will range from $1.00—$10.00

Merry Christmas Everyone.

PBL GREEN ZONE EXCURSIONS

We had 141 students attend the K-2 PBL Excursion to Taronga Zoo on Friday 27 November and 154 students attended the 3-6 PBL Excursion to Hoyts on Friday 4 December. Students who had met our Crawford Public School behaviour expectations throughout the year were invited to attend these special events to celebrate their achievements.

From all reports, the teachers and students had a great time at both of the excursions. We look forward to seeing more students attend next year.

PBL Team

PENRITH OBSERVATORY
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday 12 December – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

SPACE JUNK - Our planet isn't the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch. 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.

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

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

Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au

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Ngallu Wal Playgroup

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Safe holidays. We look forward to seeing you all when we return in 2016.

Playgroup returns

Crawford Public School
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am.
Located in the old Cottage at the back of Crawford Public School

Ngallu Wal Child and Family Centre
29th of January, 2016.
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am.

For any queries or questions, please feel free to contact Ngallu Wal on:
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Keep up to date with our Playgroup and other local community events by adding our Facebook page.
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