Welcome back to Term 2. For those who have not been able to be at the school my name is Richard Ford and I started on Monday as the new Principal of Crawford Public School. My door is always open and please feel free to organise a time to come and see me if you have any suggestions or concerns.

I would like to thank everybody who has welcomed me to the school. I have had many parents come up and introduce themselves and the students have been unbelievable in going out of their way to make sure I know where all the classes are and what are all the school rules. I was able to visit every classroom on Monday and it was great to see the quality of work and the engagement levels of the students in all grades. I asked the question in each class, “What are you learning about?”, and the students had their hands up straight away. This just demonstrates the great teaching and learning relationships that the teachers and students have developed together. I look forward to getting around again and seeing more great work from our students.

The NAPLAN assessments are going ahead next week and students are reminded to arrive at school on time so that they are prepared and comfortable. My own opinion on NAPLAN is that it is a one off assessment, and that although it might give a snapshot of where the school is sitting at the time, your child’s classroom teacher’s class assessments and observations paint a more detailed picture of your child’s progress. Please remind your child that we just ask them to try their best and try not to get overwhelmed. I always say to my own kids at home, I can’t remember my Basic Skills results.

Please keep a look out on the calendar on the school website for upcoming events.

Lastly I would like to thank Mrs Taylor for her leadership of the school during the transition time between principals. Already I have seen how respected she is by students, staff and the community. She has demonstrated such a commitment to the school, especially the kids and their overall well-being. She has welcomed me and tried to prepare me as much as possible so I know a lot about the students, staff, community, school’s systems and policies, and everything else. She is truly an asset to the school and I look forward to leading the school with her.

Richard Ford
Principal

Just a reminder that all Stewart House donations need to be returned by Friday 8 May to be in the running to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Deputy Principal’s Report—Mrs Deanne Taylor

On Friday 24 April the Student Leadership Team led the school in our ANZAC ceremony. It was a moving and respectful tribute to the fallen men and women of the Australian and New Zealand Defence Services. Our Students from K-6 did the school and themselves proud in their response to ANZAC day 2015.

The students at Crawford Public School are demonstrating high levels of commitment to their learning. Our students are reminded every day about the importance of their education and how it can impact on their future successes and dreams. This is achieved by focusing on the school’s expectations of being a Safe, Respectful Learner.

I would like to thank the P&C in advance for all their dedication and hard work with special events. They have again organised and sourced beautiful gifts for our mothers, carers and grandmothers for the students to purchase to spoil these very important people in their lives.

Some extremely important reminders about attendance. As you are all aware, attendance at school is a legal requirement for all students aged between 6 and 17 years of age. If your child is absent from school they need to provide a note to explain this absence on their first day of return. Teachers will make all efforts to ensure you have the necessary reminders about days off school to avoid any confusion. If you have any major concerns or your child needs support from the school to ensure they are attending school, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Students are required to have a hat to play in the playground. If your child doesn’t have their hat with them on any given day they will be redirected to shaded areas and the amphitheatre. Remember this is for their safety and protection from the sun, so can I please ask that your child comes to school with a hat every day that is clearly labelled with their name and class.

Deanne Taylor
Deputy Principal

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

CRUNCH&SIP NEWS
KEEN GREEN BEANS!
Many people eat cooked green beans at dinner. But did you know that raw green beans also make a great snack?

Why not try sliced fresh green beans in a small container for your child’s Crunch&Sip break?

Keep ‘em keen—give ‘em beans!
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten has had a busy start to Term 2. We have jumped straight back into learning and are busy with new sight words, sounds and exploring how authors portray emotions in texts. We are continuing to build on our Numeracy skills and are working hard to count to 30 without any help.

Peer Support begun last week. All Kindergarten students enjoyed meeting new teachers and making many new friends. The topic of peer support for 2015 is ‘Bullying’. Peer Support hopes to eradicate undesirable behaviour towards others while building strong and caring relationship with everyone around us.

It is great to see so many students with their Library bags. Kindergarteners are now allowed to borrow two books each week. Although the amount of students bringing Library bags in has increased, students’ completing their homework has decreased. Homework is important for your child to practise the content taught at school. This includes sounds, sight words and sentence writing. Our homework has been designed to be an independent task which students can complete with minimal assistance in a very short amount of time. Homework is due back to school every FRIDAY.

Once again, if you have and questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to speak to Miss Haller, Mrs Chandra, Mrs Furlong or Miss Allen.

We thank you for all your support.

Miss Kristy-Lee Haller.
Relieving Assistant Principal- Kindergarten

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our school contributions for 2015 are now due.

$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.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school’s front office will be attended Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm.
Welcome back to Term 2! We have so many events to look forward to throughout the term. In H.S.I.E, we will be studying ‘Natural and Built Environments’. As part of this unit, we are planning a Stage 1 excursion to Nurragingy Reserve later this term. Information will be sent home to parents and caregivers shortly.

Below is a list of reminders for some of the activities Stage 1 will be involved in on a weekly basis this term:

**Homework**
A homework sheet, home reading book and reading log sheet will be given to your child each Monday. It is expected that students will return their homework and home reading materials **each Friday** to their classroom teacher.

The students are working towards their next reading award. Please assist them by reading with them each night and recording it in their reading log. Reading awards are given to students fortnightly.

**Library**
Library- 1/2M, 1/2A and 1/2T have their library lesson each Tuesday with Ms Benfield. 1/2V and 1/2D have their lesson each Thursday and 1/2 P has their lesson each Friday. Students will need to bring in their library bag and any books for returning on their library day. Books can also be borrowed before school from 8:30am.

**K-2 Assembly**
This is a special fortnightly event where the academic, social and sports abilities of our students are recognised and rewarded. Awards can be given out for our key learning areas and our school values. A K-2 class will present an item at each assembly. Assembly starts at 10:10am and finishes at 10:50am.

Stage 1 students are presenting a number of items at our K-2 assemblies throughout this term.

Please see the dates below for your child’s class item:

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Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend our school assemblies. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Star Students**
The following students received Star Student awards for being Safe, Respectful Learners last week:

1/2A - Sione  
1/2T - Rawiri  
1/2D - Selina

1/2M - Emily  
1/2P - Kobi  
1/2V - Krezlee

Looking forward to another great term!

Vanessa May  
Rel. Assistant Principal
## STAGE 2 NEWS

A big welcome back to all our families in Stage 2 and to any new families who have joined us this term. This week we have been preparing for the NAPLAN testing which is next week. Our Year 3 students have been working on practice questions. Our Year 4 students have also been involved in this to strengthen their understanding of concepts. It will be very important for those children in Year 3 next week to arrive to school on time for the NAPLAN testing.

As the weather becomes cooler it is important that children bring warmer clothes to wear. These of course should have their name inside just in case they are misplaced.

Over the last few weeks we have found that children have been away due to different reasons. It is very important that the school is notified about your child’s absence. A note can be sent in to your child’s teacher or the office can be called to let the class teacher know about the absence from school.

Mr Lowing  
Assistant Principal

## PSSA NEWS

This week we hope to begin our Winter PSSA competition. If your child is in a team, please bring $8.00 for the bus and have the correct clothing and equipment for the games.

Mr Lowing

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## SCHOOL CONTACT CARDS

School Contact Cards will be sent home shortly for students in Years 1-6. Please ensure you complete a card for each child in your family and return to the school front office as soon as possible.

It is very important that the school has your correct address and telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

## 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.

## BEDWETTING

A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet, please visit the website:

www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au  
Or phone 1300 135 796 —12pm to 6pm
STAGE 3 NEWS

Term 2 is off to a flying start and our Stage 3 students have already had the opportunity to lead their first two Peer Support sessions. The hard work and perseverance of their training has paid off and the students are looking for ways to engage their younger peers in meaningful experiences to learn about what bullying is and how to identify it. The feedback so far has been very positive. Well Done Stage 3.

We currently have only 35 students who have brought in their note and paid their deposit to attend our Stage 3 camp to YMCA Yarramundi. If you wish for your child to be involved in this excursion please return their note and money as soon as possible as we have only catered for 90 positions. For those students who went last year, please note that Yarramundi is continually changing and we are looking at a different program, while keeping some of the students favourite activities like the Giant Swing, Kayaking and Rock Climbing. If you would like to learn more about YMCA Yarramundi, have a look at their webpage. [http://camping.ymcansw.org.au/camp-yarramundi](http://camping.ymcansw.org.au/camp-yarramundi)

This week students in Stage 3 have been given a “Stage 3 Homework Diary.” As explained at the beginning of the year, Stage 3 students are issued homework in a high school model to prepare them for high school by establishing positive time management and planning skills. Students are required to write the assigned homework in their diary and to return it to school by its due date. That may be the next day or in a few days depending on the task set by the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher may set tasks that revise the content taught during that day or as preparation for a lesson planned in the future to ensure our students have adequate background information about the topic. It is believed that issuing homework this way will assist our students in seeing it as a meaningful and relevant task. The diary is also used as a communication tool, if you would like to express a reason why your child has not completed their homework or would like any clarification, you can write this in the parent comment section, and the teacher may also use this as a tool to converse with you. It is suggested that parents and caregivers ask their child to see this diary regularly. It is our student’s responsibility to ensure it is at school each day and is free of graffiti and unnecessary writing. If you have any question regarding this, please contact me via the school office.

The Year 6 shirts have been ordered and I am waiting on a date of delivery. I will advise parents and students of this as soon as I am aware. There were some delays with drafting and names on the shirts, so I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Our Year 5 students will be sitting the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week. Year Six will be working on a mini unit while this is being conducted. I wish all of Year 5 the best during this time and I encourage them to try their very best. Year 5 will not be required to complete homework over the next week, it is recommended that they get a goodnight’s rest and ensure they eat a healthy breakfast each morning.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information or other Stage 3 business, please contact me at the office at your earliest convenience.

Leigh Alipate
Assistant Principal—Stage 3
Welcome back to Term 2. All of our students have settled back in to school routines well and are working hard towards achieving their individual learning goals for this term. Most of our annual review meetings have been conducted and we are pleased with the progress students are making.

Last term K-2V hosted the Infants’ assembly and performed their assembly item. With the added help from 3-6B and 3-6G they did a fantastic job and we are all proud of their efforts. This term in Week 9, 3-6B and 3-6G will be hosting the Primary assembly. They are busily brushing up on their acting and singing skills in order to present a short video at assembly.

On 11 June Stage 1 will be attending an excursion to Nurragingy Reserve. We have five Year 1 students who will have the opportunity to attend. This should be a fun and constructive day for all students involved. Notes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

As it is coming into colder weather, it would be appreciated if you send a box of tissues into your child’s class. We also ask that you label jackets and jumpers so they are returned to the right person. It is also a good idea to check your child’s bag each afternoon for important notes and information that is regularly sent home.

Notes need to be sent in with your child to explain any absences from school.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this term to continue to give your child the best educational outcomes possible.

Mrs R. Bowden
Assistant Principal Special Education (Relieving)
Flu season has already begun. By the end of March this year there had already been over 4000 laboratory-confirmed flu cases in Australia - over 200 more than at the same time in 2014 - so it’s time to get your flu jab.

It’s been a nasty flu season this year in the US and Europe, and it’s now coming our way. The flu vaccine they had wasn’t effective against one of the strains that appeared. The flu is clever like that - it changes all the time - and so we are fortunate that we can learn from what happens in the northern hemisphere winter before our winter starts.

In fact, this year the Government flu jab program hasn’t been available until a bit later than usual - 20 April because there were some late changes to this year’s vaccine. It protects against three key strains, and two of these are completely different from last year’s vaccine so it’s taken a little longer to get them ready for doctors to provide to their patients.

Why bother? Well, the flu isn’t just a bad cold; it can seriously knock you over and keep you out of action for days. If you have asthma as well, then you can get really sick. Having the flu jab can be inconvenient and a bit of a pain (literally!), but it could save you from getting seriously ill.

This year many pharmacies are also offering flu jabs at a fixed cost. This can be a convenient and quick way of getting your flu jab; though it’s always good to get a check-up with your GP on a regular basis too.

A Super Jab?

You may hear about a new option for flu vaccination that’s available from late April – it has a fourth vaccine in it to cover yet another flu strain. It’s not part of the Government immunisation program this year, so it may cost you more to get it – talk to your GP about the cost vs benefit to you personally. It’s been predicted that the fourth strain covered by this vaccine will account for around 3% of flu cases in Australia this year.

People with asthma are strongly encouraged to get the flu jab every year; and don’t forget that lots of people who are at higher risk of getting the flu are entitled to the flu jab for free.

Things to know:

- People with weaker immunity are more likely to catch the flu, but many cases each year are in young, healthy individuals.
- The flu jab changes every year to reflect the most common strains, so it’s important to get it every year.
- About 3,000 Australians die every year either directly from the seasonal flu, from complications due to the flu, or from pneumonia.
- You can get the flu jab from your GP, or you might be offered it through your workplace or local pharmacy.
- Some experts are predicting that 2015 could be a bad year, based on what’s happened overseas.

The vaccine doesn’t give you the flu; it contains dead flu cells which induce the body to make antibodies as a defence.
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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**Venues:** Venue and child care information will be provided with bookings.

For further information, expression of interest and bookings
Please phone 02 9621 3922
Congratulations to our Crawford Public School Dance Group! They were successful in their audition for the Synergy Dance Festival and will be performing at the Evan Theatre, Penrith Panthers on the following dates:

Tuesday 2 June - 6:30pm- 9:30pm
Thursday 4 June - 11:00am-12:30pm

TICKET COSTS

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Tickets can be purchased from:

Ticketek Website – http://www.ticketek.com.au (booking fees apply)

Ticketek Call Centre 132849 (booking fees apply)

Panthers Reception Desk from 9:00-10:00am daily (no booking fees apply for cash or EFTPOS purchases)

SCHOOL EXCURSION GROUP

We have 25 tickets available for students in Stages 1-3 who would like to attend the Synergy Dance Festival on Thursday 4 June. The excursion costs $14.00 (including show ticket and bus travel). Information and permission notes have been sent home. Please return money and notes to the school office.

Mrs May & Miss Haller
Dance Teachers

The school premises is a Non Smoking Area
Thank you for your cooperation.

TEACH YOUR KIDS ROAD SAFETY.
BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL!
PBL AWARDS

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

1/2D  Sauni and Tiana (Green)
1/2P  Tyler-Rae (Maroon) and Alfred (White)
3/4B  Hailey (Green), Simran (Maroon), Gabrielle and Duc (Bronze)
      Stephanie (Silver), Amelia (Gold)
3/4G  Margaret and Akuien (Maroon)
5/6T  Assata, Arain and Finau (White), Tairongo (Green), Jawad and Melody (Silver)

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Mums and Kids Astronomy Night

**SOLAR SYSTEMS ACROSS THE GALAXY**

Astronomers have discovered many planets orbiting distant stars - but what are they like? Even our own Solar System is full of surprises, and there is so much more to learn.

Join Dr Sarah Martell for a tour through the moons and planets where we've sent human or robot explorers, and some of the weird and wonderful solar systems we've found. The night will also include a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

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

Workshops - $15 per person

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

**Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135

**Email:** penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

www.uws.edu.au/observatory,
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**The simplest way**

to increase your fruit and veg intake

Myth: Frozen and canned fruit and vegetables don’t count towards your recommended daily intake of fruit and vegetables.

The facts:
- Frozen and canned fruit or vegies are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive
- Frozen and canned vegetables are usually packed shortly after picking, so few nutrients are lost
- Varieties with no added sugar or salt are the best choice, so check the label to make sure you’re making the best choice!

Hint: Look for tinned fruit in natural juice rather than syrup, and serve with a reduced fat natural yoghurt and honey for a sweet afternoon snack!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE

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

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