Principal's Report - Richard Ford

Week 4 is almost over and some of the work coming out of the classrooms is fantastic. The students are challenging themselves and wanting to do better each time they sit down to do work. I have had a number of students come to my office with outstanding pieces of work. They are excited about what they are learning and trying their best.

Thank you to everyone who made Education Week such a success. We had so many parents attend classes on Open Day and the students were able to show the different things they do in class. Our 3-6 assembly was great with our expert dancers performing as well as our choir for the first time.

Our Stage 3 attended the Doonside Technology High Showcase day last Tuesday. The students had a great time watching performances and going on rides. I was lucky enough to pay a visit on the day and it looked like a great success.

Our dancers have been very busy lately. Not only did they perform at the High School on Tuesday, they performed at Westfield Blacktown on Wednesday and then backed up again on our Open Day. They also have another performance in a few weeks at the Blacktown Music festival.

Tomorrow is the last round of the winter PSSA competition. This season has been plagued with a lot of washed out games but none the less the students have been excellent in the way they have represented the school.

Next Monday we have a number of Stage 2 students representing the school at the Milo Cricket tournament at Blacktown Sports Park. We wish them all the best in their games. Next Tuesday we have three teams, 2 boys/mixed teams and 1 girls team playing at the Royce Simmons Shield. Our senior girls side has also been asked to represent the Penrith District at the Legends of League Day. This is a competition that sees sides from all over the State come together to play each other. The girls were picked on the wonderful sportsmanship they displayed on the Girls Tackle Gala Day.

The week after is National Science week and we have organised a great science show for the kids. Science club is also up and running each week. Students get to perform experiments at lunch time and we have already had 75 students say they are interested.

Just a reminder that it is now law that if you are smoking that you need to be at least 4 metres away from an entrance to the school. There have been a few parents smoking right next to the gate recently. This action, if continued, could result in a hefty fine from a Ranger.
**Principal’s Report cont.**

CAMP NEWS – Unfortunately we have not been able to get the required numbers needed for the Stage 3 Camp. We have been able to drop the number from 80 students to 40 students. These positions will have to go first to the students who have paid in full and who have paid their deposits. You can still make a waiting list if you wish to pay now.

Richard Ford  
Principal

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**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our school contributions for 2015 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.

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| 6    | 17th   | 18th    | 19th      | 20th     | 21st   |
|      |        | - Fizics Ed Show $2  
- Support Unit Excursion | High School Transition | - P and C Pizza fundraiser  
- Kindy Transition Starts  
- Girls League Day | |
| 7    | 24th   | 25th    | 26th      | 27th     | 28th   |
|      | District Athletics  
- Blacktown Music Festival | District Athletics | | Fathers Day Stall  
- K-2 Athletics Carn.  
- Kindy Transition | Fathers Day Stall |
| 8    | 31st   | 1st     | 2nd       | 3rd      | 4th    |
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- High School Transition  
- P and C Meeting | Fathers Day Breakfast  
- Kindy Transition | |
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- Kindy Transition | |
| 10   | 14th   | 15th    | 16th      | 17th     | 18th   |
|      |        |         | High School Transition | PBL Reward Day  
|      |        |         |           | PBL Badge morning Tea |

Stage 3 Camp - Yarramundi
To celebrate ‘National Science Week’ in Week 6 of Term 3, Fizzics Education will be presenting their:

WHEN:          Tuesday 18 August
WHERE:         AT Crawford Public School – Hall
COST:          Only $2
WHO:           ALL Students
TIME:          Stage 2 & 3 ~ 12:30 to 1:30pm
               Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 ~ 2:00 to 3:00pm

You will get to see:
• Gigantic bubbles,
• Flying toilet paper,
• Hair-raising electricity experiments,
• Bubbling liquid nitrogen demonstrations,
• Levitating beach balls,
• A giant gyroscope,
• Coloured shadows,
• A flame equalizer and much more!

PERMISSION NOTES and MONEY DUE BY FRIDAY 14 AUGUST – NO EXCEPTIONS
CPS Dance Group News

Stage 1 Excursion

Stage 1, 3-6B, K-6G and K-6V are heading to Featherdale Wildlife Park to learn about Australian animals and their environments as part of our H.S.I.E unit of work for this term. The excursion will be held on Wednesday 2 September, 2015. Permission notes and money are due back by Friday 21 August. No late payments will be accepted.

CPS Dance Group News

Congratulations to our Crawford Public School Dance Group who had a very busy Education Week last week. The students performed their ‘Popcorn’ routine at Doonside Technology High School, Westfield Mt Druitt and at our Education Week school assembly. Well done to all of these students on their amazing performances! We look forward to seeing you perform again at Wyndham College for the Blacktown Music Festival on Monday 24 August, 2015.
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• Fee support available - no fees due for Public or school holidays.
• School Readiness Program to support children’s transition to school
• Regular Parent meetings and opportunities for family involvement
• Annual ART SHOW & family activities

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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legislatively required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent’s explanations for their child’s absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

- Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child’s attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies (“the parties”) to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child’s attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child’s attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

- Applications to the Children’s Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of $11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:
SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
The school’s front office will be attended Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm.

K-2 Athletics Carnival
Crawford's K-2 Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday 27 August, 2015. The day will commence at 9.30am and conclude at approximately 12.30pm. All students will be participating in organised events on the day and supporting fellow school peers. All students will be wearing their individual class colours to build and enhance team spirit as this day is about giving it a go and striving to do your best. Members from our school community are welcome to come and watch the events unfold, cheer and support the children and share a picnic recess. We look forward to seeing you there on the day. Don’t forget your sunscreen and a hat!

Miss Buttigieg and Miss Allen

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

Crawford is taking part once again in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion.

It's simple to participate! From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Place the stickers on a sticker sheet and drop in the collection box at school.

At the end of the promotion we are able to exchange the stickers for free teaching resources that will assist children with their learning. The more we collect, the more resources we will earn.

Miss Buttigieg