Principal’s Report — Richard Ford

Our event filled Term 3 has now come to an end. It has been great to see all the opportunities and experiences our students have had this term, and we are very thankful to all our parents who keep supporting the school.

Thank you to all our tireless volunteers who helped at the Father’s Day stall. Two days of non-stop classes but we got there in the end.

Our Kindy’s went on their first excursion ever! The teachers said that the kids were great and that they really enjoyed the Golden Ridge Farm. There were a lot of tired little people at the end of the day but they all told me they had fun.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Footy Colours day. We were able to raise $296 for the Fight Cancer Foundation to go towards cancer research.

Our Royce Simmons team played in the Finals Day last Tuesday. They did extremely well going down in the first game 8-0 against York PS, with no reserves and York won the day. The next game was also close, just missing out to Bidwill who scored on the fulltime siren, and the last game we drew 12-all with James Erskine Public School. That is the last game for the year of Rugby League and I would like to thank all the players for their great behaviour over the long season.

Well done to all our students who represented the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival. We had such a big number of students competing this year and they all did a great job with a few students doing their personal best times and scores. Thank you to Mr Lowing and Mr Teasdale who managed the regional side.

Well done to the Stage 3 Milo Cricket teams. All three teams did well and we even had one of our teams make the final only going down to a red hot Quakers Hill side. Mr Campbell said the behaviour of the students was great and that they represented the school well.

How good was the K-2 Athletics Carnival! Our teachers sure do know how to make things fun. The kids all had smiles on their faces and had a great day. It was so cute to see the first Kindergarten race and all of the students raced, even the ones not supposed to be in that race.

Please be aware that it is magpie nesting season and we have 2 magpies swooping near the bus stop out the front of the school. There is not much that we can do about it at this time. Suggestions are to wear hats and try and maintain eye contact with the birds as you are walking into and out of the school. Hopefully they are settled by the time we come back for Term 4.

Staff Changes

There are a number of staff changes that will be happening in Term 4 that we have already sent notes out about to those classes.

Firstly, Miss Buttigieg will be leaving us to take up a permanent position at Girraween Public School. Miss Buttigieg has been a highly valued staff member of Crawford Public School for the past 5 years. We wish her all the best in her new appointment. She will be greatly missed by us all.
Principal’s Report (cont.)

Miss Zaharia will be teaching 1/2T for the remainder of the year. We welcome Miss Zaharia to our Stage 1 team!

At the end of this term, Mrs Ure was successful in being appointed the Assistant Principal Special Education. Mrs Ure brings a range of experience in special education and we know she will be a wonderful asset to Crawford Public School. She will be taking K-2V and Miss Vaoga will be taking up another role within the school. I would like to thank Miss Vaoga for the wonderful job she has done on K-2V this year. This also means Mrs Bowden will be stepping down as Relieving Assistant Principal. I would like to thank Mrs Bowden for the dedication she has shown to our students in the whole support unit.

We looked forward to a great Term 4 and thank everyone again for your support. There are lots of things coming up so keep looking at the school Facebook Page or download the School App to stay up to date. We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and hope everyone is refreshed and ready to get back into learning next term.

Richard Ford
Principal

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING
AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thursday 24 September 10am - 12 noon
ROCKET WORKSHOP
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15 adult.

Saturday 26 September 7pm -10pm
ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Checking out our Neighbours
A close up look at our solar system with some of the latest news about Pluto. 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.

Thursday 1 October 10am - 12 noon
ROCKET WORKSHOP
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15 adult.

SATURDAY 3 October 7pm - 9pm
THE LIVES OF STARS
How do stars form and what happens when they die? The night will 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 family

Workshops:
$15 per child/adult

Bookings are essential:
Book and pay online:
westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Contact:
Tel: 4736 0135
Email: penrithobservatory@westernsydney.edu.au
Last week Kindergarten were very excited because we were about to go on our first excursion. After the quick bus trip, we arrived at Golden Ridge Farm. At first we didn’t like the smell of the farm. We saw so many animals including ducks and pigs. We were super lucky because we were able to hold and pat ducklings and rabbits. They were very soft and cuddly.

The farmer gave us all some bread and we were able to feed the goats, lambs, alpacas and horses. To top off an amazing day, Kindergarten were able to have a turn at milking a cow. We had a wonderful time on the farm!
PBL AWARDS

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

3-6B  Micheal (Green), Julian (Maroon),
3-6G  Jayden (White)
3/4B  Hayley (Maroon), Breanna (Bronze),
3/4L  Jiya (Bronze), Jake (Silver)
3/4N  Benjamin (Green)

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.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now finished. A big thankyou must be given to our whole community for the fantastic effort in collecting so many stickers for our school. We will keep you updated on what resources Crawford Public School receives.

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.

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.

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.
FUN & FITNESS AT Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

MONDAY 11.00am
Aqua Exercise
Included with Centre admission

WEDNESDAY 11.00am
Aqua Exercise
Included with Centre admission

SATURDAY 8.00am
Fast Track to Summer Boot Camp
$79.20 for 6 weeks or $13.20 per class

SATURDAY 9.30am
Aqua Zumba
Included with Centre admission

Aqua Exercise
This fabulous, simple to follow aqua exercise class is low impact total body workout. Suitable for all fitness levels

Aqua Zumba®
Make a splash with this high energy aquatic exercise class. With less impact on your joints and water as natural resistance this class is sure to help tone your muscles.

Boot Camp
Fast track to summer with our fun 6 week boot camp program. Build your strength and endurance in the great outdoors and push yourself to a new level of fitness. Classes start 17 October for 6 weeks.

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre
Ayres Grove Mount Druitt NSW 2770
(02) 9625 6360

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre
@blacktowncc
Every week from Thursday 20 August, 2015
(Term 3 Week 6)
**Time:** 9:10am—11:00am
**Place:** Crawford school hall.

- Crawford Cubs is a weekly transition to school playgroup held at Crawford Public School.
- This is a great opportunity for your child to play with others while developing school readiness skills and becoming familiar with our school environment.
- It is also a great chance for you to meet other families and receive insightful information from early childhood and primary teachers as well as health professionals.

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**FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR BEGINNERS**

**FOR:** 5-14 year old boys and girls (no experience necessary)

**WHEN:** Tuesday 22 September and Wednesday 23 September, 2015

**TIME:** 9.30am – 11.30am

**WHERE:** UWS Kingswood Campus, O’Connell St Kingswood

**COST:** $45.00 (price includes Stick, ball, shin pads, mouth guard, shirt and tuition)

**REGISTRATION:** [http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/Find-a-Club](http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/Find-a-Club)

Enter location Penrith, then click on Nepean Hockey Association, registration, then follow prompts
The office is in need of any outgrown or unwanted white polo shirts and school shorts, tracksuit pants and jumpers/jackets (especially small sizes 4-10).

If you can assist us by donating any items of school clothing it would be greatly appreciated.

Zina Dybac
EALD Teacher

CRAWIBOLD SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

Crawibold Sculpture Spectacular was held two weeks ago. We saw some amazing sculptures created by our very talented students. The day was enjoyed by everyone.

Zina Dybac
EALD Teacher

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

DON’T MISS OUT

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands.

Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

- Residential Kids’ Camps include:
  - 24-hour supervision
  - Instructor led activities
  - Accommodation
  - Meals
  - Supervised transport

Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/familycamps
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps
fb.com/nswsportandrecreation 13 13 02

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

The Department of Education organises Special “Learn to Swim” classes for NSW Public School students. We have been allocated 60 places for the 30 November - 11 December (Term 4, Weeks 9 and 10) at Emerton Leisure Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for students who are not proficient swimmers in Years 2 and 3 to gain competence and confidence with swimming. There are limited places available. Please return your note and payments to your classroom teacher ASAP. Places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Miss Butttigieg and Mr Atfield
Swimming Scheme Coordinators