Principal's Report - Richard Ford

The term is well into the swing of things and the students are working away to be the best that they can be. In my walk around to some classes I was impressed with how many students wanted to participate in class discussions and contribute to the lessons.

I had a great time in 3/6J learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and the different stages of the cycle.

In Stage 3 the XO Laptops are being used a lot to help with learning and researching things the students need in class. The students were able to tell me what they were doing, why they were doing it and how they did it.

Kindergarten showed me how well they are following the school rules and learning to count.

Stage 1 explained to me in detail what estimating meant (even if some of them estimated that I was 65 years old!) and it was great to see students helping other students understand concepts in the class.

Stage 2 showed me what they needed to do when performing for an audience and there are some excited students who want to persuade Mr Ford in their writing to break the school rules. Let’s see how persuasive their writing will be.

Our Infants teachers completed their first half day training last week in implementing literacy strategies and they have already come back with some fresh ideas and ways to help our students learn.

Our Songroom program also started last Thursday. The Stage 3 classes loved the first drumming lesson and the smile on their faces was brilliant to see. Stage 3 will do Songroom every Thursday for the first half of the year and then Stage 2 will do it in the second half of the year.
All the teachers and SASS staff completed their CPR and Anaphylaxis training on Wednesday so you children are in great hands.

Some Penrith Panthers will be coming out next Monday to discuss healthy habits with our Primary students. They will be talking about what they do to lead a healthy lifestyle and things they did as kids to get out and be active.

PSSA starts tomorrow. Please remember that the players in the teams need hats, drink bottles, mouthguards if in AFL and $5 for the bus each week. Please remember that if you are going to watch a sport that you are there to cheer not criticise. PSSA is about kids having a go and getting to play other schools.

The new School Leader’s Induction Ceremony will be held in the hall at 2:00pm on Monday. All students receiving a badge have had their parents notified already. Congratulations to those students.

Photo Day will be held Thursday 3 March. We are currently chasing up the envelopes to send home as there was a little issue with some of the student details from our computer system.

Our Crawford Aboriginal Parents (CAP) meeting will be held in the Aboriginal Education Room (Crawford Cottage) next Wednesday from 2-3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and discuss Aboriginal Education in the school.

Richard Ford
Principal

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our school contributions for 2016 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.

PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

ASTRONOMY NIGHT –

Saturday 27 February 2016
(8.00 pm – 10.00 pm)

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

Come along and listen to Dr Ain De Horta’s talk on the hunt for ET. 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: $18 adult, $12 child/concession
and $50 family

Bookings are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory
CANTEEN NEWS

DONUT DAY

The canteen will be having a Donut Day on **16 March, 2016**.
All donuts are to be pre-ordered. Please fill out form below and return to canteen, with money, 
by - **11 March, 2016**.

Flavoured Donuts $2.50 / Pineapple Donut $2.50

Name: ______________________________________________________
Class: _______________
Please tick one: Recess □ Lunch □
(NB: All lunch orders will be sent to class. Recess orders need to be picked up)
Cinnamon □ Pineapple □
Strawberry □ Chocolate □
Caramel □

(Please fill out one (1) form per child – extra forms available from canteen)

PSSA FRIDAY

Cricket /League Tag /AFL

Order your lunch and pick up at recess.
Write your sport on your bag.

Good luck everyone

MEAL DEALS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

NO FRIDAY

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Hotdog
Piece of Fruit
Focus Water

$5.00

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE CANTEEN HAS A HALAL/VEGETARIAN MENU.
EFTPOS IS ALSO AVAILABLE.
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

NO PARKING

Just a reminder that the school car park is NOT to be used by parents as a drop off/pick up area or a place to park before and after school.

The car park is for Crawford Staff and Department of Education employees only.

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.

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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2016
The Uniform Shop will be open for business every Thursday morning from 8:30am-9:30am in the Crawford Community Cottage.