DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 15th July - First Day of Term 3, students return
Wednesday 23rd July - NAIDOC
Thursday 24th July - District Athletics
- Maddd Concert
Thursday 31st July - Book Fair
Thursday 7th August - Australian Mathematics Competition (Yrs 3 – 6)
Tuesday 12th August - Story Dogs (Mufti Day)
Thursday 14th August - Careers Day (9am – 12.30pm)
Thursday 28th August - CampOut with Kids (4pm to 10am Friday 29th August)

Dear Parents,

“The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss, a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment in the disguise of a playful raillery, and the countless other infinitessimals of pleasurable thought and genial feeling”. - Samuel Taylor Coleridge

UNIFORM COMPETITION WINNER

Kiana Year 6 received a voucher to use at the canteen.
A huge thank you to the School Canteen for sponsoring this competition.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ann Pain
Anne has worked tirelessly throughout her 22 years at Crystal Creek she has always been kind and caring towards student and teachers alike. Anne is a very deserving recipient of our “Star of the Week” Award.
CampOut with Kids is happening at our school on Thursday 28th August for years 3 to 6 and you are invited!

Join others on this fantastic engaging program where one parent (or mentor) and child camp overnight on the school grounds and take part in a facilitated program. You and your child will:

- share a fun and educational experience together
- share stories, play games and have fun,
- spend rewarding one-on-one time together,
- build lifelong memories,
- learn the CampOut 8 Parenting Strategies to support you and your family,
- invest in the wellbeing of your child, and
- have the opportunity to acknowledge your child for their unique gifts and qualities.

CampOut With Kids costs $20 for both a child & parent (or mentor) to attend, and includes BBQ dinner and breakfast, the CampOut program, a CampOut Bag which includes the CampOut Activity Book, the CampOut 8 Parenting Strategies (and free access to the eBook) and some surprises for the kids.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Seasons for Growth Grief Program
Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Crystal Creek primary we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence next term. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

The program will be initially offered to students in Grades 3 to 6. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact Brad Davis.
Parents/Caregivers,

Crystal Creek PS will be celebrating NAIDOC on Wednesday 23rd July. This is a whole school event. NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture, beliefs and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to be proud of them.

This year we will have an opportunity to learn about Aboriginal culture through artefacts, dreamtime storytelling, dot painting and dancing.

The theme for 2014 is 'Serving Country - Centenary and Beyond'

Cost - $4.50 per student. Please pay at the office by Tuesday 22nd July.

Students are encouraged to wear red/ black or yellow to school.

Regards

Mrs. Lynette Kane

“The man is happiest who lives from day to day and asks no more, garnering the simple goodness of life” - Euripides

Mr Davis’s Funnies of the Week

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hall.
One hat said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on a head."

Why can’t fishermen be generous?
Because their business makes them sell fish.

I took the shell off my racing snail to try and speed it up.
It just made it sluggish.

What do you call a guy with no legs in leaves?
Rustle!

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?
He’s all right now.