DATES TO REMEMBER
Term 1
09/02/15- Small School Swimming Carnival at Murwillumbah Pool- REPS ONLY
24/02/15- Wollumbin High Students visit our school to talk to our Year 5/6 students
05/03/15- Daily News Kindy Photo taken
23/03/15- P&C Meeting in Library.

Welcome back to school students, parents and caregivers. We are glad everyone had a safe holiday and are ready and excited about the year ahead.

“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today”.
~Stacia Tauscher

Swimming Carnival
The following students went into Murwillumbah Pool on Monday for time trials, Seth, Cooper, Joe, Ryan, Ryven, Jye and Lachlan. Mrs Kane was impressed with everyone's efforts in the trials. Congratulations to Joe who qualified for the 50 Freestyle, Breast Stroke, Back Stroke, Butterfly and the Individual Medley, and Ryan who qualified for the 50m Freestyle. The boys will now go onto the Tweed Small School Carnival on Monday 9th February at the Murwillumbah Pool.
We wish you both all the best of luck in the upcoming carnival we know you will do your best.

Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:
- Remember: Parents choose "which" foods, children decide "how much"
- Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
- Be a good role model
- Stick to a routine
- Provide the same meals for the whole family
- Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
- Limit sweet drinks and juice so children have an appetite

If you are stuck in a constant battle, maybe try a different approach.
2015 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


Doing well in class
An expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?


A reminder to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Private Vehicle Conveyance
A subsidy is available to families where there is no organised public transport to get your child to school, or if you have to travel some distance between home and the bus stop. If you think you may be eligible for the subsidy or would like more information please go to http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/about-school-student-transport-scheme.
Donations needed

If you have any old rocking chairs, hat stands or old light bulbs would you please see Miss Purkiss. Thankyou.

Mr Davis' Riddles of the Week

Q. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
   A. A clock!

Q. What is the easiest way to double your money?
   A. Put it in front of the mirror of course!

Q. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
   A. A glove.
CRYSTAL CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Meeting 12/12/2014

Commenced: 11:20am
Present: Ellie, Brad, Ellen, Bret, Fiona, Bec, Monique, Bianca, Sharelle, Lynette, and Beverly
Apologies: Vanessa, Danielle and Melinda
Chaired by Ellie (President re-elected)
Welcome to all new members

Presidents Report (by Ellie)
Brad: Suggestions made re use of $10000 in savings to renovate the multipurpose centre next year (to be discussed further next year)

Treasures Report (by Fiona)
The auditor’s report is currently being undertaken and should be ready by the first P & C meeting the next year.
List of Profits and Expenditures were tabled including:
Profits from: fund raising from Careers day, Crazy Hair day, Hot cross bun drive, Mia Bears and Disc
Expenses from: Uniforms, Books, donations to charities, fruit boxes, and presents
Special thanks mentioned for Robyn and family for donating numerous fruit boxes to the school, fresh from their farm at Crystal Creek Fruit Stall.

Canteen Manager - WANTED
Expressions of Interest were called for a New Canteen Manager for 2015 as Danielle will not be continuing the role next year (she will be sadly missed).
Various options discussed including sharing role between 2 or 3 parents (team approach), changing the day/s, and/or menus as there will be ramifications if position not filled.
Canteen is only open one day a week at present, that day can be varied and even increased to suit the new manager/s, and has the potential for increased profits for the school.
Bret stated Danielle can provide the next Canteen Manager with the breakdown of Costs, menus and recipes etc to assist the next volunteer/s who takes on this very special and rewarding position.
To be discussed at the next meeting as there may be more parents considering taking on the role or developing a team approach over the x-mas holiday.
Bec stated she could help the new Canteen Manager out in the first few weeks of 2015 and Beverly and Ellen put their hands up to volunteer in the Canteen next year.

Next year’s P & C meetings will be held on a Monday at 3 pm in:
Term 1 – week 2 & week 9 (2/2/2015 & 23/3/2015)
Term 2 – week 3 & week 9 (4/5/2015 & 15/6/2015)
Term 3 – week 2 & week 9 (20/7/2015 & 7/9/2015)
Term 4 – week 2 and week 9 (12/10/2015 & 30/11/2015)

Agenda for next meeting
Easter fund raiser - Hot Cross Bun Drive & Easter Raffle
Concluded: 11:45 am
P & C Meeting – Monday 2nd February 2015

MINUTES

Start of meeting: 3pm
Close of meeting: 4pm

Attendees: Sam, Kayla, Bec, Jean, Mishi, Ellie, Melissa, Ellan, Bianca, Fallon (on behalf of Brad)

Apologies: Brad, Fiona, Bev, Lynette

Welcome
Hello to all new members and thank you for coming. There is a $1.00 donation fee that will enable you to vote. Please pay money to Fiona.

Correspondence - There is no correspondence to report on and there have been no emails to date.

Principal’s Report – We currently have 70 students enrolled at Crystal Creek Public School. We need 8 more students to gain a new teacher and class. We have had a great start to the school year already and the students all seem to have settled in well. We have some new families to the school and they have enrolled their children here due to wonderful feedback from our school community.

Accounts – There is a balance of $12,759.72. There are 2 accounts, one having $10,000 in it. This account has been set up for whatever is best use. The teachers were originally going to use the funds to purchase tablets. However, the school has decided not to use the funds for those anymore. The P & C is open to ideas for this money and they would prefer it to be used for a large project, such as The Studio. We will not be building the outdoor classroom due to a range of issues. Bianca’s partner Brian could help out with resources, supplies and manual labour if the outdoor classroom goes ahead. Jean asked if the money could go towards paying a teacher to teach something like music. Ellie knows a local musician, however she usually only teaches younger students. The suggestion of a whole school choir was put forward with the possibility of the lessons being undertaken on a fortnightly schedule. Normal lessons are $10.00 per child. This teacher could work around our time and school timetable. Last year there was a discussion about parents paying or contributing to the lessons too.

Canteen – We now have 3 parents who would like to assist in the canteen. Sam, Kayla and Sarah. Sam is available every Friday, whereas Kayla works every 2nd Friday. Sam works for Coles and is therefore able to assist with purchasing food and getting a discount on produce. The usual procedure is that whoever does the shopping uses a Coles Card. They then send the invoice to Fiona. She checks the receipts and pays the bill. Other parents will also be available to come in and help out in the canteen. Kayla would like more information regarding lights and food. Food cannot be cooked at home unless it is for a special occasion such as Multicultural Day. Mishi will continue to make the healthy smoothies this year. Kayla’s mum is a banana grower, so she might be able to get some bananas at a discounted price. There is a preference for our canteen to be healthy and no sugar. Bec will give Kayla a book regarding the green, amber and red categories. There is only 1 red day per term. Sushi is a popular food choice for all (students, parents and teachers). The canteen made $0.60 per roll. Ellie will leave it up to the new canteen managers to announce when they would like to open the canteen.
P & C Meetings – The meetings were originally the 1st Monday of every month. They will now be Week 2 and Week 9 of each term. The information regarding the meetings will be put in the newsletter.

Fundraisers – Easter is hot cross buns. Someone will need to take this on. Last year the P & C raised $339.50. This year we have more families, so hopefully we will be able to raise more money. Sharelle usually does the taste testing of the buns. Last year the buns were supplied by Bakers Delight. Sharelle has the forms if needed.

Mothers’ Day Fundraiser – The P & C would like the students to participate in projects that they enjoy. Last year the kids made tea towels. Ellie has access to the tea towels at whole-sale prices and has the paints. We will continue with tea towel making for 2015. Ellie will organise this.

Bunnings Fundraiser – This will be in May and will consist of a sausage sizzle. Information regarding this event will be in the newsletter.

Contact Details - Could P & C members please give Ellie your telephone number and email address.

Grant Writing – Ellan is able to write grants (part of her job). She will research any grants that could assist with the garden etc. Fallon will also send Ellan emails regarding upcoming grants that she might be able to write on behalf of the school.

Musician/Arts – Does anyone know of someone that can come in and donate their time to teach an aspect of Creative Arts. Melissa and Bianca talked about the possibility of coming in and teaching expressive dance.

Multi-purpose Hall – The hall is currently being used for Kids in the Kitchen. It is also used for special days and during wet weather. Both the P & C and teachers would like the hall to be more inviting and a dynamic learning space. The kitchen area is also in need of renovating and possibly ovens installed. Bianca’s partner Brian may be able to assist with supplies.

Fireworks – Bec will report on this at the next meeting. She wants ideas for 3 really good prizes. The event will be on 21st June 2015.

Calendar – Some parents have expressed interest for the important school dates to be put in a calendar, as opposed to listed on the newsletter. Ellie will talk to Sue about this.

Minutes taken by Fallon