**Principal’s Report**

**Leadership at Crystal Brook Primary School**

We have different levels of leadership at Crystal Brook Primary School but they all require very similar mindsets. There are many layers of leaders in our school; Star of the Day or Chairperson (these rotate so that all students will get a turn), SRC Class Representatives, Team Captains and Vice Captains, SRC Executive, Team captains in PE and in general outside play, Teachers, Office Manager, Library and ICT Manager, Well Being and Special Needs Coordinator, Principal, Chair people of Governing Council and Parent Club, School committees – finance, grounds, education and very importantly parents.

Some of the key habits of the mind require us all to “think like a leader” and to develop the skills essential to be a leader (from Young Leaders Program):

- **Presentation skills**- “Speak out” is a habit of the mind that triggers behaviours such as speaking clearly, standing strong and making eye contact when leaders speak.
- **Responsibility**- “Be Accountable” is a habit of the mind that reminds leaders to become accountable for themselves, their group and their belongings.
- **Organisation**– “Plan ahead” is the habit to remind students to think ahead, plan ahead and make time for plans to happen.
- **Teamwork**- “Work together” is the trigger to remind leaders to think about cooperating with others, encouraging those who struggle and accepting the contribution of all team members.

I ask you to think about these habits of the mind and talk to your children about them and how these habits will help them to become effective, responsible, organised members of our school team. This will support the work we are doing with our students at school and show them we are all working together to help them to develop these habits of the mind.
In practice we should see confident, responsible, organised students who are able to work as a team so that everyone is able to learn and enjoy being in our school. This would mean students being on time and ready to learn, with the right books and equipment, belongings put away in a bag, lunch boxes put away after eating time and rubbish in the bins, THANK YOU for your support with this!

World of Maths Performance

On Monday 22nd of February we had a fantastic Mathematics opportunity for our students, there were 17 different stations set up in the Hall for students to explore and wonder about. The stations were all based on mathematical problems linked to the real world and some of them were certainly challenged us and made us think in different ways to try to solve them.

NO PICTURES INCLUDED

Raising a Concern or Complaint

Please find attached to the Newsletter a pamphlet about “Raising a Concern or Complaint”, this may help you if you have a need to do this at any time. If your child is having a classroom based issue please ensure you write a note or speak to the teachers so they know and are able to support you and your child to work through the issue. If the problem is of a school-wide concern please make a time to come and see me so we can work through the issue.

Parent Club Catering for Student Free Day

I have had many positive comments about the catering which Parent Club did on Friday 19th February. It was done in a very professional way with a great range of food to cater for all needs. Thank you to Jacqui Merkel for Co-ordinating the day for those parents who helped in any way and for those who donated.

Anne Franks
Principal

M & S Fees are now due.

Please attend to paying them as soon as possible. Options available to pay Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 9.30am are; EFT to the school account BSB 105 046 Account Number 192009540, credit card, instalment plan, cheque or cash. If you wish to apply for School Card, it is important to apply for it each year. A School Card form accompanied each invoice when they were sent home. If you have not got a form please call into the office for one. Thank you.

Caroline Lloyd

Bill & Alison’s Corner

HELPING OUT WHERE WE CAN

Some years ago an Australian school made parents helping out one of their school priorities. The amazing thing was students saw parents connect with the school and students connected better with their learning. Literacy and numeracy levels rose. Were all the parents spending heaps of time in the school grounds? No. Were they all on their Governing Council? No. Some were, but most were just helping out where they were able. One set up a fish tank in her son’s room and cleaned it with him during the last part of the school day. The result? The boy settled better into his class and his reading improved.

How did Bill Gates get so good on the computer? The Parent Club at his school fundraised and equipped the school computer room with great computers. That was the beginning.

This year is a new beginning for your child. Your helping out may make the world of difference.

Chat to a teacher or staff member this week about using your skills and interests at the school.

Bill and Alison Clarke
PARENT CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2016

Parent Club have an ‘Events Calendar’ to help spread the work load and give all parents/ caregivers/ families the opportunity to become involved. If you are interested in being a co-ordinator for any of the dates below or would like to help out at events, please give me a call or email. If you would like to know more about what is involved (no obligation!!) please just ask! You may even have an idea of your own for fundraising.

Meagan Venning, 0428 859 199, venningm@bigpond.com

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Rosters for events (such as Op Shop, catering etc) will be in newsletters closer to actual dates.

Parent Club Catering Report

On Friday the 19th February Parent Club catered for approx. 160 teachers attending the Upper Mid North Partnership meeting in the school gym.

I would like to thank all parents who contributed to this day by donating food or money and to those parents who helped out with setting up on the Thursday afternoon, making platters Thursday night or by helping on the day. It was a big day but without the support and contributions from these parents it would not have ran so smoothly. We made approx. $2500.00 which is FANTASTIC!

Jacqui Merkel
Parent Club

SAPSASA

Congratulations to our 5 students selected to participate in SAPSASA Swimming Championships in Adelaide on 18th March 2016. They are Blake Nicolson, Max Smart, Alice Heaslip, Hannah Longmire and Mabel Arbon. Good luck in Adelaide!
BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair this Term is held on the Friday of week 6 and the Tuesday of week 7, due to the public holiday on the Monday. This still gives us 5 days for you to come in and browse at the selection of books Scholastic has to offer.

The library will be opened during the lunch breaks for students to purchase books. We will also be opened from 3:20 till 4pm from Tuesday to Friday of week 7.

Thanks

Olga Smart

HEAD LICE

Now that we are well in to this year’s school term we must be vigilant and check our children’s hair for head lice. We have some parent volunteers who take time to check children for head lice so as to keep the head lice infestation down.

It is parents responsibility to ensure that their child/ren are treated in the correct manner. It’s part of life if your child/ren get head lice, it’s more the management that’s important. If you need any information regarding this matter, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thanks

Olga Smart

“**It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.**”

*Confucius*

UNIFORM NEWS

The next Uniform Day will be Term One,  Week 8, Thursday 24th March, 2016 between 8:30 - 9:30am in the Gym. This will be the last opportunity to purchase Uniforms before School Photo Day which is on Thursday 7th April 2016.

For those families who are new to the School, we have two Uniform Day’s per term. Hats can be purchased from the School Office outside of Uniform Days in emergencies.

If you would like to order uniforms for your child please collect a uniform order form from the Office, download from the school’s website or Tiqbiz. Uniforms need to be paid for between 8:30am and 9.30am Monday to Thursday at the School Office or EFT. If you would like to make payment through EFT, please call the school and ask for Caroline for details. Uniforms will be delivered to your child on Uniform Days providing they are in stock. Payment is required prior to collection of items.

*******SPECIAL*******

**Broad Brim Hats - $4.00**

If you have any queries regarding Uniforms, please contact Liv Alpe on 0438 780 814.

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