Diary Dates | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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**Week 7** 14-18th March | ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY | Book Fair | RMS 2 & 4 EXCURSION TO MUSEUM | SAPSASA Swimming Championships Adelaide |
**Week 8** 21-25th March | | | UNIFORM DAY 8.30-9.30AM Assembly - Raffle Draw | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
**Week 9** 28th Mar - 1st April | EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY | | SAPSASA Tennis & Cricket Trials Jamestown |

Principal’s Report

Persistence pays off!

Congratulations to Leanne Clements, Helen Webb and our Aboriginal students. At the end of Week 5, we were able to have a ceremony where our Aboriginal students could fly the Australian and Aboriginal flags together for the first time at Crystal Brook Primary School. Through sheer persistence and lateral thinking this group found a way to fund a second flag pole so both flags could fly together – well done!

An application was sent to “Reflections” who provided $500 towards one flag pole, with Grounds funding the other flag pole. Gavin Hodgson, Ernie Polley and Leanne Clements volunteered to secure both flag poles in front of the Hall and held a working bee – Thank You!

ATTENDANCE

Our aim is to have 95% of students at school, every day. **Current Attendance is 95.4% for Term 1**

If your child is away, please contact the school.

The whole year is 95.4%
Attendance – Above DECD target!
I am very pleased that currently our attendance rate is 95.4% which is just above the DECD target of 95%, which means the majority of our students are at school accessing their learning almost all of the time.

It is pleasing to see that our youngest learners – our Foundation class are attending 96.2% of the time, congratulations to those families for ensuring their child is having a positive successful beginning to their school lives.

Our Year 1’s are present 94% of the time with Year 2’s here 93.1%, our Year 3’s are at school 95.4% of the time, the Year 4 class top the list at 97.1%, the Year 5’s are present 94.8% with Year 6’s here for 94.9% of the time and Year 7’s 96.9%. Well done! We now need to work together to keep up this great record.

Anne Franks
Principal

National Day Against Bullying/Harmony Day will be celebrated at Crystal Brook Primary School on Friday 18th March.

We were fortunate enough to win a grant to purchase resources, arm bands, HELP cards for parents and children to use.

All students will participate in an F-7 groups like we did in the beginning of the year for our “Setting Up For Success” program. Children will visit different teachers to participate in activities to reinforce the themes.

Could children please wear something ORANGE to show their support for the day. Thank you.

What is bullying? (Taken from www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious or hidden.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.
Bullying can happen:

- Face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- At a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- Through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

Online bullying (sometimes called cyber bullying) is bullying carried out through the internet or mobile devices. Children who are bullied online are also often bullied face-to-face.

Examples of online bullying include:

- repeated hang up calls
- sending insulting or threatening text messages
- publishing someone’s personal or embarrassing information online
- creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites.

**Julie Gambling**

**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**

**BOOK FAIR**

Our Book Fair this Term is held on the Friday of week 6 and the Tuesday to Friday 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**
UNIFORM NEWS
The next Uniform Day will be Next week, 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 7th April. **

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 if an emergency.

With cooler weather approaching us soon, don’t forget we have Long Sleeved Polo Shirts available in Navy. 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 details are: BSB 105 046 Account Number 192009540. Uniforms will be delivered to your child on Uniform Days providing they are in stock. Payment is required prior to collection of items. Thank you.

******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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“If Plan A didn’t work, the alphabet has 25 more letters. Stay cool.”
Anonymous

SRC RAFFLE BOOKS
Please remember Raffle books are due back on Monday 21st March to be drawn at Assembly on Thursday 24th March, before Easter. Please return books even if you have not sold them all. Thank you.

UNSW COMPETITION FORMS
Please return these with payment by Thursday 24th March. This is the last day we can accept entries as each order must be exact. Thanks.

SAPSASA Swimming
Good luck to our group of children travelling to Adelaide on Friday to the SAPSASA Swimming Championships.
A few snaps of our students at Gladstone High Athletics Carnival on 11th March 2016.

Chris Stroud accompanied our students, and was very proud of the whole team effort and the way our students conducted themselves on the day.

Congratulations to all students involved also, as they won the Year 6/7 Athletics Shield for the day. Well done!!