## Calendar of Events

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Absence Hotline - 4726 1260

If students are absent please ring this number and leave a message detailing:

Child’s name, Class and reason for absence.

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LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box outside the Tuckshop for any of your students lost items. Anything not claimed by the end of term will be given to a local charity.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Investment Earns Interest

Most parents know, instinctively, that spending more time with their children and being actively involved in their education makes a valuable investment in their child’s future. As many parents have to juggle competing demands at work and at home, there never seems to be enough time to give. Often, too, parents are reluctant to offer to help their children with schoolwork because they feel they lack some of the skills that would make a difference to their children’s success in school.

The good news coming from analyses of PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) data is that it does not require a university degree or unlimited hours for parents to make a difference. In fact, many parent-child activities that are associated with better reading performance among students involve relatively little time and no specialised knowledge. What these activities do demand, though, is genuine interest and active engagement.

The PISA 2009 assessment not only gathered data from students and school principals but also addressed questions to the students’ parents. Some of these questions focused on the kinds of activities parents did with their children when the children were in their first year of primary school; other questions concentrated on activities parents were engaged in with their children at the time of the PISA test, that is, when their children were 15 years old.
Differences in performance that are associated with parental involvement partly mirror differences in the socio-economic backgrounds of households since, on average, students in socio-economically advantaged households enjoy an environment that is more conducive to learning in many ways, including having more involved parents. However, even when comparing students of similar socio-economic backgrounds, those students whose parents regularly read books to them in their first year of primary school score 14 points higher, on average, than students whose parents did not. Interestingly, different types of parent-child activities have different relationships with reading performance. For example, on average, the score point difference in reading that is associated with parental involvement is largest when parents read a book with their child, when they talk about things they have done during the day, and when they tell stories to their children. The score point difference is smallest when parental involvement takes the form of parents playing with alphabet toys with their children.

Results from PISA also show a strong association between some parent-child activities when the children are 15 and students' reading performance in PISA. For example, students whose parents discuss political or social issues with them either weekly or daily score 28 points higher, on average, than those whose parents discuss these issues less often or not at all.

PISA findings also show that other parent-child activities such as 'discussing books, films or television programs', 'discussing how well children are doing at school', 'eating main meals together around the table' and 'spending time just talking with one's children' are also associated with better student reading performance in school.

PISA - the Program for International Student Assessment - is an internationally standardised assessment that was jointly developed by participating OECD countries and administered to 15-year-olds in schools. It recently released Let's Read Them a Story! The Parent Factor in Education from which this article is sourced.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

STUDENT COUNCIL - Free Dress Day

Cranbrook will be having a Free Dress Day. Make sure you bring a $1 coin donation.

When: Friday, 13th September
Theme: Friday the 13th (SCARY!)

On a sad note ...
We regret to inform our school community of the very sad passing of one of our long serving Teacher Aides, Mrs Barbara Thoumine. Mrs Thoumine was employed at Cranbrook State School by Education Queensland from 1983 until her retirement due to illness last year.

Mrs Thoumine worked with many of our students over the years and she always inspired their curiosity for learning.

A memorial service will be held at The Lake's Chapel Morleys Funeral Home at 2:00 on Thursday, 12th September.

Jeff Capell

PRINCIPAL

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**WEEK 9**
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the String Orchestra and Percussion Ensemble on their performances today.

The String Orchestra was awarded 3rd Place and the Percussion Ensemble received a Highly Commended.

Please see the table below for the Eisteddfod performance dates, and session starting times.

Information regarding transport will be sent home later this month.

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3B  Senior Choir  Friday 13th Sept.  9am

4B  Junior Choir  Wednesday 18th Sept.  9am

Please note that Mrs Lloyd-Doolan will be on leave next week so there will be no lessons or Orchestra.

Spelling Update – Week 10, Term 3

All students have recently completed a Words Their Way Spelling inventory test. The purpose of this test is to establish EACH student’s level of spelling knowledge. Data obtained from these tests are used by teachers to inform their planning, measure student improvement and group students according to their own level of spelling ability. A recent newsletter article indicated the significant improvement children are making in this vital area of education. The Spelling Committee would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work all students, staff, parents and carers have put in for spelling.

Week 10 Whole school spelling focus

1. Previous Whole School Spelling Focus
2. Never divide a one syllable word
3. Divide compound words
4. Divide suffixes from their base words
5. Divide prefixes from their base words
6. When two consonants come together, divide between the 1st and 2nd consonant
7. When a vowel has a short (first) sound, divide the word after the next consonant
**Keys to Being Literate**

The core component of the Big 6 is for students to be ‘reading for meaning’. It is the central key for being literate; to read for meaning, students must simultaneously utilise clues from all cueing systems.

**Phonemic Awareness** is the second key stage to being literate. This involves the ability to hear, identify, manipulate and blend speech sounds.

At home parents can assist students to develop their phonemic awareness by:

- Make funny rhyming words – *dog, bog, tog, nog*
- Create tongue twisters using alliteration – all words starting with the same sound – *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers*
- Read rhyming books at home
- Have your child tell you the initial sound of words in their home reader – then move on to the medial and end sounds, not the letter name
- Use counters to identify how many sounds are in each of their sight words or words from their reading book

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**FROM THE SPORT DESK**

**HOT SUMMER LEAGUE**

**LAST CHANCE!!**

**Registration must be in by**

**Friday 3:00pm**

Thank you to the children who have chosen to play basketball in Term 4 in the Townsville Basketball competition. Please check the list of players below to make sure your child’s name appears. If they are not on the list and you want them to play, please contact the office or Mr Johnson straight away.

We do need some more students to help fill up all our teams.

**Boys and girls born 2007 & 2008 - 2 or 3 players.**


Registration forms have been sent out to children who are new players to Townsville Basketball. Please return them with the copy of the Birth Certificate and player registration fee of $25 by Thursday 12th.

Under 8’s

Benji S. Prep A, Blake H. Prep A, Tyler B. Prep C, Shaun B. 1A, Ryan B. 1C

Ella B. Prep B, Krystal T. Prep B, Christina-Lyn N. 1A, Samara G. 2B, Tyra Jayde K. 2A,

Under 10’s


Under 12’s

Aiden M. 5B, Kaimarni P. 4A, Caleb. 6A

Sami W. 5A, Tasha K. 5A

Under 14’s

Dayne H. 7A. Cullen Mc C. 7A,

Emily W. 7D, Ana K. 7D, Erin T. 7A

Ian Johnson - HPE Specialist

DENTAL VAN

Dental Van is scheduled to move from Cranbrook on Monday, 16th September.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Dental Van Staff on 0409 614095 if you have any queries.

P & C NEWS

Next Meeting – Monday 16th September in the staffroom (last week of term 3). ALL WELCOME
ELECTION SIZZLE – Many thanks to the group of volunteers that came forward to help run the P&C sausage sizzle at the election last Saturday, your assistance was greatly appreciated. It was also wonderful to see a couple of new faces volunteering for the P&C.

RAFFLE – At the election sausage sizzle last Saturday the P&C commenced selling tickets in their raffle. Tickets will be also sold at the fete in the cent sale room, so if you are coming along to the fete next Friday be sure to get some tickets in this great raffle. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle is drawn on Monday 14th October. Details of the prizes are as follows:

1st Prize  Razor Ultra Pro Lo Kick Scooter from CRE8IVE SK8 (Valued at $240)
2nd Prize  Adult’s Cowboys Pack (includes Cowboys polo shirt signed by Cowboys player Ashley Graham)
3rd Prize  $100 Voucher - Bedrock Landscaping Centre
4th Prize  Child’s Cowboys Pack (includes two “Adopt a Cowboy” children’s shirts)
5th Prize  Reef HQ Aquarium Family Membership (for 2 adults & up to 3 children for 12 months)

Many thanks to CRE8IVE SK8, COWBOYS ‘ADOPT A COWBOY PROGRAM”, BEDROCK LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES & REEF HQ for kindly donated these prizes to our P&C raffle. Without these businesses being so generous we would not be able to run such successful fundraising ventures on behalf of the school.

FETE FRIDAY 20th SEPT (last day of term 3) 5pm to 9pm – Please come along and have a fun filled family night out!!

Thank you to the families that have completed and returned the volunteer forms for their child's class. It is not too late to lend a hand - please consider helping on your child’s stall for an hour during the fete times. Your child can also help with you. Any students that wish to help on a stall can do so by completing and returning their form to their teacher. Students can volunteer as long as the teacher or adult class rep has an adult to supervise the students. Please see your teacher about this.

Do you have a large esky we can borrow for the drinks stall? If so please let us know (email Julie on kipping@westnet.com.au or ph 0409 061 268). Eskies need to be delivered to the under covered area in front of the tuckshop on the Friday morning. Please label them with your name and contact number so we can return them to you.

Please remember, if you would like to bake goods for our cake stall please ensure the goods are labelled with their ingredients and date baked and sealed so the ants etc don’t get in during the fete day. PLEASE NO FRESH CREAM OR GOODS THAT NEED REFRIGERATION. All donated goods for the cake stall are to be delivered to Prep A classroom on Friday morning so the volunteers can sort and price during the day.
Less than one week left to get your unlimited ride bands at the discounted price of $25. Ride band sales close 3pm Wednesday 18th September. After that date/time, the bands are $30 and they are available at the fete from the rides stall. Your unlimited ride band gives you unlimited rides all night on all the rides listed on the form. Ride bands DO NOT include Lazer Skirmish.

The class stalls are still chasing some golf putters and a few balls to borrow for the night. If you can help please contact Julie on 0409 061 268 or email kipping@westnet.com.au.

FETE NEWS

COUNTDOWN TO OUR FETE

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ingredients attached and stipulate the date baked/made. Also, NO FRESH CREAM as there will be no refrigeration available. Please deliver all Cake Stall items to school on Friday morning ONLY – exact drop off location will be advertised closer to the fete.

One more week until the Fete and the excitement is building.

Have you seen and heard the advertising on the radio, TV, newspapers, community notices and billboards around town? Every effort is being made to ensure Cranbrook holds a fun, exciting and successful fete for all.

There is a fantastic line up of entertainment planned for the fete with something for everyone.

There are Rides N Slides, Timmy the Train, Laser Skirmish, Massive Cent Sale, Hourly Raffles, Yummy Cake Stall and over 30 stalls including a variety of food and drinks. The Friday Night Footy will also be playing on the big screen.

The Main Stage Entertainment starts at 5.30pm with the commencement of the Graffiti Art Display by local artists Run Crew. This is a unique opportunity to see an art piece being created before your eyes with the artwork being available for sale via Silent Auction.

There is a musical performance by Seniors Creating Change, a cheerleading performance by Cheersport NQ, a drumming performance by Wassa Rhythms of West Africa followed by the much anticipated Beatbox Competition.

The Beatbox Competition is open to all primary school aged children in two categories – 5-8 years old and 9-12 years old. Entry is $2 and registration is necessary. The first prize for each category have been donated by KingPin Bowling and Toys R Us. There will be runner-up prizes on the night as well. If you have any friends who have beatboxing talents and are primary school aged, please let them know about our competition. The more the merrier and will lead for an interesting and competitive night.

Thank you everyone. Nearly all done but it will all be worth the effort. Hope to see you at the Fete!
The following is a letter to Parents/Students from our Indigenous Attendance Liaison Officer, Miss Dodi Eggmolesse

Dear Parents/Students,

I would like to thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community for the support you have given me at Cranbrook State School as the Indigenous Attendance Liaison Officer. It has been a pleasure working with your
children where their attendance has improved over the period of time that I have been here. Keep up the good attendance and getting your child on time for school.

I am very proud to have the opportunity to work alongside your children, and enjoyed the celebrations we’ve had these last six months. NAIDOC was a huge success - 12 stations of activities for Prep’s-Year 3. I hope this will set a precedent for future NAIDOC celebrations at Cranbrook.

Remember our significant dates:

- 13th February- National Apology
- 24th March-National Close the Gap Day
- 26th May-National Sorry Day
- 27th June-National Reconciliation Week
- 3rd June- Mabo Day
- 1st July-The Coming of the Light Festival
- 5th-12th July-NAIDOC, National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observant Committee
- 4th August-National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day
- 9th August-International Day of the World’s Indigenous People, and in the
- Mid-September –Torres Strait Islands Bi-annual Cultural Festival on Thursday Island.

I encourage all parents to be involved in your child’s/children’s education, and that you are a part of the decision making for Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perceptives in Schools (EATSIPs). I also encourage parents to be a part of the P&CM (Parents & Citizen’s Meetings) at Cranbrook State School.

My last day here at Cranbrook State School will be on Friday the 20th September, 2013

Please come to a BBQ and the last Parent Group Meeting to say our good-byes on Wednesday the 18th September, 2013 at 2.30pm.

Thank you

Dodie Eggmolesse

Indigenous Attendance Liaison Officer
Thanks to Close the Gap Indigenous Team- Alexis Santo, Sylvia Hussey, and Kierra Davis for sharing information at the EATSIP Committee Meeting.
EATSIP COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT ON 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT 2:00PM

COME FOR BBQ - WELCOME ALL INDIGENOUS PARENTS/STUDENTS.

I would like to Acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land the Wulgurukaba & the Bindal people!

And pay my respect to past, present and future!
Indigenous Liaison Officer

Dodie Eggmolesse

COMMUNITY NOTICES
The details of the Term 4 - Year 7 into 8 Transition Day # 2 – A day in the life of a Town High Student are as follows:

Where: Townsville State High School: Hall (to begin and conclude)
Date: Tuesday 26th November, 2013 (Term 4, Week 8)

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Food: Complimentary morning tea for parents. Students may take their own lunch or purchase additional lunch from the TSHS award winning canteen.

What to take: Backpack with a book, pencil case, water bottle & hat.

Purpose: On this day, students and parents will get another opportunity to make new friends and participate in a program which is more aligned with a typical day at Townsville State High School. Students will receive documentation including their text and requisites lists in preparation for 2014.

Townsville City Netball Association are conducting a Net-Set-Go Junior Netball skill development program.

When: Tuesday 5-6 pm

Start Date: 8 October 2013 – 26 November 2013 (8 weeks)

Cost: $75

Call or e-mail Rachel on: sportandrec@magneticnorthnetball.com or 0418 222 585

Net-Set-Go is an introductory program which has been developed to provide children aged 5-10 years with the best possible introduction to the sport of netball. The program incorporates skill activities, minor gams and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

For more information about this program, or if you would like flyers for your school, please contact Rachel on 0418 222 585.
KIRWAN HIGH

Class of 1993
20 Year Reunion

Friday, October 4 -
Drinks at Tonic on Palmer St (next to Jam Corner)
from 6.30pm. Partners invited

Saturday, October 5 -
Cocktails and canapés at
A Touch of Salt, Ogden St, city at 7.30pm.
Partners invited.
$50 pp for canapés, entertainment and discounted drinks
Book: www.townsvilletickets.com.au

Sunday, October 6 -
Family Day at Dan Gleeson Gardens on Thuringowa Drive
(at the playground) from 11.30am.
BYO picnic, chairs/rug etc.

Connect at: www.facebook.com/groups/2013KHSreunion1993/
Via email: sinonehowe@hotmail.com

Please forward this flyer onto others who were in
our year from 1989 to 1993.
Please note, the Saturday night cocktail party is not suitable
for 'mobile' children. Babies in buggies ok.
The Cultural Centre Townsville's
HANDS ON
school holiday programs

What's on in the September / October holidays? Workshops for children aged 4—12
sessions 10:30 —11:30am

Tuesday 24th September: PALM FROND WEAVING $14.00
Magically transform a coconut palm frond into your very own fish on a rod! With one of our
'Deadly Aunties' from the beautiful Torres Strait Islands

Wednesday 25th September: ABORIGINAL DANCE WORKSHOP $10.00
Learn segments of a dance traditional to the North Queensland region – boys & girls taught
culturally appropriate dances; get painted up & shake a leg!

Thursday 26th September: BOOMERANG PAINTING $14.00
Painting workshop with local Indigenous artist which includes a discussion on techniques &
symbolism whilst painting a non-returning boomerang

Tuesday 1st October: BOOMERANG THROWING $10.00
Meet us in Strand Park & learn how to throw a boomerang with 'Uncle Russell Butler' Learn
something new while enjoying the sea breeze & great outdoors! - ALL AGES

Wednesday 2nd October: CREATION STORYTELLING $10.00
Listen to stories of the Dreamtime & animal totems. Hear how local landmarks come to be

Thursday 3rd October: PALM FROND WEAVING $14.00
Learn how to make a ball from a coconut palm frond! A traditional childrens toy from the
beautiful Torres Strait Islands

Advance bookings are essential. Please call us on 0478 227 738 / 47727679 or
by emailing claudinia@cctownsville.com.au we are located between the
Museum of Tropical Qld & Reef HQ Aquarium.
Cultural Activities, Performances, Workshops and Services

Welcome to Country
Cultural Awareness Training
Storytelling – dreamtime stories & animal totem stories
Didgeridoo performances
Bush tucker tours
Coastal bush experience packages
Aboriginal dance performances
Torres Strait Islander dance performances
Torres Strait Islander song performance – Deadly Aunties
Ochre’s workshop – origins, properties & uses
Painting workshops – boomerangs, canvas, murals
Didgeridoo workshops and lessons
Palm frond weaving
Bush tucker presentations
Artefacts & weapons display
Guided Museum Tours
Torres Strait Islander beading workshops – Jewelry
Aboriginal dance workshops
Torres Strait Islander dance workshops
School Holiday Programs
Boomerang & spear throwing demonstrations
Night boomerang throwing – fluorescent tubing
Aboriginal language presentations
Torres Strait Islander language presentations
Fire making demonstrations
Smoking Ceremonies
Indigenous food tastings

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