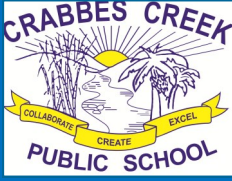
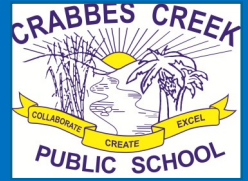


Crabbes Creek Public School Newsletter



Wednesday 30 August 2023
Term 3 Week 7

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Principals Message



A huge thank you to the Brunswick Heads Country Women's Association. I recently had the pleasure of being invited to the Brunswick Heads CWA. The ladies had organised a donation for Crabbes Creek PS to provide instruments to support our music program and a friendship bench for our playground. I am pleased to report the carrot cake and tea from fine bone china were fantastic and the conversation even better. The donation is a great example of the practical work the CWA do to support our community and in particular our children.

We are in early phases of the School Bytes Administration software. It is important for parents and carers to download the App. This will allow us to make the most of the software and benefit our families. The software will streamline attendance, forms and payments. We can take

advantage of further functionality as we progress. Please see the attached flyer and emails in your inbox.

It's time for the Far North Public Speaking event again. There is an in-school event with representatives chosen to participate in the Far North Coast Event. This is a long-held favourite of the Crabbes Creek PS community. It is always so very interesting to hear the highly imaginative and innovative speeches that come from the creative minds of our students. The event provides families with the opportunity to get involved with the children's learning experience. The speeches are encouraged to be prepared and practiced at home with parents and carers. Please look out for more information this week. We are all looking forward to seeing the community come together and support our children.

Our P&C busily works in the background with the focus of supporting our children. The P&C does this through practical means such contributing to buses for extra curricula activities. They also run the innovative Friday Arts and Craft program. This provides families and community members opportunities to contribute to the children's schooling experience by volunteering to run a session relating to their passion or interest. Make sure you discuss with one of the P&C executives and get involved to support the children through this program.

Happy Birthday Crabbes Creek Public School.

The school is 125 years old this year. That is a lot of history in one little school. Our P&C has organised a sub-committee made up of families and broader community members to coordinate the event. The day will be a fun filled family event that brings together past and present community members. Please save the date, support the P&C in their important work as they build connections to community. I am looking forward to seeing all our volunteers enjoying themselves on the day.

Your child's wellbeing and learning is important.

If you have any particular issues/inquiries/concerns or questions, it is best to make an appointment with your child's class-room teacher as the first port of call through the office. For something you feel is more significant, please do not hesitate to contact our principal.

Dates to Remember

August

Wk. 6 Fri 25 **Book Parade**

Wk. 7-Tues 29th -School Bytes comes online

125th Celebration -P&C Meeting every Thursday at 1:30pm.

September

Wk. 7 - Fri Kids in the Kitchen

Wk. 8 – Thurs 7-P&C Meeting 3pm

Wk. 9-Fri 15 Ball Games

Wk.10– Tue 19—Public Speaking

Last Day Term 3 Friday 22

September

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**Term 4 students return Monday 9 October**

### October

Wk. 1-Fri 13- Pirate Day

Wk.2 - Wed 18- School Photos

Wk.3-Thu 26 -P&C Meeting 3pm

Wks. 3 to 7 - **Kinder Orientation Thurs 26 Oct, 2, 9, 16 Nov.**

### November

**Wk. 4– Sat 4– 125th Anniversary Celebrations**

Wk. 5-Dental Visit

Wk. 7 -Fri 24- Kids in the Kitchen

Wk. 8 –Intensive Swimming 5 days

Wk. 8 -Thu 30 -P&C Meeting 3pm

### December

Wk. 9-Thur 7 -Presentation Day

Wk. 10– Tue 12 -Pool Party

**Last day Term 4 for students**

**Friday 15th December**

## Kindergarten 2024 Enrol Now

If you know of any families or children starting school in 2024 and are not yet enrolled please encourage them to contact the school and begin the process as soon as possible. Places also available in all years.

# 125th Celebrations & P&C News

## 125th Weekly update.

**Preparations are underway for our 125th Celebration.**

The P&C , Staff and Community members are meeting each Thursday at 1.30pm at the school to plan, discuss and come up with ideas for a great day that honours the history of our lovely little school.

This week we discussed:

- ♦ Distribution of raffle tickets for the children to sell.
- ♦ A long banner to advertise the day
- ♦ Invitations to go out to past students and staff who used to attend our school.
- ♦ Memorabilia that will be sold on the day.

We anticipate a fantastic celebration of 125 years of Crabbes Creek Public School and want to welcome all families to come along to our meetings to share ideas and meet members of the community.

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Reminder

**Please return you 125th helpers notes
and
the Term 4 Arts volunteer notes.**

From the Office

Last week we started using School bytes for our attendance and from **Tuesday 29th September** we go live with the Finance module.

From today the POP system is on hold till we have migrated to School bytes.

Please read the 2 information sheets below.

We will be using the **Parent Portal**, so please take the time load the App and look over how it works.

Please be patient as we migrate over to the many other features in the School Bytes System.

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 29 August 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 22 August 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 23 August 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

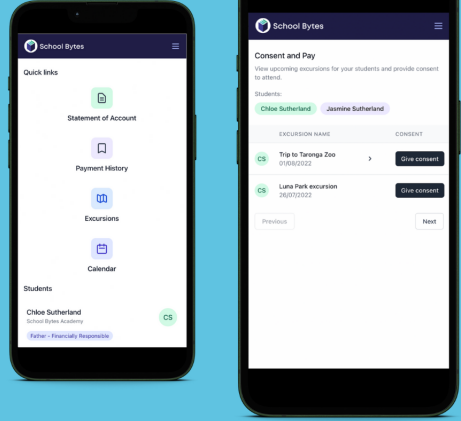
This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.


AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school offers a flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

 School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Three clicks and you are done

School Bytes now lets you save your card details, allowing you to pay school fees and excursions on the run. Just 3 clicks and you are done!



Writers Festival





Life Ed Van & Healthy Harold





Bangalow Music Festival



First, we went into a really fancy hall and then a security guard let us in the door. There was a piano lady, two violin players and a guy made a clarinet out of paper and a carrot. Then, we got to see the cello and piano play an old song that apparently the cave men used to sing! There were two clarinet players and one flute player. Next, the guy came along and made a saxophone out of electrical pipes. I learnt that the lower down the exist is the lower the sound is and more twists and turns there is the lower the sound goes. Finally, we got back on the big bus, the bus had very comfy seats. We had a great time.

By Phoebe

Yesterday was the music festival. We travelled by bus on the ride I was playing tic tact toe, lemonade ice tea and apple on a stick. When we got there, we sat on the floor. then the introduction started. Two clarinet players started to play, they were really good. Then the cello was next the lady playing was so expressive and great. By Sophie

First, we went on the big bus. I sat with Gosia and we were drawing. when we arrived we walked to the Bangalow Hall. Then, the music festival began. First we saw people playing clarinets and they told us a story about that instrument. Next, they showed us that we can make an instrument from anything we can find. Finally, we watched an amazing concert. By Joris



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Week five marked science week and as you know the theme was "Innovation powering future industries". The students worked incredibly well in their groups to design a robot to help us in our garden on Monday. On Tuesday the students worked with Mr Hollis and Ms Wheeler to build a simple design to show how a water pump works. The students were thoroughly delighted when they let go of their balloons and the water came pouring out. Some even used their pump as a drinking fountain! Wednesday afternoon was "project build the garden robots". The students worked in groups to make their designs come alive with recycled materials. Mr Robots also assisted selected students and used ICT to make 3D renderings of their robots. Thank you to the parents who came to help the students turn their ideas on paper into reality. A great time was had by all.

Miss Craig



Week





Science Week

