**Crystal Brook Primary School**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Term 4 Week 9**
11th December 2014

**PRINCIPAL** Ms Anne Franks

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**Diary Dates**

Please send all emails for the Newsletter by Tuesdays to dl.0111_admin@schools.sa.edu.au or Jacqui.Head764@schools.sa.edu.au.

Please check with the Office when placing items in the Newsletter (Brook Babble) as there may be a charge depending on the article.

**SCHOOL TIMES**

Start: 8.50am
Lunch: 10.50am – 11.30am
Recess: 1.10pm – 1.40pm
Finish: 3.20pm

**SCHOOL TEXT MOBILE NUMBER**
0416 906 260

**PAYMENT OF MONIES**
All money will be accepted at the Office Monday-Thursday mornings 8.30am-9.30am only.
Payment options for 2015 are: EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque, EFT

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays 8.30am-9.00am

**CPSW**
In School all day Mondays, Thursdays and Friday until 2.30pm

**BAKERY LUNCH ORDERS**
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays

**Email Address For Bullying Issues**
dl.0111_Bullyingnoton@schools.sa.edu.au

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**ATTENDANCE**

Our aim is to have **95%** of students at school, every day.

- Week 5 and 6  **- 95%**
- Term 4  **- 95.3%**
- 2014  **- 94%**

If your child is away, please contact the school.

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**CALENDAR DATES**

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**Principals Report**

I hope you were able to be part of our celebration last night in the Hall with our wonderful concert and awards evening. What a fantastic night! Congratulations to our Award Winners, please see the next page for a full listing.

It has been a pleasure to see the growth in learning, responsibility and maturity of our Class of 2014, they are a brilliant group of young people who will do well in their lives both at school and in the community. We are proud of them and wish them all success for the future.

The concert provided the opportunity to showcase student learning in dance, our students were enthusiastic and talented; they did a magnificent job performing in front of a large audience.

Thank you to Mandy our dance instructor. Once again our dedicated staff and students have worked together to produce a professional enjoyable night. Well done and Thank You!

**Staff Thank You**

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing work and dedication of the staff of Crystal Brook Primary School, they are a professional group of people and nothing is too much trouble for them to ensure our school works well. Our school is known for high standards of teaching and learning and for staff who are welcoming, supportive and helpful to students and the school community.

**Staff changes**

Last Newsletter we farewelled some staff, we would also like to acknowledge and thank Tony Muirhead our Grounds-person, who will be leaving us at the beginning of next year, he has done a fantastic job with maintaining our grounds and buildings for eight years. Emma Grossman has worked in School and Kindy finance this year as well as classroom support in previous years we thank her for her dedicated work. Emma will be taking on the role of Finance officer at Georgetown and we wish her all the best in this role.

**Governing Council**

AGM Governing Council will be held on Wednesday of Week 3 at 7.00pm. Please consider standing for election on this very important School Committee. We will be looking for four elected members for a two year term, and one for a one year term. We will also be looking for member for the Finance, Education and Grounds Committees. You do not need to be an elected member to be on these committees.

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Swimming Lessons
Swimming will be held in weeks 2 & 3 next year (dates to be confirmed). Junior Primary will be in Week 2. Students will need a Rashie top or T-Shirt over bathers. The cost will be $3.50 per day unless you hold a season ticket to Crystal Brook Swimming Pool.

Holidays
Please remember that it is early dismissal tomorrow, 2:20 pm. Thank you and farewell to families with their last child leaving and families who are leaving Crystal Brook.

2015 Events
Gladstone High School Governing Council AGM Tuesday 10th February 2015
Crystal Brook Primary Governing Council AGM Wednesday 18th February 2015
Student Free Day Week 8 Friday 20th March 2015

Thank You
To our school community, thank you for your support during 2014 and for allowing us the privilege of being part of your child’s learning journey. On behalf of the staff we wish you a safe and merry Christmas, enjoy the holidays and school will commence on Tuesday 27th of January 2015.

We wish all of our School Community Peace and Joy throughout the holiday season and have a happy and safe New Year

Anne Franks
Principal

2014 Award Winners

DON WARD TRUST AWARD
Sophie Crouch, Kate Venning, William Crouch

W.C.B. PEARSON AWARD
Joel Baker and Ellen Crisp

SRC LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Sophie Crouch, William Crouch, Ellen Crisp and Joel Baker

ROWAN RAMSEY AWARD
Stephen Duffield

STATE SAPSASA/SPORT AWARD
Adam Jackson

VOLUNTEERING AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
Jacinta Huxtable

ARTS PRIZE
Shantelle Briscoe

THE ALL ROUNDER AWARD
Lachie Hansen

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARD
Jenny Couzner, Anne Crouch, Stephen Duffield, Stephen Garden, Monika Jackson and Megan Smart

LIONS “PEACE POSTER” AWARD
Rachael Hodgson

Congratulations to all our Award Winners
2015 PAYMENT OPTIONS

In 2015, there will be the options of Cash, Cheque, Eftpos plus E.F.T. (Electronic Transfer of Funds) available to pay all fees, invoices and uniform purchases **Monday to Thursday mornings, 8.30am to 9.30am only**. We will not be accepting payment of monies on Fridays. Thank you.

For more details please contact the Office Staff on 86362134. EFT details are:

- **BSB # 105 046**
- **A/c # 192101040**

PARENT CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the CBPS Parent Club was held on Wednesday the 26th of November, 2014, as a luncheon meeting at the Royal Hotel, Crystal Brook.

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that all committee positions were filled at this meeting, therefore, enabling this wonderful body of parents and caregivers to go on providing extra resources for our school.

**President** – Rachael Kirchner
**Vice-President** – Fleur Greatorex
**Secretary** – Meagan Venning
**Treasurer** – Lesley Nitschke
**Uniform Co-ordinator** – Kathryn Hansen, (Terms 1 & 2), & Liv Alpe (Terms 1-4)
**CBPS Governing Council Representative** – Brooke Hodgson
**Community Calendar** – Lauren Kerin
**CBPS Magazine Committee** – Emma Grossman, Jade Inglis, Ali Gulin

We wish the new committee all the very best for their future fundraising endeavours.

FIRST AID

As we are nearing the end of the year we ask parents/caregivers to please pick up your child/ren’s medication from the schools front office on Friday week 9. For the start of school in 2015 please make sure that any medication sent to the school has a reasonable amount of time left on them before expiry, as we cannot administer out-of-date medication to students. There will be new asthma care plans going out next year so when your child’s Asthma Plan come up for renewal you will receive the new one. If your child does not have an up to date asthma care plan, they will not be allowed into the pool for swimming lessons. Thanks

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please make sure that your child/ren **bring all books** back to the library during the next few weeks. There will be no borrowing for students in weeks 8 and 9.

Thanks

EXCESS FURNITURE

We have some excess table and chairs we no longer require. They have been put up by the Kindy fence, near the big bins. If you would like any of these, please help yourself to them. Thank you.

**Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year**
School Concert 2014

NO PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED
TIQBIZ APP!

Thank you very much to the people who replied to which app they preferred over our trial period. Tiqbiz was the overwhelming winner, with 18 out of 19 people and all staff preferring it over skoolbag.

We will be subscribing to Tiqbiz for the next 12 months, so we would like ALL families to please download the App onto their phone, tablet or computers (see last week’s newsletter for instructions). All types of phones (android and IPhone and any smartphone) and any windows based computer is able to access tiqbiz. As this will be our major form of communication for 2015, it would be wonderful to have every family able to access it. If you don’t have access to a smartphone, tablet or computer, please let me know in the Office. If you are having trouble downloading the app or are unsure how to use it, please call in and I will help with the set up. We have flyers that were sent home at the start of the trial explaining how to set it up, if you would like another flyer they are in the front office. Please make sure when you download the App and are selecting which classes etc you would like to receive information for that you also select the “Whole School” button (the first one) as most information will go to this area.

In the New Year we will be setting up a range of forms to be accessed from tiqbiz. The Student Health Information side of the ED170 Consent for Camps and Excursions (which is the form we need to send home every time your child leaves the School) is already loaded onto the Whole School Section of the App. Just click on Whole School, then Health Form and fill in the boxes. We can then keep this form on file within the App and print it out each time your child leaves the School. We will be asking all families to do this for EACH CHILD in the new year. Please don’t do it now, as we will need correct Room Numbers entered and these will change next year. The front of the form will be sent home electronically through the App specifying the event, date and location as per usual. This can also be filled out on your screen and has an electronic signature panel to sign and then send back to me. I will then print this out and keep the two forms together for the teacher to take with them.

I will also be adding many of our standard forms, eg uniform order, asthma care plans, Kupsch Bakery price list etc. There is also an absence form you can fill in and sign the electronic signature panel, which is also in the Whole School Section. If your child is absent for school for any reason, just fill this in and return to us. These are all push notifications, which means there is no cost to you, unlike the text messaging system.

Also in the Whole School section is a button called one2one. This is like an instant messaging system that comes directly to the administrator. So if you just have a quick question or something other than absences you would like to let us know, please feel free to use this option. Once again, it is like a text message but without the cost.

I will be sending home regular tips for use and general knowledge of tiqbiz in each newsletter to help families get the full potential from the App. Please feel free to message me on the one2one option with any questions you may have regarding the App. If I can’t help you, I will liaise with tiqbiz to get your answer. Thanks again to all who participated in the trial of both Apps, and please remember to encourage all families to download the App before the beginning of 2015 so we can get maximum use of this great communication tool. Thank you.

Next year, we will be sending home new consent forms for all children. These will include a change in the photographic consent to include sending photos via the App. This way, we can send Newsletters with photos and also photos we take as we go straight through tiqbiz to you. As a result of this, we are planning on cutting back our hard copies of the newsletter, and are asking families if they WOULD like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, to opt in to receive it. We will not be giving a copy to all families next year, unless they fill out the below slip to indicate they would like to receive a hard copy. I will include this slip up to and including week 3 next year to give everyone a chance to complete it. This will also give you time to see the Newsletter on the App and see if you are happy with that. From then on, newsletters will only be sent out to parents through the App, unless slip has been completed. Thank you.

Jacqui Head

I would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter please. My eldest child is in Room _____.

Print Name: ____________________________________  .