Principal’s Report

Term 1 is almost at an end, we have had a very busy but productive Term at Crystal Brook Primary School, students have settled well in their classes so that learning is at an optimum. The partnership with our School Community is very supportive with a very high percentage of families attending interviews over the past two weeks. Families and teachers were able to share the positives of the student’s learning and areas where we could work together to enhance this learning.

Our students have been great ambassadors when they have gone into the community on excursions and sporting events. Congratulations to all staff that have ensured these learning opportunities are well organised and adds value to the experience our students have at Crystal Brook Primary School. Assemblies, Leadership Days, Book Fairs, Swimming Carnival, SAPSASA events, Gladstone High School Swimming and Athletics competitions are just a few of these opportunities offered.

We have had a great team providing non-contact for classroom teachers in the Physical Education, Health and Technology areas this term. Amy Tiller, Megan Smart and Leanne Clement have planned together to provide a coherent program across the school, I congratulate them on their professional approach to ensuring students have had excellent learning opportunities in these areas of study. Amy and Leanne will be attending to the needs of their families next term as it is a busy time for farming families, thank you for the excellent work you have both done in Term 1 at Crystal Brook Primary School. Leanne will continue her day in Room 10 on Tuesdays.

This program will be continued but with some different personnel in Term 2, Tim Lundie will return from leave and will be teaching in these areas on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Megan Smart will continue working on Tuesdays with her program and Chris Stroud will pick up Fridays with Physical Education and Technology in the Primary classes.

Attendance
We can celebrate a wonderful term of having most children at school and learning on as many occasions as possible, our attendance rate is 94.4% across the school with some classes being as high as 96.7% in Room 8, 95.9% in Room 4 and 95.4% in Room 7. Congratulations to families for getting their children to school as often as possible and for teachers providing programs which engage students, which mean that they want to be at school. The target for DECD by 2015 is 95% which is achievable for our school.

Our unexplained absences have dropped to 0.4% with our families embracing and using the new SMS system, thank you to our families for responding so positively!
ANZAC Assembly and Dawn Service
Our SRC leaders and students from some primary classes have been learning more about the significance of this day and about local service men who have given the ultimate sacrifice in theatres of war. This learning will be used in the Assembly this Friday at 9.00am and be incorporated into the Dawn Service at Adelaide Square on Anzac Day. We will have over fifty students who will take part in this very special observance in our community.

We hope to see you at the Assembly and at the Dawn service.

Assemblies
Room 1 and Room 10 have presented their learning at Assemblies in Weeks 9 and 10, it is a great thrill to watch as our young learners show us their learning in many different ways: singing, art work, dancing, mathematics, story telling, healthy eating, science, history, understanding of punctuation and much more! We are also able to acknowledge the achievements of students for their learning and positive social interactions and concern for others at this time. Thank you to the families and our school community for making the effort to attend in such large numbers.

SRC Easter Raffle
Well done to our leaders for organising this fundraiser which supports our World Vision Child. I had a delightful morning with our leaders as we shopped for the prizes to ensure we came in on budget.

The winners were:
1st David and Jacinta Huxtable, 2nd V.Jackson,
3rd Wendy Bowman, 4th Latrell Smith, 5th Lily Merkel,
6th Maxine Rhodes, 7th Jacinta and David Huxtable,
8th Jordan Nicolson, 9th Francis Venning, 10th Cooper Hayes.
We hope you enjoy your delicious goodies.

Advanced Notice -Student Free Day
Our Governing Council has approved a Student Free Day for Friday 6th June (Week 6), this will be a day across the Upper Mid North Cluster for Kindies, Primary schools, High schools and Area schools with all staff coming together with many different learning opportunities for staff and time to plan for student learning. Thank you for allowing us this time to learn and share with our peers.

SAPSASA Netball and Football trials
On Thursday our older students have had the opportunity to trial at Jamestown for selection in netball and football squads to represent the North Eastern zone. We are taking students on the large yellow bus with Amy Tiller, Luke Davis and Tracey Burns supporting the students on the day – good luck to all our students. Students should be at school before 8.35am in order to catch the bus at 8.45am at the latest.

Holidays
Term 1 ends at 2.20pm on Friday 11th April and we recommence at 8.50am on Monday 28th April. We hope you enjoy the time with your families during this time with Easter and Anzac day incorporated into the two weeks. We look forward to coming back refreshed and ready for a great learning Term, have a happy safe holiday.

Anne Franks
Principal
ROOM 10 ASSEMBLY

No Photographs Included

ROOM 1 Showing their Healthy Food Plates at Assembly

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BOOK FAIR

A Big thank you to all the students/staff/parents/caregivers and grandparents for an amazing amount of sales we had at this terms Book Fair. The amount of sales was $1583.14. From this the schools receives 30% of that amount which comes to around $474.00 to buy books for the library. This is a fantastic effort from all those people. Next term we will purchase some books, which the students can help chose. Thanks.

Olga Smart

SAPSASA

Cross Country

The District Cross Country trials will be Term 2, week 4, Tuesday 20th May 2014, at Wilmington Primary School. Cost of entry is $1.00 to be paid on the day. If your child is interested in attending this trial, they must come to the Front Office to put their name down, and they will be given an information sheet. They will need to select which Division they are entering, as any child wishing to represent our District in Adelaide needs to enter Division 1 and be available to compete in Adelaide on Thursday 5th June at Oakbank Race Course. First event starts at 10am and last finishes at 2.30pm. You need to be able to find your own way to Oakbank and back. I will need final names this Friday 11th April, Week 11 to get them to organisers in time.

Soccer

If your child is interested in trialling for North Eastern SAPSASA Soccer, they will need to come to the Office before Friday 11th April, Week 11 and put their name down. They will then be given an information sheet. North Eastern SAPSASA Soccer Trials are to be held on Monday 5th May and Thursday 15th May at Gladstone High School from 4pm - 5.30pm. Students in Year 6 & 7, boys and girls, are welcome to try out for the North Eastern SAPSASA district teams. If selected, the student must be available to play in Adelaide from 23rd - 27th June. Games are at Barratt Reserve, West Beach, opposite Adelaide Shores Holiday Park. Steve Garden will be the coach and following the selection of the team, there will be trainings to attend. Students who are selected will need to organise their own transport and accommodation for the week in Adelaide.

Jacqui Head