Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4. I am excited to be writing my first newsletter article as Principal of Crescent Lagoon State School. Thanks to all those who have welcomed me to date. For those of you haven't heard, my name is Samantha Howard and I have taken over from Mrs Lee as your Principal. Can you believe only 10 weeks of learning left of the 2016 school year! I trust all of our families had a wonderful 2 week break and the students are all keen and eager for their final units of work for this year. A special welcome to our new families who are also joining us at Cresso from today. I am sure your children will be very welcomed and feel comfortable from Day 1.

High Expectations
As we start the new term, I would like to remind everyone of the high expectations we hold every day for students to be doing their best by being focussed on learning and not being distracted by other issues. This starts with the students arriving at school ready for a great day, dressed in full school uniform. At Cresso our standards are very clear right from your child’s initial enrolment interview. It certainly was an impressive sight as a new person to the school this morning to see all of our students displaying brilliant smiles and perfect uniform standards. This is a scene that reflects our school community’s commitment to high expectations and excellence.

I have been going from room to room today talking to students about responsible behaviour and a good work ethic. Please support your child by reinforcing this message at home and making sure they are fully prepared for a great day at school.

The grounds look magnificent with the recent heavy rainfall and all of the classrooms sparkled, providing a very warm and welcoming environment for all of our students.

A huge thank you to our groundsman, cleaners, teaching staff and admin officers who worked so hard to get everything looking its best for our first day back.

During this week each class will be reinforcing classroom rules in line with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Plan, with a distinct focus on the 4 B's - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner and Be Safe

School Starting Times
As it is the start of a new term, this is a great time to remind everyone to make sure that your child is organised and ready to start school promptly at 8:50am.
Remember classrooms are open from 8:40am, when the first bell goes, to come in and get organised, unpack the bags etc with lessons starting at 8:50am. Please support your child by having them here in plenty of time. Please note if you are running late and arrive after 9am you are required to go directly to the office and receive a late slip as class rolls will already be marked and lessons underway. If children are consistently arriving at 9:00am, they are missing a significant proportion of quality learning time. Both late arrivals and student absences are monitored carefully. Lateness can be a big reason for failing to thrive at school and can impede learning. When considering who we offer additional support to we also consider the support given to us by parents to ensure that every minute during the school day is respected and that students are on time and in regular attendance. Prosecution can result if you do not send your child to school.

At pick up time we ask all parents to please wait in the Undercover Area or under the buildings, away from the classrooms. This is to assist our teachers get the very best out of our student’s right to the very end of the school day. Parents arriving early and sitting or standing outside classrooms is a major distraction to all of the students in the adjacent classrooms.

A big thank you to all of our parents for your wonderful support in this.

**Friday Sport**

A reminder that Friday Sport commences this Friday for our Year 5 & 6 students. We have nominated teams in Cricket, Softball and Basketball. Please ensure your child is in a team and has signed all the necessary paperwork. If you have any concerns make sure you contact Mr Berryman and discuss this with him.

**Monday 17 October Student Free Day**

A reminder to all families that Monday 17 October will be a student free day. All of our staff will be involved in training and Professional Development with a focus on Reading, whilst our Teacher Aides will be engaged in PD around health and wellbeing.

The office will be closed on this day as a result.

**P&C**

Please don’t forget our P&C meeting next Monday 10/10/16 from 3.30pm in the Resource Centre. I look forward to meeting more of you them.

Have a great week and please catch me and say hello if you see me out and about around the school. I look forward to working with the school as we “Play the Game” and move the school forward.

Sam

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**Term 4**

- **2 OCTOBER**: 10/10 P&C Meeting
  - 11/10 2pm Parade
  - 12/10
  - 13/10 9-11am Japanese Speech Comp
  - 14/10
  - 15-16/10

- **3 OCTOBER**: 17/10 STUDENT FREE DAY
  - 18/10 2pm Parade
  - 19/10
  - 20/10
  - 21/10
  - 22-23/10

- **4 OCTOBER**: 24/10
  - 25/10 2pm Parade
  - 26/10
  - 27/10
  - 28/10
  - 29-30/10

- **5 OCT/NOV**: 31/10
  - 1/11 2pm Parade
  - 2/11
  - 3/11
  - 4/11 Disco – Yr6 Fundraiser
  - 5-6/11

- **6 NOVEMBER**: 7/11 Year 6 Camp Mon-Fri
  - 8/11 2pm Parade
  - 9/11
  - 10/11
  - 11/11 Darumbal Indig. Award Night
  - 12-13/11

- **7 NOVEMBER**: 14/11
  - 15/11 2pm Parade
  - 16/11
  - 17/11
  - 18/11
  - 19-20/11

- **8 NOVEMBER**: 21/11 P&C Meeting
  - 22/11 2pm Parade
  - 23/11
  - 24/11
  - 25/11
  - 26-27/11

- **9 NOV/DEC**: 28/11
  - 29/11 9-11am Year 1-3 Swim Carnival
  - 2pm Parade
  - 30/11
  - 1/12
  - 2/12
  - 3-4/12

- **10 DECEMBER**: 5/12
  - 6/12 2pm Cresso Croc Parade
  - 7/12
  - 8/12
  - 9/12
  - 10-11/12

**Head of Curriculum**

**Cresso Reading Knights**

Please remember that under the Reading Knights Program reading each night is important, not the number of books that you read. For example, a student could write the same
book down on their Recording Sheet for multiple nights if they have read it over several nights. While it would be great if you read multiple books each night – **you can only have one entry in your book for each night.**

Miss Lynn
Head of Curriculum

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**From Mrs Layt …..**

Welcome to the best term!

We have a couple of weeks to rehearse before our performances start happening. First up will be our Instrumental Students Recruitment Concert and Graduation Concert. Invitations will be coming home in the next fortnight.

**SENIOR CHOIR** resumes Tuesday mornings before school starting next week.

**SENIOR SIGNERS** are back every Wednesday morning – remember we usually welcome Santa at Shopping Fair so we need to start Christmas!

**CRESSO CRACKERS** will come together again – on a Friday afternoon.

With Senior Signing back we need a new time for **Beaut Ukes** but I will talk to them about a suitable time.

**BUT NO Rehearsals this week**

Yours in song
Mrs Layt

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**Everything Quirky**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great holiday. I caught up with some family members for the first time in years on the weekend which was wonderful.

**Inside PE**

Prep – 3’s are swimming at the moment. Please make sure **ALL** belongings are named. Children need togs, towel, sun shirt and a cap. Note that all jewellery needs to be removed for lessons. This includes ear rings so if they can be left at home that day I would be grateful. Yrs 4-6 are doing dance.

**Go’n’Run**

Go’n’Run will be on this week. Anyone is welcome from kindy up. I log how far each child covers and they are able to buy badges celebrating the distance covered.

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**Quirky’s Quotes**

“I just ordered a chicken and an egg off the internet, to see which one comes first….“

Louise Quirk

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