January 30th, 2017

Welcome everyone to the new school year. I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to work at Crescent Lagoon and before I came, all I heard was positive statements about the school, teachers and students. I have found in the first weeks that staff are dedicated, students are eager to learn and parents are happy to help out in the classrooms.

As a new principal to the school, I am sure that you would like to know some background information about me.

I am an English/Geography teacher who has been in Administration as Deputy Principal (17 years) and Principal (7 years) in a number of schools. I have had experience when I was an Education Advisor working across primary schools in Central Queensland region.

During my 6 ½ years at Longreach SHS, we set an improvement agenda across a number of areas. The results:

- Improved teaching in classrooms and better on-task behaviour by students
- Increased NAPLAN results which led to our school being identified as one of 9 schools in the State (both primary and secondary) as a site of significant improvement in NAPLAN reading results over three years. A team of 3 came from the Evidence Hub for 2 days to see what strategies we used to improve our reading and wrote a report.

  - Over the last two years we have had 2 OP1 students and last year 62.5% of our students were in the OP1 – 5 range
  - Increased teacher and parent satisfaction with the school

So I bring to Crescent Lagoon, a set of skills based around an improvement agenda and this year, at Crescent Lagoon, one area for our focus is Reading. Considerable resourcing has been implemented in providing teacher aides to support reading groups, and professional development for teachers.

I look forward to working with the staff, students and parents this year and getting to know you all.

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Congratulations Miss Kate and 1RED for having the best attendance for the first week!

A great attendance of 98.4% This has set a great benchmark for the rest of the school.

Every day counts, so let’s see our Cresso students at school everyday.

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 Nolan
A/Head of Curriculum

**From Mrs Layt ....**

Welcome to 2017 – a great year to learn music! Many classes have been to music [2R, 3R, 4B and 5R missed out because of Australia Day].

♫ Years 2 to 6 are learning Australian songs to celebrate while Preps and Year 1’s are concentrating on BEAT.

♫ Years 1 to 6 need to have a document wallet/folder for music classes to keep all their sheets in.

♫ Years 3 to 6 need to have their own recorder. We play recorder every lesson so it’s best they use their own.

**MUSIC CAPTAINS**

We are calling for music captains this week. Year 6 students may apply to be -

- Music Captain
- Band Manager
- Strings Manager
- Choir Manager

Interested students should see Mrs Layt to get the application form. Forms must be returned by **Friday 3 February**.

**CRESSO CHOIRS**

We are very proud of our Cresso Choirs.

♫ Years 2 and 3 participate in **Cresso Crackers** every Friday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.00. In these sessions all the children learn to sign as well as sing songs.

♫ Years 4 to 6 can join our **Senior Choir**. In Semester 1, we perform modern choreographed songs. In Semester 2, we concentrate on more traditional songs. The Senior Choir practices Tuesday mornings from 8.00am and everyone is welcome to come and try. Mrs Fraser, Miss Nolan and Miss Weeks come along as well.

♫ Years 4 to 6 students can also join our **Senior Signers**. These students sign the word of songs rather than sing them. It is wonderful to bring music to the hearing impaired community and this group performs regularly at outside venues. They practise Wednesday mornings from 8.00 and we work with Miss Nolan and Miss Weeks as well.

**Choirs start Week 4**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

This is another area Cresso excels in.

♫ Miss Leisa Dalglish teaches our **String Program**. Students from Years 3 to 6 can learn violin, viola, cello and double bass and lessons are on a Monday.

♫ Mrs Ilott teaches our **Band Program**. Students from Years 4 to 6 can learn flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone and percussion with Mrs Ilott on Wednesdays and Fridays. [Year 3’s are a little too small for these instruments]

♫ Mrs Ilott and Miss Dalglish will be talking to **continuing students** this week and lessons will commence in Week 3.

♫ Beginners will be notified as to whether they have been allocated an instrument by Week 3.
There will be paperwork coming home this week and students must return these forms [permission slip, loan agreement and resource hire scheme form] before lessons can commence.

If you have any queries, please call in on Mondays to see Miss Dalglish or Wednesdays to see Mrs Ilott. Of course, you can always leave a message at the office and they will get back to you. Or it’s possible I might be able to help too.

There will be paperwork coming home this week

Continuing students lessons start Week 3

30th January

→ 1956 - Elvis Presley began recording his first album
→ is Phil Collins birthday

Yours in song

Mrs Layt

A Little Bit Quirky

Welcome to 2017!
I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays a much as I did. I had a relaxing time catching up on reading! I must say though the holidays just flew.

Swim Trials

Capricornia trials this year are again by paper nomination. Please supply meet results showing times for all events you wish to nominate in and I will forward on to Cap Sport.

Children born 2006 and earlier are eligible to nominate. I haven’t seen any paperwork yet but please get them in ASAP.

Cross Country/Go’N’Run

Cross country training will combine with Go’N’Run. Commencing Week 4, it will be Thursdays and Fridays from 8am. I believe the inter-school cross country is 27th April. I will confirm that date this week.

Inside PE

Preps will be looking at fundamental movement skills this term. Year 1 will look at movement skills for 5 weeks. Year 2 will be doing kicking skills and Year 3 speedminton. In week 6 years 1-3 will be swimming. More information about this will be supplied over the next couple of weeks. Year 4-6 will commence swimming next week and will swim all term. Notes for swimming will be sent home by class teachers, remember swimming can only continue with parent assistance. Children need a cap and sun shirt to swim. ALL jewellery MUST be removed.

Quirky’s Quotes

“Do you mean to tell me a stress ball isn’t for throwing at people who stress you out?”

Regards

Louise Quirk

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome to returning students and new arrivals from Rob and his band of merry helpers.

The tuckshop will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Orders are to be in by 9:15am to allow enough time to prep and pack orders. It is unfortunate but there has been quite a few price rises. I have endeavoured to keep the prices down over the past two years but it has reached the stage where the cost have exceeded my ability to absorb them. To keep quality to an acceptable level and a nutritious menu I have had to make the changes.

The tuckshop runs on the generous help of volunteers but if we can’t get enough the tuckshop cannot continue to give the service. I need two volunteers from 9am to 11am each day to prepare and pack the lunches. It is not hard or involved work but I need help. If you can give a few hours a week it will ensure that the tuckshop continues to give the service to the school.

New menu available from tuckshop.

Rob Comollatti
Tuckshop convenor.
0438 277 350
**Keppel Bay Karatedo**

**KARATE for kids and parents**

- **Mondays: Sports karate and Traditional**
  - 4 to 6 pm, two hours
- **Fridays: Traditional karate**
  - 4 to 5 pm, one hour

**St Joseph’s Basketball Court**

Rundle St, Wandal

Text Robi sensei for information 0427016767

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**NEWSLETTER ADVICE**

The Cresso Crier will be sent by email to all families with email addresses and will be available on our school website each week. A paper copy will only be sent to those families who return this request to Miss Olive at Reception.

- I would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the Newsletter each week. Please send it home with my child ________________________________ in Year__________.

- I would like to receive the Newsletter electronically. Please send it to this email address ____________________________________________________________.

Parent Name: _________________________ Signature: ________________________________