From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

NAPLAN tests started today and I am sure that our students will give of their best. These tests provide a snapshot of student performance and are used to compare our school’s performance with those in Queensland, neighbouring areas and like schools around Australia. The information gained from these tests also assists us to ensure our programs are meeting the expectations set through the Australian Curriculum.

We appreciate that NAPLAN does not provide the total picture of the child. It does not describe effort or attitude to learning; it does not show how well children relate to others or demonstrate their resilience. Whilst the information from the student results is useful, it is only a point in time measure and still needs to be used in conjunction with ongoing school based assessment to have any great value.

Winter School Uniform
The chilly mornings have seen many of us, especially our students, reaching for a warm coat to wear to school. I have noticed a number of students wearing what appear to be new jackets but in colours that are not part of our school uniform. Jackets or warm coats need to be in the dark green or black. If you are buying your child a coat for school, then please select one in school colours. Winter often becomes a time when our school uniform takes on a decidedly hap hazard look. Please help us by buying elements of the uniform to make sure our uniform remains one of pride.

Kenmore SHS Enrolments Procedure for 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 at Kenmore SHS for 2016 will begin in term 3 of 2015. A team of students and staff will visit in late July before Kenmore’s Open Day, which is on Sunday August 2 this year. Enrolment packs and details will be available at Open Day and the high school will share more information about the process in the lead up to the day. Applications for Signature Programs will also be available in the lead up. More information about the school and the enrolment process can be found on the school's web site: [Kenmore State High School](http://www.kenmoreshs.qld.edu.au)

Facebook Page

Thanks for your support of our page! We aim to keep you informed and share good news stories as they happen.

Help Turn Our Lights On In The Hall

I’m sure you have seen the progress on the hall to date. The much talked about million dollar construction project is about half way through its construction phase. All our money sourced to date has been for the steel, cladding, acoustic panels, new windows, floor covering and walls.

We are now targeting the funds needed for finishing the internal aspects of the hall. In particular, we are now looking to raise funds for the audio visuals, lighting, sound and curtains. Our local Heritage Building Society has donated $12 675 towards the costs of the audio visuals for this project.

The P&C operate a tax deductible Gift Recipient fund that means any donations over $2 that are made are able to be claimed back by you at tax time. We are targeting the use of this fund to put the stage lights into our hall. Each light costs approx. $1200 and we need around 21 lights. Can you help light up our stage by making a donation?

Help us reach our target of $25,000 by making a donation to this project. All you need to do is make a direct deposit to:

**Heritage Bank**

**Account Name**  Mt Crosby State School P&C Building Fund

**BSB**  638010

**Account**  10523286

& in the reference section, include your Family Name.
If you also bank with Heritage Bank, you will need to add S1 after the account number. For people with other banking institutions, simply use the information above. Please also email the pandc@mtcrosbyss.eq.edu.au to advise of your donation so that a receipt can be provided. For further information, please contact P&C treasurer, Leo Pomereneke.

Sustainability working party

If you are interested in being on the sustainability working party, please let me know. We are seeking a couple of staff members as well as some reps from our parent community to help guide the work of our sustainability action plan.

Slime Week

This week, the old basketball court is being transformed into an outdoor laboratory for hands on science. Yesterday, I enjoyed making cornflour slime and bouncing putty with a number of students. I am not sure who had the greatest fun! We have organised a week of Science fun with one of our local Karana Downs resident scientists. Anna Lehmann is working with us to bring science to life for our students and we are thoroughly enjoying our partnership with her.

Parking Around the School

Over the past few weeks I have had an increasing number of complaints about the parking behaviour of parents. The majority of complaints are in relation to the parking down near the bus zone where parents are parking in the Two minute zone, locking and leaving their cars and effectively causing issues for other parents trying to drop off or pick up children. This indicates that a number of people are parking illegally and could be fined if parking inspectors from Brisbane City Council attended the area. Over the next few weeks, I will be placing notice under the windscreen wipers of any cars that are parked illegally. I will then be asking Brisbane City Council to send out parking inspector to patrol our parking zone.

Whilst this action may not meet everyone’s approval, it is being taken to ensure the safety of all our students. Please be considerate of all in our community and park according to the signs or risk a fine.

Sue Phillips
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

NAPLAN testing Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May

It is important that students in Year 3 and Year 5 arrive at school on time on the days of testing. Students arriving late may not be able to sit the test on the designated day if they arrive after the testing has commenced.

| Tuesday 12 May | Wednesday 13 May | Thursday 14 May |
Vision Screening

The Vision Screening permission forms and questionnaire for Year 2 and Year 5 students are due back to the school administration office no later than Friday 15 May.

Footsteps Dance Program Term 3 for Years 3 to 6

In term 3 students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a very exciting dance program which the Footsteps Dance Company will run on a Tuesday for 9 weeks beginning in Week 1 (14 July). Each lesson will run for approximately 45 minutes.

This program has been created by the Footsteps Dance Company in line with the Arts Curriculum and will be assessed under the Arts Curriculum.

We strongly encourage participation from all students and feel that this dance program is highly beneficial to your child. No previous dance experience or skills are required to participate in the program as exciting new skills will be taught during the sessions.

The cost of the course will be $22.50 ($2.50 per session) for the entire 9 week program.

Permission forms must be returned to the office with payment no later than Monday 22nd June.

Parenting Skills Training Workshops

Parenting can be challenging. All parents have difficulties managing their child’s behaviour at some point in their children’s lives. Parents can also find that some stages of development are more challenging than others.

Mt Crosby State School are offering Parenting Skills Training sessions to parents in order to support parents and to build on the existing parenting skills of parents.

Parenting Skills Training sessions will include:

- Information on the causes of misbehaviour in children
- How to develop more positive relationships with your child
- Strategies in managing challenging behaviour
- Strategies to assist in organising your child
- Strategies on how to encourage your child following disappointments and challenges
The groups are run in a friendly and open manner, with opportunity to ask questions and make connections with other parents.

**Facilitators:** The USQ Springfield Psychology Clinic Director (Jean McCausland-Green – Clinical Psychologist) and a Provisional Psychologist undertaking post-graduate studies in Psychology will facilitate the Parenting Training sessions.

**Venue:** Mt Crosby State School

**Time:** 1.5 hours per week either during school hours (9-10.30am on Mon, Tues, Wed or Friday) or in the evening (6-7.30pm on Mon, Tues or Wed)

**Cost:** No charge to parents or Mt Crosby State School

Tea and coffee will be provided

**Dates:** 6 weeks from Week 3 to Week 8 of Term 3 –

(Starting the week beginning 27/7/15 to the week ending 4/9/15)

If you are interested in attending the workshops please return the form that was sent home last week to the administration office no later than Friday 5 June.

Kind Regards

*June Riley*

*Deputy Principal*

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**From the Deputy Principal**

**Prep Mother's Day Pampering**

Last Friday, a large group of very lucky mothers were thoroughly spoilt and fussed over by some very enthusiastic beautician preps. Hands (and arms) became as soft as silk after being massaged with liberal doses of sweet smelling lotions, fingernails were dexterously painted in a glorious array of colours and even back and neck massages were delivered to appreciative mothers.

I was lucky enough to be able to be included and my soft smooth hands were topped off with beautiful sparkly silver nail polish with pink stripes and I even got a back massage! I was soooo relaxed I almost fell asleep at my desk!

These days don't just happen and a huge thank you must go to our wonderful prep teachers and aides for the organisation that went in to the day. I am very sure that all of our attending mothers enjoyed themselves almost as much as the preps did looking after them.

**Chappy Cupboard**
Our wonderful Chappy Niki is putting together a store cupboard of items she can use to support families in our school community in times of need. She would like to provide some care packages that will help families through some of the tough times that life can throw our way. Please check Chappy Corner in the newsletter for more detailed information.

Donations can be brought to the school office every Wednesday. Any help that can be provided would be much appreciated.

*Ruth Kelly*
*Deputy Principal*

### Spelling Focus for Week 4

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| Prep  | ng as in ring  
s as in seal  
**Focus on letter and sound recognition** | |
| Year 1| l as in lizard | **Spelling Rule:**  
- An apostrophe (') is also used to create a contraction, indicating where a letter or letters have been left out.  
 **Focus on graphemes and blends:** l, ll, bl, cl, fl, gl, ld, if, lk, ip, it |
| Year 2| l as in lizard | **Spelling Rules:**  
- An apostrophe (') is also used to create a contraction, indicating where a letter or letters have been left out.  
- Homophones are words that have the same sound but a different meaning and spelling. |
| Year 3| l as in lizard | **Spelling Rules:** |
| Year 4| l as in lizard | **Spelling Rules:** |
When a word ends with a short vowel followed by a consonant, double the last consonant before adding ‘ed’.

Double the consonant before adding ‘ing’ to words that have a short vowel followed by a consonant at the end.

When a word ends in a silent ‘e’, drop the ‘e’ before adding an ‘ing’. The magic ‘e’ runs away!

When a word ends in a double consonant, do not double the last letter before adding an ‘ing’.

Most words add ‘s’ to make the plural.

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I as in lizard

Spelling Rules:

- Homophones are words that have the same sound but a different meaning and spelling.
- A homograph is a word that may have more than one meaning or pronunciation

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Year 6

I as in lizard

Spelling Rules:

- An apostrophe (’) is also used to create a contraction, indicating where a letter or letters have been left out.

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Intrumental Music News

Strings News

Changes to String Lessons Tuesday 19th May

I will be away at a Beginner String workshop with my 3 other schools on Tuesday, 19th May. Year 4 students who normally have their lessons with me in the Prep block on Tuesday afternoon, will have their lessons on Monday 18th May instead. I will find a timeslot during the day and let your teachers know when you are to come. Your instruments will already be with you as we have rehearsal at 1st break.

Permission Slips

Beginner Strings have until Friday to return their permission slips for the workshop at Karalee SS.

Intermediates and Seniors please return your permission slips for the 2 day workshop at Silkstone SS on June 16/17 ASAP.
Instrumental Music Notes

**NAPLAN, Year 6 Camp, Tuesday and Wednesday Instrumental Music Lessons**

Due to NAPLAN testing and the Year 6 camp, there will be no lessons or Senior Band rehearsal for Years 5 & 6 students on Tuesday 12 May. All Years 4 and 5 students will need to bring their instruments as they will have their lesson on Wednesday 13 May.

**Junior Band Rehearsals**

Junior Band Rehearsals commence on Wednesday 20 May. Letters will be sent home later in the week indicating whether students either join the band on the 20th May or wait until a later date when more progress has been made.

**Senior Band Rehearsals Next Week**

Please remember that the Senior Band is rehearsing before school on Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 May. The Senior Band will be performing at the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod at the Ipswich Civic Centre on Thursday morning. Parents are most welcome to attend. The session starts at 9:30am and the admission prices are: $7.00 Adults, $6.00 Consession, High School/ Uni Students $6.00.

Please ensure your child is wearing their complete music uniform, which includes black shoes (no colour) and white socks. Please remember, the students work very hard to achieve the best sound they can, so the band also needs to look just as good.

**Sharon McInnes**

*Senior Instrumental Music Teacher - Band*

Scoreboard

**Results for Interschool Sport for Friday 8 May**

**Boys Soccer**

The boys played St Mary’s and came away with positive results from both games. Junior boys looked shaky at the start but ended up 6-1 victors.

Senior boys took control from the beginning and were convincing winners, 7-0.

Craig Seymour

Coach
Girls Soccer
Junior Girls – Mt Crosby 3 vs Blair 0
Senior Girls – Mt Crosby 1 vs Blair 0

Rowanne Clarke and Vince Connolly
Coaches

Netball
It has been amazing to see the improvement in our netball girls. They are all working so hard.
Senior A was defeated by St Mary’s 2-22
Senior B defeated Hattonvale 12-5
Junior A defeated Fernvale 8-5
Junior B defeated Churchill 15-9
Well done girls.

Tanya Krafft
Coach

Tennis
Mount Crosby A defeated Central 15 – 5
Mount Crosby B defeated Central 12 – 6
Mount Crosby C1 defeated Central 13 – 7
Mount Crosby C4 defeated Mount Crosby C3 9 – 6
Mount Crosby C2 defeated Central 11 – 4

Karen Llewellyn
Coach

Under Eight's Day

To celebrate Under 8’s Day at Mount Crosby SS, please keep Friday 22 May free. The theme this year is ‘Voices of children—Look, Listen, Hear and respond’.

Students in Prep-Yr 2 will be celebrating with a morning of fun activities, which will take place from 9:00am-10:45am around the lower school buildings. The children will move through art, craft and physical activities.
Please let your child’s teacher know if you are able to attend this morning to assist with supervision of children as they move around the activities. Non-school age children are welcome; however, they will be your responsibility and must remain with you at all times.

Children will need to report to classes in the morning to be marked on the school roll. Children arriving after the 8.50am bell must report to the office for a late slip as usual.

*Prep - Year 2 Teacher*

Chappy Corner

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**Community Development**

It has been said that ‘it takes a village to raise a child’. This well-respected saying reflects our current appreciation of ‘social capital’ – the value that positive relationships and networks bring to our lives. School chaplains are well placed to connect the school with positive people and organisations in the community, extending the knowledge, skills and resources that the school has to achieve its goals. This role could involve:

- Networking with local community organisations in the community (EG – collaboration on projects, involvement in school activities, referral options)
- Networking with local churches and other religious groups in the community (EG – collaboration on projects, involvement in school activities, referral options)
- Referral to external agencies and organisations to respond to pastoral and spiritual issues (EG – family counselling, mental health, recreational options, spiritual guidance)
- Raising awareness and funds in schools for worthy causes (EG – 40 Hour Famine, Shave for a Cure, Jeans for Genes, Clean Up Australia Day)

*Milo Monday is Coming*
From Monday, 18 May we will be selling warm Milo from the tuckshop before school from 8.15am – 8.45am for only $1.

Coffee Connect

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 coffee is served from the tuckshop. Come for a cuppa or just a chat with other parents before the afternoon routine begins.

Chappy Cupboard

As part of our school community support we will be starting a chappy cupboard. Non-perishable goods which will be collected will be made up into care packages for families in our school community when the need arises. We will be doing our first chappy cupboard collection on Wednesday 27 May. Any non-perishable goods can be dropped off in the chappy care box in the office. If you would be interested in being part of chappy cupboard please contact Niki on ndurr5@eq.edu.au

Chappy Niki
School Chaplain

Garden Club
“CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS”

Just before the holidays, one of our very enthusiastic gardeners asked the question of how to tell the difference between the male and female flowers on our pumpkin vine. I had great pleasure in showing him the small swelling at the base of the female flower and explained to him how you could hand pollinate these flowers to encourage fruit. The photo this week shows a very proud Lincoln with the fantastic results of his hand pollination.

We have been very busy in the garden over the last few weeks. The children had great fun settling our new wriggling worms into their new worm farm. We planted out some new strawberry plants and have been harvesting an abundance of snake beans, a few small eggplants and plenty of flowers.

Although numbers have dropped off with the cold weather, we enjoyed a very messy project last week making seed bombs for children to take home. We will be making these again this week for those that missed out, so make sure you come and get dirty.

Some very exciting news, we have received funding from Rotary for a very special Garden Club project. We have been approved for two hives of Native Stingless Bees, which will not only benefit the pollination of our fruit and vegetables but will also provide wonderful learning opportunities for the children. A big thankyou to Rotary for the grant which is making this project possible. Keep an eye on this space for information on when our new residents will be arriving.
Did you know Australia has 10 species of social native bees which do not sting!

"Plant Dreams, Pull Weeds and Grow a Happy Life"

Feel free to join us on a Thursday morning.
Happy gardening!

P&C Association

P & C Business Opening Hours & Contact Details

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| Before School Care: 7:00 - 8.30am | Wednesday: Order lunch online by 9am | Open every Tuesday during term 8.30 - 10am |
| Breakfast served till 7:50am | Thursday & Friday: Order lunch on line or at the counter by 9am | |
| After School Care: 3:00 – 6:30pm | Open 1st and 2nd break Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during term. | |
| Afternoon tea provided. | | |
| Vacation Care | | The P&C Office has been packed up and moved in preparation for handover of the annexe to the hall construction team. You can find us in OSHC for the next few months. |
| 7:00am – 6:30pm | | |
| Breakfast & Afternoon tea service. | | |

Bookings are essential. Limited places fill up fast so don't hesitate to contact Angela to secure your child's place in before and after school care.

Counter lunch orders can only be placed Thursdays & Fridays.

Shop in person. Order online. Order at school admin.

For more information on fundraising and volunteering opportunities contact the P&C office. We are always happy to help.
Diary Dates - 2015 P&C Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting dates for 2015 are detailed below. Please check the newsletter for updates.

The next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 26 May in the school staffroom commencing at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome...we hope to see you there.

23 June 7pm - School staff room
28 July 7pm - School staff room
25 August 7pm - in the *new* Meeting Room
27 October 7pm - in the Meeting Room
24 November 7pm - in the Meeting Room

Fundraising Update

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C were thrilled at the incredible support they received from the students, parents and teachers for the recent Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser. It was wonderful to see so many thoughtful children carefully selecting gifts for their Mums and special people who they wanted to spoil on Mother’s Day. The event was a huge success raising $2,092 for the school.

A big, no make that, a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave up their time to help set up and run the stall. There were over 20 people including some of our regular school helpers and a whole bunch of new enthusiastic volunteers whose contribution we would like to acknowledge.

Aimee Fulton, Rebecca Evans, Carolyn Kleesh, Joyce Harrison, Nicky Lloyd, Charlena Mansfield, Jean McCausland-Green, Cathie Plant, Kate Wells, Lesley Wood, Ilona Baron, Joanne Rawson, Laigee Bell, Kirby Furze, Louise Copping, Kristan Kershaw, Jay Lathwood, Deanna Tarvit, Debbie Snyman, Patricia Burns-McGreavy, Leo Pomeranke and Chappy Niki are the names behind the smiling faces who were our amazing Mother’s Day stall shop assistants.
There were also many wonderful people who donated gifts, many anonymously, to be sold at the stall. Some items included various pampering products, cushions, jewellery, coffee cups and photo frames, to name a few. Thank you all so much, your kindness was sincerely appreciated.

A special mention must go to the incredibly talented Jenny Doran-Rackham for generously donating her handmade Mother's Day cards. Thankyou Jenny, your gorgeous cards where again a highlight at the stall this year.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the Mother's Day raffle which was drawn on parade last Friday.

1st Prize Steven O'Donoghue 6J

2nd Prize Jethro Selfe 3P

3rd Prize Nikkaya Burchmann 5L

We hope your mum's enjoyed some extra spoiling on Sunday.

Tuckshop News

A big thank you to our regular Home Baker and Tuckshop volunteers, Jean McCausland-Green, Crystal Sprigg, Leslie Wood, Mikhaila Robertson, Lee Hanly, Melinda Gauci, Chantel Devereaux, Helen Cooper and Liam Coutts for all your help again last week.

Home Bakers urgently needed

Tuckshop is very fortunate to have two regular Home Bakers, Jean McCausland-Green and Crystal Sprigg who regularly bake muffins and cookies for the children and teachers to enjoy. Theses treats are so popular the lovely ladies who have been cooking up a storm can't keep up with the demand.

If you enjoy baking and have a little bit of time to spare why not consider becoming a volunteer Home Baker. Ingredients and instructions are supplied for your convenience.

Teacher's Choice Special

Last week's Teachers Choice special Mild Chicken Thai Red Curry with Rice was a huge hit and enjoyed by the teachers and many students. For anyone who missed out this week it will be on the menu again this week until sold out. We will then have a mild Indian Curry, probably Butter Chicken, with optional Pappadums available for purchase - both of which can ordered online.

Special Donation Request
The lovely ladies in Tuckshop are chasing a donation of a tall, backless stool, approximately 70cm high, one that can be used by the helpers while they are working hard preparing food etc. If anyone has one they no longer require please contact our Convenor Jodie.

**Interested in Helping?**

If you would like to know more about helping out in Tuckshop, please contact our Convenor Jodie Coutts on 3813 2257. All help is welcome and very much appreciated.

**Don't forget to update your child's class details online.**

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**Uniform Shop News**

A new order of fleecy zip up winter jackets in various sizes have arrived just in time as we start to feel the first signs of a chilly winter. Not surprisingly, they are selling fast!

Watch this space for further updates on the availability of the elusive warm up jackets, fingers crossed they will be back in stock shortly.

A huge thank you to the wonderful parents for their patience last week while the uniform shop experienced some technical difficulties with the eftpos machine, your support was really appreciated. Tricky technology however didn't stop business and the uniform shop was as busy as ever.

For all of your school uniform needs the Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday during term from 8.30 - 10am. Order forms are also available form the school admin office and can be returned to the P&C mailbox, or order online at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). Orders can be delivered to your child's class.

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**Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) News**

Our busy week started by acknowledging World Asthma Awareness Day. We made wonderful posters that included information about what asthma is, its' causes and how we can prevent it from occurring which is vital knowledge for all our friends to know and understand.

Most afternoons, the children and staff have enjoyed the artistic craft activity of origami. It was very interesting to see the lovely creations everyone has made.

Did you know there are over 150 Pokémon? We certainly didn’t, which is why we have decided to start designing a spectacular Pokémon poster. The spectacular poster will go up on the OSHC wall soon, so watch this space!

We hope all the Mums had a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and loved all the beautiful cards and gifts made for you at OSHC. The children put in lots of effort throughout the week designing cards from...
many different bits and pieces of arts and crafts and put much imagination into them. It was absolutely amazing to watch.

If you haven't already heard, gymnastics and stretching is the latest sports craze! Staff have even got themselves involved and it's been lots of fun to watch. Hopefully this will continue as the children love to have the open mat space to roll around to their hearts' content.

"The things that make me different, are the things that make me ME" - Winnie the Pooh

For enquiries & bookings please call Angela on 3201 0841
Established in 1989, National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer.

More than 6 million Australian volunteers give happiness to others each year and research says that those volunteers are happier as a result. So this National Volunteer Week (11-17 May 2015), help us make Australia the happiest place on earth, by giving as much of your time as you can.

Give Happy. Live Happy
To acknowledge and thank the people who generously give up their time to volunteer at our school, the P & C will be holding a morning tea on Friday 15th May 2015 after parade in the tuckshop undercover area.

We would love to see as many of our existing volunteers come along for a cuppa and some cake as a small token of our appreciation for all their hard work.

If you have been thinking about becoming a volunteer at the school and would like more information, why not pop along to our morning tea too. There are many ways you can help and we would love to find the perfect job for you.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program

It is great to see so many students banking each week and earning rewards.

We have some exciting new rewards on offer for term 2! The invisible ink martian pen and intergalactic rocket are now available. Remember to bring your deposit book each Wednesday morning and put it in your class satchel to keep earning these cool rewards.
Volunteer School Banking Assistants needed

We are looking for more helpers with the school banking. If you have a few hours available on a **Wednesday** morning and are happy to help, please contact Mikhaila or come to OSHC Wednesday morning after 9am.

**Any queries? Mikhaila can help! msjrobertson@bigpond.com or 0409 585 899**

Mt Crosby Historical Fact

Did you know?...

For a long while the Hesters lived across the river where there was a five-ways of sorts just off the end of the weir. To the left, a road went to the Sportsground just the way it does now; to the right were two roads (I don't know why) that joined up a little further along to become Allawah Road. Ahead wound the track to our house.

In the early 70s, as Bill and I scuffed our way home from school, across the river reminding us of its presence, our conversation often turned to the great (and mysterious) flood of 1893 and where it might have got up to - especially compared to our house, which seemed so far from the river that I supposed it got up to there (which it hadn't because it wasn't there). I shouldn't speak for Bill, but I know I secretly hoped to see a flood of that magnitude (which children are allowed to do because they are not thinking of the heartbreak downstream).

The fourth biggest flood in our recorded history arrived on 28 January 1974 and was announced by Bill reporting that he could see the river from our kitchen window - a detail that momentarily reduced the strength of his story until we went and saw it for ourselves. At the five-ways the water soon covered the road to a shallow depth and we stood looking across to the pumping station unaware of the efforts being made to save it from the rising water.

Old long forgotten tunnels entering the pumping station had begun to make themselves known again. Since the twenties water had been directed to the station’s pump wells through the tunnels linking the ‘new’ weir to the pumping station. The original south tunnel and screen shaft were now unused, but still there, and the unprecedented pressure of the floodwater drove back into them and threatened to enter the pumping station from within.

The Station also looked under threat from water rising above the floor level, and the ground into which the wells were sunk was so sodden from rain and flood water that torrents of water flowed inwards through their walls.

Measures were being taken to stop the many ‘leaks’ wherever they could. Sandbags and wooden bulkheads were being put in place to stop water spilling in and water was being pumped from the wells to keep things as dry...
as possible. Here the people of Mt Crosby excelled themselves and showed the character of the company town on which the city's water supply had long depended. All who could attend the station volunteered for long hours of work. The ladies kept them fed and worked as well, between doing the chores that let the men do theirs.

Engineer-in-Charge, Ray Rogan, knew the cities would need water for cleaning and disease control after the floodwaters had receded, so one pump from each well was hoisted to the roof of the pumping station in the hope that they could be saved. Despite all the odds, the pumping station delivered 126 megalitres of water on the day of highest flooding and thereafter managed to deliver all of the water required to clean up the silted cities – three cheers for Mt Crosby. On the other side of the river, I was satisfied with my flood.

“Hester's house at Westbank at the peak of the 1974 Flood”

Col & Charlie Hester

Recycle Your Cans

You got cans then make a habit of throwing them in the blue can bins placed outside your classroom today and remember 15 in a bag! Win prizes for your class!
Community News

Mt Crosby Historical Society presents an outdoor lantern show: THE PUMPING STATION
(A CHANCE TO SEE, HEAR AND FEEL OUR ICONIC BUILDING)
- Projection onto the Building
- Spot Lighting the Highlights
- Narrative by Col Hester

Supported by Seqwater

Please join us at the pumping station on the Works Hill, Mt Crosby, on Saturday 23rd May. Tea and cake from 4.30 pm. Projection from 5 pm. Bring warm clothes, comfy chair and torch.
(RSPV by 17 May to 32080762 or info@mtcrosbyhistory.org.au)

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