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Newsletter - Term 4 Week 4

Principal's Message

Welcome to our Week 4 newsletter. Yesterday was the first of our Kindergarten Orientation events and am pleased to say that everyone involved; parents, teachers, and students absolutely smashed it. What made it special was seeing the year 5 students rising to the occasion and helping out the new Kindy 2021 students by making them feel calm and part of the school. Next year they will be big and little buddies! We have two more sessions that will be held in the afternoon and for the parents, we will be doing an offsite information session at the Cronulla RSL who we have partnered with to provide a COVID19 safe event. We are really looking forward to the opportunity to make the transition for our new Kindergarten cohort the best possible.

This edition of the newsletter includes some important information about community consultation events which will be an online event designed to provide parents with a snapshot of our inward, outward and forward view of what we do at Cronulla South. We will be looking to show you how we have arrived at our decisions for the school moving forward with the focus placed on school improvement - better student outcomes for all.

The term is progressing very quickly and staff is moving into report writing. Next week we will also be holding our Athletics Carnival which is a parent-free 3-6 event. This much delayed and modified event will give all students the opportunity to participate for their house groups, for ribbons, and ultimately for our sporting awards. This will be a phenomenal event and our only regret is we couldn't do it early and we couldn't give students the opportunity to compete for the Cronulla PSSA Zone.

School Improvement Plan - Community Consultation Event

As indicated in the message from the Principal, the school is in the process of developing a new School Plan which this year is known as a School Improvement Plan (SiP). The SiP is now a four-year process that will consist of three strategic directions. One of the directions is mandatory around student growth and attainment. This is built on our school growth targets for reading and numeracy. The other two directions are formulated by the school around the findings of a situational analysis process, which the school is currently engaged in. This process encompasses an inward, outward and forward look into the school's operations and is intended to focus some key areas for improvement that will form the two additional directions. These strategic directions are underlain with core initiatives which are stipulated as being narrow and deep and focussed on where we believe the impact will be greatest.

The entire plan itself is validated, as was the last school plan, through an external validation process (EV). The EV uses a tool known as the School Excellence Framework to allow schools to assess where they stand in three domains of learning, teaching and leading. Our next EV will be in the middle of this planning cycle and thus will be perfectly placed to inform its process.

We are now in a position to consult with you as the community and this will happen in the following ways:

1. We will be contacting a random group of parents via phone and asking them to participate in a survey. It is anticipated that the survey will not take more than 5 minutes. Our school office will be conducting these interviews and they will happen next Wednesday and Thursday
2. We will be holding a Zoom parent community consultation meeting on Tuesday 24 November at 7pm until 8pm. This will allow parents to view a snapshot of the school's situational analysis. All parents are invited to this event.
3. Our student leaders will be holding a student feedback session on a day in week 7 that will focus on students voice.

The data that we collect from this will be used to further inform our planning processes into our new School Improvement Plan for 2021 to 2024.

assembly will be presented by our school leaders and broadcasted live to our parents and families from 10.55am via Facebook live. We hope you join us.

Staff News

We are very pleased to announce that following a merit selection process, Ms Hayley Bennett has been appointed as a classroom teacher at Cronulla South Public School. Ms Bennett has taught at the school for many years as a temporary teacher and we now look forward to her joining us as a permanent teacher and continue to benefit all of her wide and varied skills that she brings to allow us to enrich the school. Well done Ms Bennett.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate Ms Simone Rekes who has been successful through merit selection in gaining a classroom teacher position at Chester Hill Public School. She will be joining that wonderful school next year and so sadly for us, this will be her last term at the school. Thank you so much for all that you have brought to Cronulla South Public School over the time you have been here Ms Rekes. Well done on your success and good luck at your new school.

Class Requests for 2021

At this time of year, many parents begin to think about their children's class for 2021. As a NSW Department of Education school, Cronulla South operates a school development process that includes a professional development plan for all teachers and leaders. This process is designed to ensure that all teachers at the school consistently deliver high-quality education to students and that they themselves grow as teachers and leaders in their skills and capacity. They do this by reflecting against specific teaching standards and in the case of executive teachers, executive criteria.

We understand that parents may have preferences and these may be due to good past experiences and perhaps even due to conversations with other parents. They may also be due to concerns around social groups and friends. We respectfully ask that if you have a specific request for class placement, you make an appointment to see the Principal or Assistant Principal where the specific issues of the request can be explored.

Dr Neil Lavitt

Why Attendance Matters

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2159/why_attendance_matters.pdf

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, Cronulla South Public School will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly to commemorate those who have fought and died wars. The

Spellathon

So far the school has raised over \$2,000 via our spell-a-thon. We know that there are still some raised funds to come in and so we respectfully ask that you reach deep for a final push of asking sponsors and submitting funds. The spell-a-thon joins the cookie dough fundraiser in forming the core effort of our year 6 fundraising this year at Cronulla South Public School. A year deeply affected by the restrictions.

Please also remember that all of these funds go back into the school to deliver improvements as a thank you from year 6.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We are excited to be holding a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough drive as a major fundraiser this term and we ask for your support. All the funds raised will go towards our Year 6 Farewell Dinner.

TUB UPDATE

We have currently sold 101 tubs so far. 5/6D is currently in the lead with the most tubs sold, let's see if another class can overtake them!

Final Online Orders Due 10th November 2020

Online Prize Ordering Closes on 13th November 2020

Delivery Date 30th November 2020

How Do We Fundraise?

To ensure we have a COVID-safe fundraiser, students can collect orders from family, friends and neighbours completely online.

How do we create an Online Fundraising Page?

Creating a fundraising page is easy as 1,2,3.

1. Head to www.cookie dough.com.au to create your Online Fundraising Page by clicking the "Register Now" button and fill in your information as a parent/guardian.
2. Choose your child's prize goals and create their avatar!
3. Share your child's online fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some Cookie Dough as well, How Easy!

There are great features in the online portal like creating your own avatar and selecting your prize goal.

Students who sell 1 tub or more are entitled to an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

Win a Dream Holiday worth \$10,000! Create an Online Fundraising Page at www.cookie dough.com.au, sell or purchase one tub or more of Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough and you will automatically go into the draw to win a \$10,000 Dream Holiday.

The Leaderboard Challenge – If you become the highest fundraiser in our schools leaderboard you will automatically go in the draw for the chance to win a Cruise worth \$5,000. How exciting! Let's get fundraising!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they can choose incentive prizes based on the total amount of tubs sold.

Login to your Online Fundraising Page at www.cookie dough.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button via the dashboard. Select up to five (5) prizes to the amount of tubs you have sold.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Happy fundraising!

Mrs Chapman

K-2 News

We are almost halfway into Term 4 and busy learning is happening across all classrooms. Thank you to all the parents and carers who made appointments for parent teacher interviews over the past few weeks. Teachers are now busy preparing student reports and it is often at this time of the year when we get to reflect over the amazing progress in learning that can happen over a year. We are so proud of the gains in literacy, numeracy and social development of all of the students.

Kindergarten Orientation

This Tuesday we held the first orientation morning for our 2021 Kindergarten students. It was wonderful to meet the new Kindys, many of whom are siblings of current CSPS students. We are looking forward to two further transition afternoons later this term. While we couldn't facilitate our traditional parent sessions in the school hall, we have been able to book an off-site parent information session at Cronulla RSL on Thursday 19th November from 4-6pm.

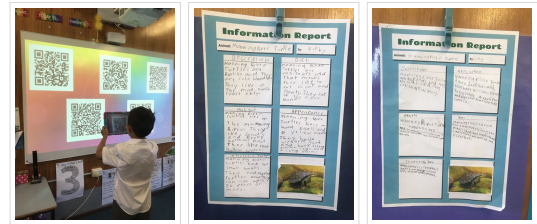
Preschool Zoom Time

To continue our relationships with our local preschools in these socially distant times, our Kindergarten teachers have been holding zoom story time each Friday! Check out some of the pictures for the 'Spooky Storytime' last Friday. As always, thank you to our amazing Year 5 students who have been a great

help. The teachers think you will make wonderful leaders and helpful buddies in 2021.

Crocodiles! Turtles! Snakes! Yikes!

Stage 1 has been busy researching, planning and composing informative texts on reptiles. Students are very engaged in the topic and we hope they have been keen to share some of their 'interesting facts' with you all at home.



Stage 2 News

Well done 3W and 4W students on your wonderful assembly item. This was a collaborative effort between the two classes, which provided opportunities for the students write, use speaking and listening skills, code robots and think creatively. We were very proud of the result.

Last week, 2/3R and 4W worked with Darren Avery from STEM T4L via Zoom to learn how to use the 360 Camera. The students thoroughly enjoyed using programs such as, CoSpaces and Google Tour Creator to create imaginative and informative designs.

The students have been thoroughly enjoying participating in their basketball program and have been refining their dribbling, catching and throwing skills.

This week in Mathematics, Stage 2 will be looking at Volume and Capacity. They will analyse 3D objects, make predictions and compare the objects by looking at how much liquid they can hold.

In English and Geography, the students will be learning how to use their research skills to find important information in a text. They will explore islands found in the South Pacific and discuss how these are similar and different to Australia. In Science the students will be learning about friction and how it effects on moveable of objects.

Stage 2 Teachers

Stage 3 News

350 camera

Stage 3 loved the in class tutorials via Zoom with Darren Avery. The students learnt to use the 360 camera, upload photos into a coding program and add points of interest as well as code characters and objects to match their images. This was stage 3's first baby step into the big world of virtual reality and game creation using the skills and knowledge of mathematics and science.

We can't wait to see where it takes us next.



Ozobots

This week we have been having lots of fun with the new Ozobots. Through exploring both plugged and unplugged activities we have conquered some more complex mathematical concepts such as the cartesian plane in a fun and interactive way.



Police cyber safety talk

Last Thursday, as part of the stage 3 middle school program we were visited by Constable Joshua from Sutherland Police. He led a cyber safety talk about the importance of being vigilant when online and when it's ok to share and not to share information.



Revision of 2021 Leadership EOI's

Due to the low number of student applications for the leadership team in 2021 we have decided to give all students in year 5 one more week to develop and submit their EOI's. Please have a discussion with your child about the wonderful opportunity that the role of being a school leader will give them for their confidence, growth and development as well as being a positive role model for their younger peers.

In turn, this means we will be revising the timeline for speeches and voting to be moved to week 6, not week 5 as originally planned.

We are loving seeing the leadership posters already coming in and please feel free to continue to bring these in for display in the playground all this week. We wish the very best of luck to all of our students trying out for leadership roles in 2021!

News Team

Article 1 2020 CSPS Book Parade!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were not able to invite parents to the 2020 book parade. Parents were not allowed to come because of the social distancing restrictions. But to keep the fun going, the CSPS News Team buddied up with

Miss Collins to do video recordings, on a vibrant red carpet, and post it on Facebook for the parents of these wonderful children dressed up in their beautiful costumes.

Our team took photos of the parade and the students' unique costumes. The CSPS News Team had loads of covering the event and we all hope that you enjoy it too. We used Microsoft Sway to bring you our first edition of the CSPS news. Please click on the link.

<https://sway.office.com/28Zghew4Jq4YnjmQ?ref=email>

The voices of this passage are 10, 11 and 12 year old students. Students have the voices to change the way people look at things. The CSPS News Team enjoys the life of being heard. We all look forward to covering all the wonderful memories at Cronulla South!

Band News

BandTime 2021

Key information regarding joining the CSPS band in 2021.

Students in years 4, 5 and 6 in 2021 are able to join the band and learn an instrument. The process for joining the band in 2021 will be different to previous years due to COVID-19. Further information regarding the program is provided below and in the video presentation on our website.

Cost Commitment

Lesson Fees: \$185 per term with on-time payments eligible for a discount. These are collected prior to the beginning of each term. Annual fee option is also available.

Instrument: Each student needs his or her own instrument. Options will be discussed in detail at the parent meeting, these include purchasing and renting with a buy-out option.

If your child is interested in joining the band there are a few steps to take:

1. To register your child's interest via an online application - visit www.engadinemusic.com.au Click on the Bandtime tab and follow the link to Join The Band. Click on your child's school to complete the form. Registration must be completed by Thursday 5th November, 2020.
2. Also located on this page is the "Welcome to the band" video presentation, it is recommended that parents and students watch this together prior to joining to see the instruments available within the band.
3. ONLY students who have registered using the link above will be permitted to attend the student information session to be held in Mr Taylors room **Monday 9th November, 8:50am-9:50am**, at which time students will be visually assessed for the strong characteristics required for each instrument.
4. At the conclusion of this session, students will be asked to select 3 instruments they would like to play. BandTime staff will assist with appropriate instrument choices for their size and characteristics.

5. Students will be allocated an instrument from one of their choices, all factors including providing a balanced ensemble will be taken into consideration. Parents will receive a Congratulations email with details of instrument selection and hire/purchase options by mid Term 4.
6. It is anticipated a Parent Information Session will be held during Term 4, further details will be provided closer to the date.

If you have any further questions regarding the program please contact Mr Arthur Taylor, Music Coordinator or are unable to register online, please email bandtime@engadinemusic.com.au or contact us on 9520 3044.

P&C News

Canteen Update

The canteen are still looking for volunteers to do shopping and take over running the Thursday shift.

Thanks to Lauren J who is now running Tuesdays for the canteen.

If you are able to help, please email: CSPScanteenroster@gmail.com

Sutherland Shire Children's Choir

Would your child like to sing with the Sutherland Shire Children's Choir?

Members of the Sutherland Shire Children's Choir perform at major concerts, local community/charity events and record a CD. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide extension for keen singers. Fun small group auditions are happening soon. Email to secure your place. Registered as COVID safe.

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