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Newsletter - Term 4 Week 6

Principal's Message

It always amazes me how quickly Term 4 passes. From the perspective of school leaders and teachers it is the busiest term of all and it has all of the complications associated with closing the end of a large project combined with preparing for the next big project along the way. Our teachers are now busy writing the Semester 2 school reports and these will be released to students at the end of week 9; Friday 11 December.

With the changes to restrictions that were announced last week, we have now been able to put some plans into place for a series of presentation ceremonies for different age groups that will allow parents to attend. We have decided to divide our presentations up so that we can allow our kindergarten students to graduate with their buddies and at least one of their parents; the year 6 students to have their own graduation experience with at least one of their parents and all students to be presented with awards. We understand some schools are doing this outside as one large ceremony but we have decided to break it up so that we can be dependable on the weather not interfering. We are also having our projector and screen facilities upgraded in the hall to allow the experience which will include pre-recorded performances to be viewable. There is another announcement of this in our newsletter.

Our leadership team has been busy working on the school improvement plan and next Tuesday 24 November, you are invited to attend a Webinar which will be a presentation of the progress made with our situational analysis. We will be highlighting where the school is at, where we feel we need to go and the kinds of initiatives we plan with this in mind. So please join us at 7 pm next Tuesday. As this is a webinar, you will be able to see us and you will also be able to talk to us when we allow you as well as ask questions in the chat. The link to this will be sent out on Friday with reminders on Monday and Tuesday. The webinar will be no more than 1 hour.

I hope that the rest of the coming two weeks is good for you and your wonderful families.

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 have been delayed. They will now be happening on 24 and 25 November.
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.

- 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.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Preparations are well underway for our annual Presentation and Graduation assemblies to be held on Thursday 10th December 2020. We are excited to announce that we will be using a professional company to live stream the event on the day. With the slight easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we can now have a limited number of parents attend each assembly, as long as we adhere to the 4 square metre rule and 1.5 metre social distancing.

We have planned four different assemblies during the day to enable more families to attend. The Presentation assemblies will include academic, creative arts and sports awards. Parents with a child receiving an award will be sent an invitation for one family member to attend their designated assembly. Parents will need to respond to the invitation and sign the COVID-19 agreement to attend. Numbers need to be strictly adhered to. The format of the Presentation Day will be as follows;

9:15am - 10am	Kindergarten Graduation (live streamed only) - will be attended by Year 6 buddies.
10:15am 11:45am	- K-2 Presentation Assembly
12:15pm 1:45pm	- Year 3-5 Presentation Assembly
2:15pm 2:50pm	- Year 6 Presentation Assembly and Graduation

Big News for our STEM Club!

Recently, Cronulla South Public School STEM club created a short film and wrote an essay which was entered into a competition called 'What'll Happen to the Wattle?'. The competition, which is sponsored by the [One Giant Leap Australia Foundation](#), The Australian Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), selected 150 schools from across Australia to participate in an amazing opportunity to grow wattle seeds that will be sent into space.

Cronulla South Public School's entry has been selected to be a part of this amazing project!

The wattle seeds will spend 6 months on the International Space Station and upon return to Earth, will be presented to our school along with seeds that have remained on Earth. Over a period of 12 -18 months the students at CSPS will germinate and grow the seeds in a small greenhouse. They will collect

data, write observations and upload their information. The students will have opportunities to speak with astronauts and scientists working at NASA during this time.

The project is an historic opportunity for Australian schools and students!

Here is the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) media announcement:

<https://iss.jaxa.jp/en/kuoa/news/200901.html>

The launch date for the seeds to journey into space will be early December 2020. Further information will be provided to the students.



K-2 News

Happy World Kindness Day!

In a world you can be anything, be kind (unknown)



In the past few weeks, teachers have been incorporating significant days into the learning experiences for the students. We have learnt about the importance of acknowledging 'always was and always will be' through our NAIDOC Week lessons, made poppies to respectfully wear at the Remembrance Day assembly and became the "i" in "KIND" in recognition of World Kindness Day (Thanks Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Buhagiar). We hope that each of these events have sparked some thoughtful conversations around the dinner table each night.



Reminder - Drink Bottles and Hats

With this warmer weather, please double check that you are sending your child with a full water bottle and hat each day.

Fun with Capacity!

Stage 1 have had lots of fun learning about volume and capacity! What better way to learn about the capacity of different objects than with water, water and more water??

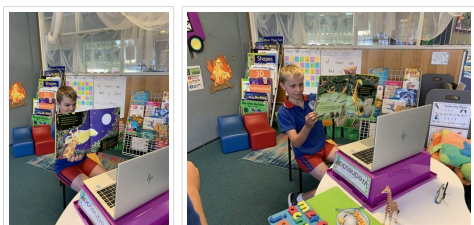


Kindergarten Excursion

As this edition of the newsletter goes out, Kindergarten will be returning from their first excursion! In a year that has been a bit different, we are so pleased that the students were able to have this experience. We are sure that we will be sending them home full of stories and ready for an early night! Pictures to come!

Zoom Storytime

We have been enjoying our Zoom Storytime with our local Pre Schools. Every Friday Morning the Kindergarten teachers have been joined by groups of Year 5 students to read stories to the Pre School children. During the Zoom our Kindergarten students have been showing work and art samples. It has been a great way to connect to our community.



Getting ready for Year 1

Kindergarten have started their transition to Year1. They have loved visiting the Year 1 classrooms and seeing all the wonderful activities that they will get to do next year. Over the next few weeks Year1 will be hosting Q&A sessions where they will be answering any questions the Kindergarten children have. It is an exciting time of growth and the Kindergarten teachers are very proud of their students.



Kindergarten 2021 Transition

Tomorrow we are holding our final transition afternoon for the 2021 Kindergarten students. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of the new students as they engaged in some

“big school” activities and explored Kindergarten classrooms. Parents of the incoming students have also been emailed information regarding our off-site information evening at Cronulla RSL Club from 4pm -6pm.

Stage 2 News

This week in Stage 2, we have been learning about 3D shapes, volume and capacity as well as revising addition and subtraction strategies through worded problems. What better way to learn about the capacity of different objects than with water, water and more water??



In English we have been concentrating on the concept of comparing and contrasting by analysing folk tales from New Zealand and dream time stories from Australia. In Geography, we have been learning about the features of New Zealand and creating short digital presentations about the country. Stage 2 children have been actively engaged in basketball and dance lessons as part of our social skills program held on Friday mornings. It has been fantastic to see their teamwork and collaboration during these sessions.

Please remember to send in your Surf awareness notes and fill in the online section for us as well.

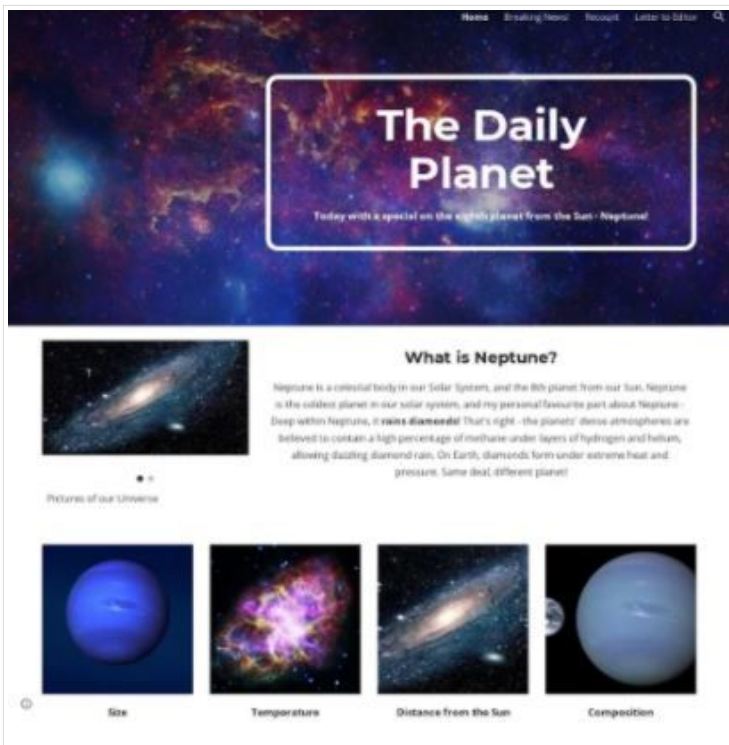
Stage 3 News

What a Week!

Yay for excursions! We absolutely loved being able to attend the athletics carnival last Tuesday. It was so lovely to see the students participating with such enjoyment and enthusiasm throughout the day. While we were sad to not have parents there as we normally would, it really made us all realise just how important these events are for developing our school spirit and bonding us as a community outside of the walls of the classroom. Thank you Mrs Newton for all of your efforts in organising this for us.

Stage 3 Writing Unit

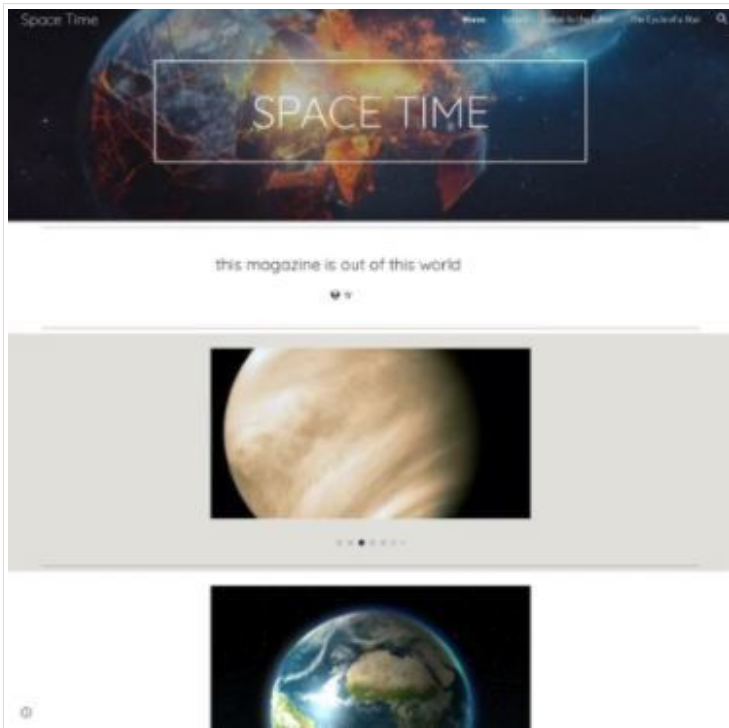
This term we have been looking at informative texts. Students are working to create their own online science based magazine embedding all of the text types we are learning about in class. Ask your child to have a look at their creation. I think we may have some future graphic designers, writers and website creators on our hands.



Bo S



Sophie M



Lola T



Max C

The Leader in Me

Just a shout out to all of our current and prospective leaders for this year. With the easing of restrictions this term we have really seen the current Year 6 buddies shine in their increasing interactions and lessons with their current kindergarten buddies. Similarly, last week and this Thursday our current Year 5 students have also had some leadership training as prospective buddies on Kindergarten orientation, Kindergarten transition days and preschool Zoom storytime on Friday's. All the teachers in Stage 3 and Kindergarten have been so impressed with the maturity, respect and responsible attitude all the students are displaying.

Well done Stage 3!

2021 Stage 3 Camp

Students in years 4 and 5 received the 2021 Great Aussie Bush Camp note last week. We ask that you please return the notes and payment as soon as possible to guarantee your child's attendance for the camp.

2021 Leadership Speeches

This Friday 20th November, the current year 5 students will present their leadership speeches to the school. Due to covid restrictions, we are broadcasting the leadership speeches live to years 2-4 to their classrooms, while years 5 & 6 will be a live audience in the library. The student and teacher vote will commence straight after the speeches.

We wish the prospective leaders all the best in their preparations this week!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Wow! What a fantastic effort for our first cookie dough drive fundraiser. As a school we ordered 267 tubs and raised approximately \$880. All families should have now finalised their prize orders and the tubs are being prepared to get sent to the school. We will keep you updated on what date delivery and collection will be. Thank you again to all of the families who participated and bought a tub (...or 17) to assist in raising funds for the year 6 farewell and graduation gift for the school. We are so lucky to have such a generous supportive community.

Athletics Carnival

The sunshine was out and the students were ready to compete in this year's 2020 Athletics/ Cross Country Carnival. Although the carnival looked slightly different, and we missed the support of our community, the students were there to cheer each other on as they competed in track and field events and finished with our annual cross country race.

The participation and engagement from our 3-6 students was very inspiring and they should all feel very proud of their efforts. It was especially warming to see the children's faces as they crossed the finish line of the Cross Country.

The teacher's will now combine the results of the Athletics/ Cross Country Carnival with our Swimming Carnival results to determine the sports Champions at our 2020 Presentation Day Assembly.

Winners of each track and field event will be awarded with their place ribbon on Tuesday 24th November, 2020 during our morning assembly. We will go Facebook Live at approximately 9am when presenting the ribbons to our award winners.

We have uploaded photos from the day to our website if you would to check it out!

<https://cronullas-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/2020---athletics-carnival.html>

Mrs Newton

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 12th November our school leaders laid a wreath to show our respect for all soldiers who have died to keep us safe and free. They represented all members of Cronulla South proudly.

'Lest We Forget'



Spell-a-thon Update

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Spell-a-thon fundraiser. We raised an amazing \$4,908.10! It was a great success and students had plenty of fun raising money and spelling their words.

Congratulations to the recipients of a \$30.00 gift voucher from 'The Best Little Bookshop in Town, Cronulla', Eyad KB, Cooper KM, Kiara 2HG, Sophia 2HG and Nicholas 5/6D!



Leader in Me

Expression of Interest - Green Thumb

Our beautiful garden beds are back to their former glory and ready for action! We have planted some herbs and crops that are in need of some love and care. This week, students in

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given the opportunity to complete an Expression of Interest to be part of our 'Green Thumbs' team. The 'Green Thumbs' will be meeting on Tuesdays and will be getting their hands dirty maintaining the garden, weeding and doing some planting. If you think this is something your child will enjoy, please encourage them to apply once they have received the EOI sheet from their teacher. EOI's will need to be returned at the end of this week to the school office.



This opportunity for students will continue into next year.

From Mrs 'Green Thumb' Hamill

Library News

Borrowing has now finished for the year in preparation for stocktake to occur in the last few weeks of term. Please return any school library books you may have at home; overdue notices will be handed out next week to students that have books still to be returned.

Book Club order are due by Friday 27th November, see Issue 8 catalogue online here <https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5754/bc820.pdf> Please note that we only accept online payments via the Scholastic LOOP app for all Book Club orders.

P&C News

Canteen Update

Thank you for the ongoing support of families from the school with the canteen. It is super popular and luckily we have an amazing group of volunteers who work to keep it up and running. Thank you to Rachel, Lauren, Kylie B, Matt, Jess, Sally, Rochelle, Sheila, Jo, Sheryl, Candy, Hayley L, Hayley S, Fiona, Miki, Jaimie, Agnes and Jo.

Most days in December still need some more volunteers, it is easy to sign up and easy to help, you will be shown how to do things. If the shifts are not covered, we will need to shut the canteen for these days.

We are still on the search for someone to replace Rachel for next year. Rachel has worked tirelessly to keep the canteen going for the last couple of years.

If you would like to help or can sign up for shifts, please go to <https://signup.zone/csps-canteen-roster>

If you would like to know more information about taking over for Rachel, please email at cspscanteenroster@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on Friday mornings 9.00 – 9.30am. Please sign in at the office beforehand. Text orders are still available for those not able to shop in person. Please text (0419797900) item required, quantity and size with your child's name and class and available items will be delivered to your child's teacher. Payment can follow on the Qkr app once order is received.

We are also looking for donations of summer tunics in smaller sizes 4-6 and also boys summer shirts in sizes 6-8. Any donations are gratefully received.

Just a reminder please do not order through the Qkr App for uniform items. We use this for payments only. Thank you, Tammy

Wellness Event

Next Wave Wellness. Redefining Wellness.

As we experience more of life, we come to realise it is a juggling act. When our efforts are misdirected or uninspired, our physical and emotional health can suffer. These feelings can multiply, affecting our family, our job, and our mental health. Simply working harder and achieving more is not always the answer, in fact, it often throws our lives even further out of balance. It is for these reasons we believe the concept of Wellness needs a rethink in 2020 to include physical, emotional, financial, and relationship health.

Life is too short to figure it all out for yourself, and that is one problem we can solve: This Next Wave Wellness event brings together a broad range of speakers who will share tools, techniques, and stories to help us develop Wellness in all aspects of our life.

Jimmy white: MC

Keynote speakers:

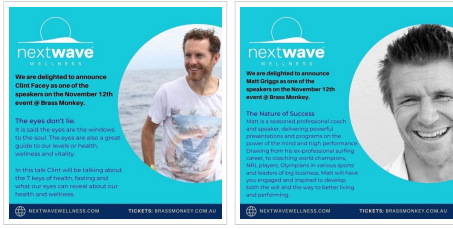
- Matt Griggs: Holistic high-performance coach
- Clint Facey: Diet/Fasting expert
- Alexa Towersey: Trainer and mental health speaker
- Sam Brown: Co founder at Munster kid , breath work and yoga teacher
- Micheal De Hann: Financial wellbeing specialist
- Karen Ewings: Wellbeing/How the body stores emotions.

This event is a TED-Style talk format.

The tickets includes live acoustic music by an exceptionally talented emerging artist and a two-course meal.

Don't miss out, get your tickets from the link below:

<https://brassmonkey.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/1159c8a0-2aba-4b09-b6e8-e4a96710cd32?Event=118901>.



Community Events

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