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Newsletter - Term 4 Week 10

Principal's Message

A very brief message from me in this final newsletter for 2021. It has been a terrific first year for me which I have enjoyed immensely. It has been full of surprises, but pandemics aside it has been an amazing learning experience. I do hope that you have had a positive year and I want to thank you personally for your support throughout 2021.

As the new principal, I will go into 2021 being the current principal and knowing this year has been the first of many years to come. I have been energised by working with great students, staff and community and I know that learning is about not always getting things right but trying to learn from them. This is why I became a lifelong learner and I believe it is a quality that we all can adopt to make our lives better.

This edition contains some information about our Bring Your Own Device policy and provides you with the resources to allow you to make some decisions about whether your child(ren), if in year 3 to 6 in 2021 can participate. There is also a video and access to the agreement which you can download.

There is a repeat of the links to our Presentation Day Ceremony Videos as well as the information video provided about stage and composite classes.

Sadly we will lose this year Ms Rekes and we wish her well on her journey as she takes up her permanent position at Chester Hill Public School, though we will gain Ms Palmervale who will be joining us as a graduate teacher. We also welcome Mr Jarman from Sylvania Heights Public School who will be a relieving assistant principal.

I hope you enjoy the summer break and have a chance to get away somewhere to relax and spend time as a family. We will be back on Friday 29 January for another year of learning and we hope to make it a big one for everyone. A new school plan and fresh vigour.

Stage and Composite Classes

This is a very topical and often emotional subject for many parents who worry greatly about a number of things when they hear that their child may be in a stage or composite class. We are keen to address those concerns as we do from time to time have stage and composite classes at Cronulla South Public Schools.

On Friday 4 December 2020, our principal Dr Neil Lavitt and our Kindergarten teacher Mrs Noelle Buhagiar and K-2 Assistant Principal - Ms Sally Pryor got together to have an honest conversation around the issue. The video below can be viewed at your leisure.

https://players.brightcove.net/6129823236001/default_default/index.html?videoid=6214018298001

We hope that this dispels some of the myths and gossip around this subject.

Bring Your Own Device 2021

Cronulla South Public School has as an option a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program across Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. Our vision is to encourage creative and innovative learning opportunities for students using BYOD as a tool to facilitate and maximise learning.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to student's bringing a personal technology device to school to use for educational

purposes under the direction of a teacher. For the purposes of BYOD, 'device' refers to a privately owned wireless laptop. This will also ease transitions into high school where students are required to bring their own laptop. Please Note: Cronulla South Public School has made the decision that mobile phones/smartphones/smartwatches and tablets will not be accepted as stated in the attached Digital Devices Use in School Policy.

Students will be able to connect compatible devices to a filtered DoE internet service which will provide safe and secure internet access for students.

There are many reasons to go BYOD at Cronulla South Public School. These include:

- Increased access to online resources.
- Increased access to develop the skills to use technology efficiently and effectively.
- More personalised and differentiated learning is available, eg. Using Google Classroom as a platform and a variety of apps to produce quality pieces of work, adjusted to individual learners' needs.
- Allows students more control of their learning.
- Develops student organisation skills and sense of responsibility.
- Creates future-focused learning environments that can increase student engagement.
- Eases transition to high school where students are required to use laptops more frequently.

Equity is integral to the BYOD initiative at Cronulla South Public School. This is an opt-in program for students who are able to bring in a device. Bringing a device for BYOD is not compulsory and devices will be made available at school for students who are unable to provide their own. However, students will not be allowed to take the school devices home and this is where the advantage of having your own device comes in. BYOD also provides a level of responsibility to students and gives them the opportunity to look after a device and manage things like charging. The school will be providing help to parents on how to ensure that devices are kept safe as well as to ensure that the devices.

A video has been created for the 2021 school year to introduce and provide information to parents about the program.

https://players.brightcove.net/6129823236001/default_default/index.html?videoid=6216486536001

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2382/csp_byod_parent_and_student_user_agreement_2021.pdf

Cronulla High School - Open Night

Cronulla High School has advised that their Open Night for 2021 will be Tuesday 9 March. At this point in time, they are unsure of what they will be allowed to do restriction wise but will keep us and you informed. If you have a child who will attend High School in 2022 and you are interested in Cronulla High School please add this date to your calendar.

Changes to payment options

We are no longer able to accept eftpos payments over the phone, payment options available are:

- online payment via the school website (preferred method)
- eftpos or cheque payments at the office
- cash in an envelope clearly labeled with child's name put into the letterbox at the office

Stationary Lists for 2021

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2395/2021_early_stage_1_equipment_list.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2396/2021_stage_1_equipment_list.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2398/2021_stage_2_equipment_list.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2399/2021_stage_3_equipment_list.pdf

K-2 News

Teachers and students have spent the last few days celebrating all the learning that has been achieved during 2020! I would like to thank all the amazing teachers for their efforts in ensuring every student is known, valued and cared for both in their academics and in their wellbeing. The teachers would like to wish all of our wonderful CSPS families a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Miss Sally Pryor

K-2 Assistant Principal



The school has a Parent and Student User Agreement 2021 which together with its Digital Devices Use in School Policy provides information on how the program works.

Stage 2 News

Surf Awareness

Stage 2 enjoyed their Surf Awareness day where they participated in water activities that allowed them to practice their skills in riding waves back to shore, how to move through a rip, how to safely move through large waves and how to safely get on and off a surf board!



Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell

Last night year 6 celebrated an end to a chapter in their schooling career. They all looked amazing dressed up and ready to dance the night away to their beach themed event. Specifically, in relation to the nights organisation I want to make a special thank you to the P&C fundraising committee and Fiona Brinsmead for organising the cookie dough fundraiser this year. Jennie Rogers for her many months and emails of coordination of the night. Simone McKenzie-Slaven for her decoration co-ordination and Ivana Casaceli for making the most beautiful cake we have ever seen!

Congratulations to all of the students from the graduating class of 2020. We wish you the very best of luck next year at high school. We know they will do amazing things in their future and we hope that they still pop in to visit and say hello every now and again. Have a wonderful and very well-earned Christmas break. We will miss you all!



Farewell to Families

A special farewell to many of our long term families that will be leaving us this year as their last child graduates from primary school.

Casaceli family (Yumi, Babette and Orlando)

Inglis family (Eden, Luke, Marnie and Elsie)

Toman family (Eliane, Clancy, Milan and Wilson)

Day family (Alexia, Georgia and William)

McKenzie-Slaven family (Darcy, Willow and Fergus)

O'Flynn family (Mila, Sasha, Sana and Nikolas)

Tomkins family (Nathanal, Riley, Jake and Brady)

We have watched your families grow (some from before they were even born). To say we will miss this large part of our community is an understatement. The teachers at the school, both past and present, have either taught one or been lucky enough to have taught multiple of your children and we will be very sad to see you leave us. We wish you all the best for the future.

Mrs Chapman

Relieving Assistant Principal

Presentation Day

Last Thursday 10th December we held our annual Presentation Day. It was certainly a different event to previous years, but with some restrictions lifting, we were excited to welcome parents back into our school.

There were four assemblies held on the day to recognise student achievements in academics, sport, citizenship and creative arts. We had special performances from our band and dance ensembles, and films prepared by our News Team. We also recognised milestones for our 2020 Kindergarten and Year 6 students, with special graduation assemblies. To enable all families to view the event, the assemblies were professionally live-streamed.

While this was a mammoth task, we are proud of what we were able to share with our CSPS community. Thank you to all staff and parents for helping to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2020.

The video of the ceremonies can be assessed still online using the following links:

- Kindergarten Graduation
- K-2 Awards Ceremony
- 3-5 Awards Ceremony
- Year 6 Graduation



News Team

Surf Awareness

On December 8th and 9th, 2020, Stage 2 & 3 had the opportunity to go to a surf awareness excursion at Elouera Beach. Despite the windy conditions everyone enthusiastically participated in flags, board riding and wading.

Board Riding

Board riding is an essential skill needed for big waves and just generally being in the surf. The instructors gave us the skills, knowledge and to encourage us to go out in the surf.

Firstly, we got on the board before we went in the surf and learnt how to stay safe in the water. Then we ran in groups into the water and had so much fun, practicing our new skills!

Flags

Flags is a game that involves 10 people that fight it out for a piece of tube in the sand. The aim of the game is to get a flag in the sand before the other competitors get there. The starting commands are, 'competitors ready, heads down and go!'

This game is very fun because it builds your speed off the mark and you can enjoy it with your friends and they can cheer you on. Flags are also really good exercise.

Wading

Although tiring, wading in the surf helped us move through the surf and navigate where the rips were. We use it when the water is too deep to run, but too shallow to dolphin dive.

It was a great experience for all students, and we all learnt something new.

News Team 2020.

Basketball Program - Term 4

In Term 4, all students in K-6 had the opportunity to participate in a school-wide Basketball Program.

The Basketball program provided an opportunity for students to learn about, and develop, a variety of physical movement skills aligned to the PD/H/PE Syllabus. The program used games and drills to provide students with a variety of skills that enhanced motor skills, footwork and hand-eye coordination as well as teaching the rules and concepts of basketball. The students had a great term of Basketball.

Miss Galletta
Sports Coordinator

P&C News

Canteen Update

A massive thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have kept the canteen open for this year. A special thank you to Rachel who has worked for the last 4 years on ensuring the canteen runs well and opens. Rachel will be leaving us next year.

Thank you to Jen for organising our volunteers each term.

A huge thank you to Lauren for the ongoing support. Please if anyone is interested in helping next year with the canteen please email cspscanteenroster@gmail.com

We will keep you updated closer to the beginning of Term 1 2021 with canteen news and updates.

Transdev Back to School Information

As we all know this year has been a little different and we have all adapted to the new extra clean and hygienic way of doing things.

Please find information below that will students and parents with all the information they will need to make their journey to and from school.

- A copy of your school bus timetable
- A letter discussing the importance of encouraging tapping on and off the service
- A copy of the code of conduct – Behaviour of School Students on School Buses.
- School bus information guide

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2357/crops.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2355/2021_back_to_school_letter_parent_handout.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2356/code_of_conduct_behaviour_of_school_students_on_school_buses.pdf

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2358/school_bus_information_guide.pdf

Community Events

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