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Newsletter - Term 3 Week 4

Principal's Message

Welcome to our Term 3 Week 4 edition of our newsletter. As the term moves along we have had a very successful last two weeks at the school with lots of parent-teacher meetings held mostly via Zoom and some very positive parent feedback. Some of the comments reflected the flexibility of the video conferencing options and the opportunity it provided for focussed discussion. So that we can undertake a deeper evaluation of our parent-teacher interview processes, we are asking today that you complete an evaluation of this via the survey link provided in this newsletter. We would like to learn more about how we might be able to modify our traditional processes into the future to better enable communication with families about their child(ren)'s learning.

During Education week last week, we were able to bring families into the school with a range of Facebook Live events provided at different points. Our aim was to give an insight into the school and to allow all classrooms to be featured. I think we exceeded that and I urge you to take advantage of the resource developed on our Facebook page as you will be able to see videos from across the school. We've had so many positive comments about this and hope that we have given everyone an opportunity to see us learning together.

Our unsung heroes often remain unmentioned and Donna, our wonderful Road Crossing Officer is one of them. She does a phenomenal job of keeping everyone safe during the busy morning drop off and morning pickup on Trevellyan Road. Last week she was interviewed by the NSW Department of Education's media unit and featured in a Facebook post. This has been shared on Facebook but has also been included in this newsletter. Please say hi to Donna and thank her for her great efforts to keep everyone safe.

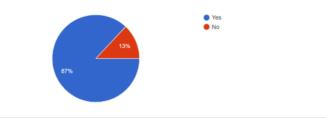
The reminders of the reality that COVID-19 is all around us is everywhere. The situation in Victoria, the fact the world has not yet reached it peak and the fluctuating numbers as NSW Health's amazing contact tracers work so hard to ensure that clusters get locked down in NSW before they can multiply, all remind of this. You will notice that we have finally had to cancel our stage 3 camp. It's a big one as its a visit to the Nations capital and for some a first and maybe only chance as a child to visit the snow. However, as the NSW Premier echoed this morning while reflecting on the Tangara School for Girls cluster, camps are not a good idea. Mr Dickson has made an announcement in this newsletter and we'll look at some smaller options if we're able to offer them. PSSA starts this week but if parents, carers or families turn up to cheer on, games will immediately stop until they leave.

At times like this we do need to all remind ourselves that we need to work together to keep everyone safe. If you are coughing or have a cold, the health advice is to get tested and isolate until you know it is OK. After that, if still coughing, the wearing of a mask to protect others is a good idea. While you may have been tested negative, others seeing you cough openly do not know this. Sadly, this was witnessed by parents outside the school. Please remember to work together to keep everyone safe.

Presentation Day Venue

We have now closed the parent survey requesting your say in the venue for our annual 2020 Presentation Day assembly. Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. We had 100 responses, which is an amazing outcome. The survey results showed the majority of families who participated in the survey were happy to have the Presentation Day assembly at Cronulla South Public School. We are currently obtaining quotes to upgrade the AV equipment in the school hall which we believe is inadequate at this time and will proceed with the organisation to hold the event this year at CSPS. While the current restrictions prevent these events from happening at this moment we will follow advice on this as conditions change. Question 1 - Proposal A - Holding the Presentation Day assemblies in the CSPS school hall until the Sutherland Entertainment Centre reopens. K-2 academic assembly in the morning and 3-6 academic assembly in the afternoon. Sport and Creative Arts assembly on a separate day. This will save the school \$2000 in hire fees and could be used to upgrade technology in the hall. This option allows more families to attend and students are not required to pay bus hire.

100 responses



Evaluation of Parent Teacher Interviews from Semester 1, 2020

Our teachers have now completed parent-teacher interviews and the school would like to know more of how these online or phone based interviews were perceived by you, our community. We are aware they were not, face to face and wonder how this affected them. Please complete the survey at the link below. Just one response per family is required.

Thank you for helping us learn and improve our practice as a school.

School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 18th August.** Students will be required to wear full winter uniform.

Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below (envelopes have also been previously sent home and are available from the office):

TO ORDER: https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/ keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=P79DJNRJ6

Don't forget to order your sibling photos. These must be ordered online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. Sibling order envelopes are available from the school office.

This year, our sibling photographs will be taken prior to the school day starting from 8:20am in the school hall. Please take your children straight to the Trevelleyan Street gate on the Northern Site to meet a teacher for their sibling photograph to be taken. Once photos have been taken, groups of students will be escorted across to the Southern Site playground.

If you have already paid earlier in the year, you do not need to reorder.

Thank you

K-2 News

In reflection, the Education Week theme - 'Learning Together', really does sum up 2020 so far. Despite not having our traditional open classrooms this year, discussions in many

parent interviews are leading us to believe that many parents are feeling more in touch than ever with their child's learning progress since distance education.

K-2 teachers are currently putting together a plan to introduce, SeeSaw for families later in this term. SeeSaw was the online learning journal that K-2 used during distance learning and we are hopeful that, once we get it up and running in the classroom, we can provide families with an access code so that you are able to view photographs of work completed at school. More information will come on this but we wanted to share as we are excited to continue to strengthen the important home school partnerships.

K-2 Pick Up

Most of the K-2 parents will have noticed that the teachers have been trialling a slight change to our afternoon procedures. It has been running quite smoothly (we think) and these are just a few tweaks to try and spread out the students and families.

2:40pm - Kindergarten & Year 1

- Kindergarten exiting through the smaller gate (directly in front of the car pick up)
- Year 1 exiting through the driveway gate.

2:50pm - Year 2 & Year 3

- Year 2 exiting through the smaller gate (directly in front of the car pick up)
- Year 3 exiting through the driveway gate.

We thank you for picking up your children promptly and moving off straight after pick up. As much as it is tempting to discuss important issues with teachers, we need to be very cautious of social distancing and we would really appreciate you taking the time to email or call the school to pass on these messages.

Kindergarten Story time with Local Preschools

Last Friday, Kindergarten had a special virtual visit from some of our local Preschool students. Through the magic of zoom, we were able to celebrate the end of Education Week with a shared reading of our book called 'The Koala who Could'. Kindergarten students were proud to show off some of their artwork and writing. We are looking forward to meeting our 2021 Kindergarten Cohort during our upcoming Orientation Morning and afternoon sessions.

Year 3-6 News

Stage 2

Stage 2 students and teachers would like to thank the families for joining the Facebook live presentations during Education Week. We hope that you enjoyed seeing your child learning in the classroom.

We are continuing our work on persuasive writing and presenting speeches in class over the next two weeks. In Mathematics, the students will be focussing on learning about fractions. We encourage the students to complete Mathletics tasks around the focus topic for their Homework. The students are thoroughly enjoying the gymnastics program. They have learnt about balance and strength.

Just a reminder for students in PSSA teams that this commences on Friday.

Enjoy your week

Stage 2 Team

Stage 3 2020 Canberra Camp Cancellation

Sadly we have to confirm that this year's Stage 3 camp to Canberra and the Snowy mountains is cancelled. We hoped that restrictions would be lifted and we could continue with the camp as planned, it is now clear that this will not be the case. This decision has been made based on NSW Department of Education current COVID-19 restrictions, that school camps are not to go ahead at this time.

We understand that attending camp in Stage 3 is an important part of student life at Cronulla South Public School and many students will be very disappointed they are unable to attend. These are difficult circumstances that are changing so many aspects of normality. With this in mind, we are currently exploring potential incursions/excursions of both an academic and social nature and will be communicating this to the school community as soon as possible.

We can confirm for our year 4 and 5 students that the Stage 3 2021 Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation camp and Bathurst Goldrush camps have been booked and feel confident that a full program of year 7 camps will be planned for 2021.

Mr Dickson

Years 3-6 Assistant Principal

Debating

Congratulations to our first debating team for winning their first debate! They did such an amazing job and we are so proud of their efforts. Keep an eye out for the next one!

Miss Rekes



Positive Behaviour for Learning

SAFE

RESPECTFUL

ACTIVE LEARNERS

This week's focus area is: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Our students from 2HG say to be *respectful* before and after school we must:

"Be helpful at SCOOSH and help the teachers tidy up the equipment" – Sienna

"Listen to the teachers on duty in the morning" - Lacy

"Listen carefully to the teachers at the gate after school"- James

To be safe before and after school we must:

"be in the right place, at the right time" - Rye

"Remember to walk safely on the asphalt" – Amelie and Eva "always wear a helmet when we ride our skateboard to school"

– Jasper

To be an active learner before and after school we must: "When the teachers are talking, we need to listen" – Sophia "Show your 5L's during the morning assembly" – Hugh "Go into your car without a fuss" – Charlize

Leader in Me

This week's habit ...

Habit 2 - Begin with the end in mind



Have a plan: I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my

classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Purpose: Having an end in mind helps your child be able to have a purpose for their goal and for the specific steps that will help them achieve it.

Activity: As a family (or with an individual child), choose an area that needs improvement. The area of improvement, or the broad goal, becomes your end in mind. Then think of specific steps that will lead to achieving this goal.

Upstanders Expression of Interest

WOW! Check out all these amazing applications for our UPSTANDERS project Expression of Interests!

We are so excited to begin working with these wonderful students to begin our journey.



Library News

Tristan Bancks Author Talk

Last week Year 4, 5 and 6 had a very fun morning with Australian author Tristan Bancks. We had a virtual author meeting him through Zoom and he is a very funny guy! He told us about how he makes his books and showed us some of his book trailers, which were really cool – especially the Two Wolves trailer, it was really intriguing. We learnt that he usually bases his books on something that has happened in his life and then adds to the story to make it funny or suspenseful. We saw the animations for his latest book, Nit Boy, and the stages it went through when it was being made. Tristan Bancks was one of the funniest author talks we've ever had and we can't wait to read his books.

Written by 6G



Lego Donations

Cronulla South Public School are looking to start a STEM club later in the term. We are currently seeking donations of Lego blocks to be used as a resource for the program.

If you have Lego that is no longer being used and wish to donate this to the school STEM Club, could you please bring it into the school office.



Road Safety

Road Crossing Supervisor

A great story about our wonderful Road Crossing Supervisor, Donna. The sentiments echoed by those who responded to the post ring so true as Donna cares each day for the road safety needs of our students. Make sure you say hello the next time you cross.

"The older kids call me by my name but most of the time I'm the lollipop lady. I don't mind being called that at all. I really love it.

My grandkids are my everything. I thought I'd give this job a go and see, and you know what... I love it. I really do. I'm a crossing supervisor at Cronulla South Public School and the kids here are fantastic, so polite and they always say good morning and thank you. Such good kids, kids you'd be proud to have.

It's nice to be out here every day. All the bus drivers wave. The garbage truck men wave, the police, they all come around and they say hello. It's like being part of a big NSW Government family.

There's a sweet, old lady who lives up the road and she drives past the crossing each morning and she waves at me. She'll even come down and say, "you're doing a really good job, great work". She's so cute and it makes my day. The community, the teachers, the parents are so appreciative and it makes such a difference. I'm here to look out for their kids. Everyone can be in a rush but it's important to just slow down.

Remember, you're only allowed to be driving 40km/ph in school zones. The kids come first. You have to understand that they're only little. They can do silly things without thinking. So slow down, keep an eye out and watch out for me and my big red stop sign.

If you're considering becoming a crossing supervisor, it's worth doing. You feel like a part of the community when you do this job. You get to know people and they get to know you.

I'm going to be doing this for a long time yet. Up until I retire. Maybe even after. As long as the kids are at school and I have my big red lollipop sign. I'll be here."

- Donna, NSW Crossing Supervisor, Cronulla South Public School.



School Banking - volunteer required

Can you volunteer? We need your help with the School Banking program!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running at our school we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and will only takes a small amount of your time. The Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is to be decided dependant on the volunteer's availability.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the School Office for further details or our School Banking Specialist Milanka Plavsic 0455 082 987 by 24/8/2020.