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Newsletter - Term 4 Week 2

## Principal's Message

A big welcome to the first newsletter of Term 4 and the last term of 2020. What a year we have had so far and I am sure that this term will prove to be just as interesting; be it hopefully one where we have further easing of restrictions. Being well into week 2 already, we have hit the ground running with parent-teacher interviews and Book Week is underway. Today it was magnificent to see all of the children arriving in their amazing costumes for the annual book parade. The students have Mr Strong as principal for the day and all of the other members of staff have their Little Miss costumes on as our theme. I certainly loved the Roger Hargreaves series as a child and spent many evening reading these marvellous little books to my son before he went to school. Book week is about celebrating literature and the amazing transformational properties of books. I have always said that reading can change your life and of course books sit at the heart of it.

This term we will also be starting the process of orientation for our new Kindergarten cohort for 2021. Over a series of a morning session and two afternoons sessions we will be providing an orientation experience for our new students for next year to allow them the opportunity to meet each other and experience what it is like to be in little - big school. Ms Pryor and the Kindergarten 2021 team have been very busy planning this and working hard to ensure we stay within the COVID-19 safe guidelines.

This term we will be leading up to our annual presentation day and while at this stage we are unable to have parents onsite, we are hoping for some changes in restrictions, even if it allows us to hold this with parents of award winners. Whatever happens, we will be working hard to ensure that the events of the ceremony are recorded and provided to parents to watch at their leisure.

As part of that, the school will be holding an Athletics Carnival on 10 November at Sylvania Athletics Track. This no parent

event will allow the students to compete for a number of events and will include a long-distance event that will go towards deciding on a cross country champion. While the events will not flow on to a zone carnival, they will fill a much-missed gap in our schedule and be a massive amount of fun for students in year 3 to 6.

The school is still busy with its school planning and shortly there will be an announcement of a parent community event that will be an opportunity to be involved in our school improvement planning process and see where the executive and school staff believe we need to improve for student outcomes. Indeed, this plan is very much about school improvement that maximises the results for all students. It does not define everything we do at school but it does identify what we will be tackling in-depth to improve to maximise students outcomes. Stand by for that and other events that will be announced. As usual, be assured that I will keep you up to date on any developments.

## Concerns for Road Safety Around the School

Road safety is a critical area of student learning which sets them up for the future as pedestrians, riders of bikes and future drivers. Road safety of course starts with adults being the safe role models showing the very best behaviour on and around the roads. This is of course something that our teachers do every day across the curriculum, modelling the best way to do things. School does not stop at the school gates of course and the very best road safety skills have to be displayed everywhere.

Our Work Health and Safety Directorate are extremely concerned about parent vehicle movements around schools and this is fervently supported by the NSW Police and local government. At Cronulla South, our split-site means that this is an area that we have to double down on. Sutherland Shire Council approved the provision of our great school crossing supervisor, Donna, who does an amazing job at the busy times where vehicle movements are at their maximum. It greatly saddens us when we receive reports from multiple parents that disrespect is being shown to Donna by some parents. Equally,

it concerns us when we receive reports from both teachers and other parents that some parents are picking up their children on bikes and not wearing bike helmets. While this is clearly illegal, we would like to point out that sets a massively dangerous precedent to other students who of course respect adults and see this as a reason to not wear helmets themselves. Bike helmets can save lives as well as irreversible brain injuries. Please wear them and remind others if they are not, that they need to be dismounted from bikes.

Please support good road safety around the school by:

1. Crossing at the road crossing and let Donna help you with this during the busy times she is on duty;
2. Only ride bikes with a helmet and use a safe children's seat and a child helmet while carrying children on a bike;
3. When driving around the school - do not do 3 point turns, U-turns, mount the footpath or park in the wrong areas; and
4. Model the very best behaviour to your children, and other children so that this becomes second nature as they start to become independent.

We have been advised by Work Health and Safety Directorate that due to the split-site CSPA is considered a higher risk school for road safety and that Cronulla Police are aware of this. Their policy is to use a combination of patrols in marked and unmarked vehicles to manage safety. They do not advise the school as to when they conduct these patrols.

## Water bottles

Due to COVID-19, we are still under the direction to discontinue the use of drinking bubblers. As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child is coming to school with a full drink bottle, clearly labelled with your child's name.



## Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

Welcome to Term 4! The students have come back ready for learning, jumping right into new learning opportunities. Some have a few less teeth, some have a slick new haircut and others have stories of long, long car trips (hmmm... I am not so sure that it really took 10 hours to go down the coast, although maybe it felt like it on the long weekend). It's great that everyone, including the teachers, had a well deserved break.

We were excited to start Basketball this term. The students make great progress over the term and they thoroughly enjoy learning from the enthusiastic coaches. Year 2 swim school has also started up again as students had their first lesson last Friday. The teachers are also looking forward to catching up with parents and carers during our second round of parent teacher interviews for 2020. Another great way to gain an insight into your child's learning is through the Seesaw app. Please let us know if you have had any issues logging on using the codes sent home last Term.

### Mathletics

Since distance learning, students have completed varied amounts of tasks on Mathletics. Rather than setting tasks, we are encouraging students to allocate a timeframe for how long they spend completing activities. If they have completed all the tasks, we encourage them to click on the 'Play' tab. Here they will find 'Live Mathletics' (a great place to get faster at quickly recalling number facts) and 'Rainforest Maths' (a whole new platform of interactive math games).

### Birthday Invitations

It is wonderful that parents are facilitating the celebration of their children's birthday and inviting friends is an important part of that. It stands to reason that it may not be possible to invite everyone in or grade or class to these celebrations. Recently we have become aware on a number of occasions that the exciting ritual of giving out invitations to friends in the class has led to unintended consequences. It has resulted in some children being made to feel noticeably upset when confronted with the reality that they were not included. While all the teachers support the development of resilience and are equipped to support students if they become upset on the occasion that they are not invited to a party, this is becoming a more frequent occurrence and we now feel it is becoming a wellbeing issue.

Consequently, K-2 teachers are politely requesting that **party invitations be distributed outside of school**. We believe that with the array of communication available, students can be invited effectively and more discreetly. We really appreciate parents understanding in this matter.



## Stage 2 News

Welcome back! While this year has certainly flown, it has been lovely to see the growth and learning the students have made throughout the year. We have enjoyed sharing this progress with you during our Parent Teacher Interviews this week.

### Stage 2 Term 4 Programs

#### English

This term Stage 2 will be learning about Australia's neighbouring countries. They will compare how places are the same and different to where they live. The students will listen to traditional stories and view and write informative texts.

#### Mathematics

During Term 4 we will be focussing on Measurement and Geometry concepts, with the students learning about 3D shapes, volume, capacity and mass. We will continue to revise number facts in class, including multiplication and division algorithms.

#### Science

All classes have now experienced working with the Ozobot robotics and have thoroughly enjoyed coding and creating stories. We will continue to implement these in the classroom, as well as the 360 Camera. In Science, we will be looking at Forces, including magnetism, friction and gravity.

#### Geography

This term's geography unit will link with our English focus. We will be mapping places which neighbour Australia and labelling their features.

#### PDHPE

The students have already begun their basketball program and have actively engaged in dribbling, throwing and catching activities. Stage 2 will continue their social skills activities on Friday morning which will focus on health and safety this term.

#### CAPA

In creative arts, Stage 2 will be focussing on dance and music.

Enjoy your week

Stage 2 Teachers

## Stage 3 News

#### English

We are very excited to begin our new reading program this term with the introduction of reciprocal reading and literature circles. Through these structures students will be guided in lessons

on the super 6 comprehension strategies. In writing, stage 3 is looking at a focus of informative texts and the variety of structures and language features associated with these.

#### Mathematics

This term students will participate in lessons focusing on the concepts of whole number, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, chance, mass (Year 6) and time (Year 5). Stage 3 are also trialing the introduction of ability based math groups on Tuesday's with the content focus area of fractions and decimals.

#### Middle School Learning Areas

**Science** - With the addition of Mrs Cini to the stage 3 teaching team students will be learning about the Earth and Space. Specifically Earth's place in our solar system and changes to Earth's surface.

**Geography** - This term Miss Galletta is focusing on the factors that shape places. Students will be looking at the impact of humans on the natural environment, impact of bushfires on Australian people.

**PDH/PE** - Mr Taylor will be teaching the students about how to be safe in a variety of situations. Next week stage 3 students will be visited by the school's liaison officer from Sutherland Police station to be taught about being safe when online.

#### The Leader in Me & PBL

An addition to our middle school program for term 4 will be the respectful relationships program. We are extremely fortunate that stage 3 will get to experience the expertise of Mrs Buhagiar and Mr Taylor for lessons specifically for stage 3 girls & boys focusing on respectful relationships and conflict resolution.

#### Reminder Leadership EOI's

A reminder for all year 5 students who are wishing to submit an expression of interest for the 2021 leadership team that these are due Friday of week 3 (30/10/20). Continue to work on and refine these applications this week. We have some amazing potential in year 5 and can't wait to see you shine!

## Book Parade

Written by Cyan, Maddy, Elsie & Brooke

Today students participated in Book Day. There were a variety of great costumes all across the years! Some people got very creative, for example some of the Year 6 Girls were Book Fairies and made paper wings with books attached! Cyan, Bo, Maddy, Clayton and Brooke made the Mystery Machine out of cardboard, wood, and paint to go with their Scooby Doo group costume idea. We had an amazing book day parade and we were given a red carpet to make the show perfect!

After the book parade, many great helpers from the News Team interviewed some of the wonderful characters asking them a lot of questions and what they are. At lunch we combined all of the stages on the South Side of the school and at the end of the day we were all exhausted.



We also had the spell-a-thon pretest today and wish everyone good luck in the next few weeks when we do the post-test. It was a great day for everyone.



## Kindergarten Transition 2021

In the last few days of Term 3, we had exciting news that the department guidelines were changing to facilitate the onsite transition for Kindergarten 2021 students. We are so excited to meet these new students and welcome any new families to CSPA. Our new dates are:

- Orientation Morning - Tuesday, 3rd November 2020
- Transition Afternoon - Wednesday, 11th November 2020
- Transition Afternoon - Thursday, 19th November 2020

Families of 2021 Kindergarten students have been emailed information including staggered starting times and details on how to book a time for enrolment interviews. While it will look different this year, we are busy working on plans to get the usual beginning school information to our parents over the next few weeks.

## Year 6 Fundraiser Spell-A-Thon Sponsorship Collection

Thank you for helping your child practice for the Spell-A-Thon.

Today students in K-6 completed their spelling test in class and were given their results to bring home.

Students will now have two weeks to collect the sponsorship money from their sponsors. Your child's sponsorship card and money should be returned no later than Friday 6th November to the front office, clearly labeled with the students name and class, with their money and sponsorship card enclosed. Sponsorship cards returned after this date will be ineligible to go into the prize draw.

Your support for this fundraiser is much appreciated. Many thanks in anticipation!

Sam Galletta

Spell-A-Thon Coordinator

## Stellar Performing Arts Academy – REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR TERM 4!

Due to a great response for after school drama classes to run at CSPA in Term 4 – registrations are now officially open with classes starting next Wednesday 28 October and Thursday 29 October for 6 weeks.

Drama Classes will be held as follows:

### WEDNESDAY 2:50pm - 4pm

Stage 2 (Years 3&4)

Stage 3 (Years 5&6)

### THURSDAY 2:50pm - 4pm

Early Stage (Kindy)

Stage 1 (Years 1&2)

Please select the link below that applies to you to register, and don't forget to use your FREE \$100 Creative Kids Voucher! Please note that if you are using your voucher the \$100 WILL NOT automatically come off the price. We have to validate the voucher number on the NSW Government website and then manually apply it to your booking. If there is any outstanding fees your will be emailed the final invoice.

Early Stage 1 (KINDY) - Thursday Northern Site

<https://stellarperformingarts.corsizio.com/c/5f8cf5589fcc644ffd1b8777>

Stage 1 (YRS 1&2) - Thursday Southern Site

<https://stellarperformingarts.corsizio.com/c/5f8cf79b9fcc6485aa1b87bb>

Stage 2 (YRS 3&4) - Wednesday Northern Site

<https://stellarperformingarts.corsizio.com/c/5f8cf7df9fcc642f801b87c3>

Stage 3 (YRS 5&6) - Wednesday Southern Site

<https://stellarperformingarts.corsizio.com/c/5f8cf8229fcc64b5cc1b87cb>

If you have any problem with links above, you can also enrol VIA the website by heading to [www.stellarperformingarts.com](http://www.stellarperformingarts.com) and clicking on the TERM tab.

Once registered we will be giving a list of all our students' names to the school so they can make sure they will go to the correct meeting place where we will be there to greet them.

Parent Pick Up arrangements at 4pm:

- students on the [northern site](#) to be collected from outside the Trevellyan Street Northern Site Staff Car Park gate
- students located on the [southern site](#) to be collected from outside Trevellyan Street Southern Site gate (near the Library)

Please advise Stellar Performing Arts Academy and SCOOSH if your child will be required to attend SCOOSH after drama classes.



## Dyslexia Awareness Month

By Cyan McKinnon

Dyslexia affects 1 in 5 people; this means you definitely know someone who is dyslexic. It also runs in families. People with dyslexia do not lack intelligence – quite the opposite. In fact, there are many famous and successful people who have dyslexia such as Steve Jobs – the founder of Apple, and Richard Branson, the owner of Virgin Airlines. The brain of a dyslexic person is just wired in a different way, which can make tasks such as reading and writing very difficult. Dyslexic people are often creative, big picture thinkers. They make great architects, scientists and inventors. They also tend to be caring and compassionate people because they know what it's like to struggle and feel like they don't fit in.

The month of October is dyslexia awareness month, this is why you have all been encouraged to wear a touch of **RED** this month and **RED mufti** on Friday 23rd to acknowledge your support for people with dyslexia.

You can also demonstrate your support for dyslexic people by being kind and understanding. If you see them struggling to read a word or understand what the teacher has asked them to do - don't make fun of them, just quietly lend them a helping hand. Your small act of kindness will be met with a huge sense of relief and gratitude.



## Online Enrolment System

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 26 October 2020.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#).

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website [here](#).

## School Travel Applications 2021

[https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2057/school\\_travel\\_applications\\_2021.pdf](https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2057/school_travel_applications_2021.pdf)

## Sydney Technical High School - information for Year 5 students

[https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2058/prospective\\_year\\_7\\_students\\_at\\_sths\\_2022.pdf](https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2058/prospective_year_7_students_at_sths_2022.pdf)

## P&C News

### P&C UPDATE

The next virtual P&C meeting will be held on Monday 26th October via Zoom. All details will be available on the school app during the course of this week.

### CANTEEN UPDATE

Thank you for the ongoing support of the canteen volunteers. Thank you to Rachel and Lauren for their weekly support.

At this stage the canteen will open on Tuesday's and Thursday's for Term 4. However, we are in great need for more volunteers as there are many shifts that have not been filled. If they are not filled, the canteen will not be open on these days.

It is easy to sign up, please go to the <https://signup.zone/csp-canteen-roster>.

We are also still looking for a volunteer to take over the role that Rachel Scott has been doing for the last couple of years. If anyone can help, please email [CPScanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:CPScanteenroster@gmail.com)

Thank you to the ongoing support of Aleksey with the QKR app.