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Newsletter - Term 1 Week 3

## Principal's Message

With week 3 upon us it seems amazing that due to the first week being one day at school, the students have only been on site for 9 days. In that time we have finally formed our classes for 2021 having met the NSW Department of Education's requirement to allow us to form 11 classes. We communicated this earlier to parents in a SchoolZine email and SZapp but it is repeated in this newsletter.

As we get started with classes, Mrs Waring, Ms Pryor and the teachers are keen to provide some information to you in a Meet the Teacher fashion. Again this information was communicated via SchoolZine email and SZapp so that you may RSVP for your spot via the survey. We will also be making videos available to you that go through how the stage and classes are set up.

I attended the Stage 3 camp last week and thanks to the great organisation starting with Ms Chapman last year and Mrs Waring this year, we had an amazing time at the Kincunber Great Aussie Bush Camp. The students who attended were brilliant and it was amazing watching them take risks with the activities. Some activities focussed on trust, hesitation and focus and included walking off a ledge at 15m in an activity called the Power Fan and being released in a giant swing with two other students at up to 20m.

The focus on safety was also great for the students as they were able to see how using the correct safety equipment enabled them to be safe while taking risks. I certainly thoroughly enjoyed myself and I know that Mrs Waring and Ms Galletta would echo my words. I would also like to thank both of them for the huge commitment in energy to make this happen as well as Ms Chapman for all the organisation last year that allowed it to happen so soon in the school year.

Our new Kindergarten students started last week and after only three days we were able to form classes. Ms Buhagiar, Ms McIntosh and Ms Palmervale have been working very hard

to make this the very best start with great support from all around them. Thank you to them for their commitment. Indeed the start of the year is challenging for all teachers as they organise their new classes and I would like to thank them for the professionalism and effort.

I hope the next two weeks are enjoyable for you.

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

Normally around this time of year, we hold a meet the teacher session focussed on providing all of the information that you need about their child(ren)'s new class(es). COVID-19 restrictions are still affecting the numbers we can have at the school and as such we have decided to approach this in a different way. Doing this we believe this will offer flexibility and be COVIDsafe. Our focus really is about allowing: an option for onsite; an option offsite for those who prefer; a flexible after-work time; as well as minimising the exposure time in classrooms.

Consequently, we will be:

1. Providing a Face to Face opportunity to meet the teacher for up to 30 adults, including the teacher in your child's classroom. This will be held on either Wednesday 17 or Thursday 18 February at 3:45 pm to 4:05. This will be a Q & A session opportunity only. A video including information about the school, stage and class setup will be released on Monday 15 February.
2. A meeting via Zoom for an unlimited number of parents or relatives that will be held at 7 pm to 7:20 pm hosted by the class teacher for a question and answer session.

The purpose of this form is to RSVP for these events. In the case of the Face to Face event, attendance will be limited to 29 parents and 1 teacher. Consequently, you **may only register one parent per family**. You are welcome to also attend the Zoom meeting or the other parent may attend this meeting.

It will be necessary to register (RSVP) for these sessions through a simple form.

### Meet the Teacher RSVP

Kind regards,  
Dr Neil Lavitt  
Principal

## Bring Your Own Device

Thank you to all families who have gotten their devices ready for BYOD learning. We will be allowing devices to be brought in after the meet the teacher sessions where we will provide you with some more information and guidance around when to bring the device; the agreement and how we will be managing this in the classroom. We expect that devices will begin to be brought in at the beginning of week 5 - effectively 16 days into the new school year.

If you still haven't committed to this, no problem, you can still source an appropriate computer that meets the guidelines and to help you with this a video has been created for the 2021 school year to introduce and provide information to parents about the program.

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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.

[https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2382/csps\\_byod\\_parent\\_and\\_student\\_user\\_agreement\\_2021.pdf](https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2382/csps_byod_parent_and_student_user_agreement_2021.pdf)

We realise that this was aimed at the holiday period, but we thought that a reminder about this may work well for you.

## School Photo Day

Our school photo day is Thursday, 18th March 2021.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit code:

CODE: P79DJNRJ6

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed. If you do not wish to order online, a sibling envelope is available to pick up from the office.

## PSSA

### What is PSSA?

PSSA stands for the Primary Schools Sports Association. Schools across Sydney and NSW are organised into zone groups. We are part of the Cronulla Zone group which is in turn part of the Sydney East Region. In PSSA the focus is in participation and developing great teamwork, health and fitness while having lots of fun. As a school, Cronulla South Public School participates to the maximum and this term we are doing, Basketball, AFL and 7 a side Girls Soccer.

Trials have already started yesterday and will be continuing on Friday. Coaches are our teachers who work hard to select students based on the ability they show during the trials. Students are encouraged to try out for sports but to also not be despondent if they are not selected. Sadly, we cannot take everyone, but being a smaller school a higher proportion of our students do get to go. There are two levels, juniors and seniors which depends on their age.

Some year 5's are juniors if they do not turn 11 this year and the rest who turn 11 are seniors. All of year 3 and 4 will be juniors and all of year 6 seniors. There is no doubt that sometimes, though not always, this gives year 5's an advantage over year 3's. Some schools do not allow year 3's to participate in PSSA for this reason and prefer to develop them in school. We don't do this and prefer to base it on the trial. Coaches try to be as fair as possible and this is why there are two trial dates. Selection can be a sensitive topic for some parents and we do have a selection policy that helps us out with this.

### PSSA Selection Policy

If your child is not selected after trying out, we urge you to congratulate them on having a go.

### Code of Behaviour

Codes of Behaviour provide a supportive framework which promotes fair play and appropriate behaviour in school sport. These codes apply to players, teachers, coaches, principals, parents, officials and spectators who together provide the environment in which school sport is played. The following Codes apply to school sport at all levels and are designed to highlight:

- the principles of enjoyment, satisfaction and safe play in sport
- that students participate for their own sake and not to fulfil the desires of parents, adult groups or peers
- the encouragement of student participation in sport and, in so doing, contribute to higher levels of health and physical fitness.

### Player's Code

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking

an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.

- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your teammates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

All students will be expected to sign a Code of Conduct which is available on our school website in the Notes section as well as linked below:

[PSSA Code of Conduct](#)

## Swimming Carnival

Our Cronulla South Public School annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Monday 22 February 2021 at Caringbah Leisure Centre. All students in Years 3 to 6 will be going to the excursion. Students in Year 2 who are 8 this year are invited to attend provided they fulfil minimum swimming criteria and expectations. They must be able to swim competently (without stopping) for 50m, using, at the minimum, the correct freestyle technique. Thus, they will be competing in events.

A permission note detailing all of the information about this event has gone home this week. As this excursion involves water activities, the school requires that you complete the attached survey as part of the permission note. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions parents are unable to attend this event. Guidelines clearly state that non-essential adults are still not permitted on the grounds or at school events.

Following our Cronulla South Public School Swimming Carnival, the overall winners in each event will receive a permission note inviting them to attend the Cronulla PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival to be held on Tuesday, 2nd March, 2021 at Caringbah Leisure Centre.

We look forward to the upcoming event, it is always such a memorable event for our students. Good luck to all of our competitors!

Mrs Newton

## K-2 News

Students have been settling nicely into their new classes, with teachers planning for various 'getting to know you' activities, integrated with assessments to get to know each students' areas of strength and areas for development. Teachers used their meeting time this week to hold further discussions around our handover of student information. Please don't be shy to introduce yourself to the teachers in the afternoon and we look forward to providing you with further information on the year ahead as part of our 'Meet the Teacher' session.

A big shout out to our wonderful Year 1 students who have been helpful in the playground showing our new Kindergarten students how to be Safe, Respectful and Active Learners. Our Year 2 students are also enjoying their new lunch spot on the Southern Site. The teachers were also very impressed with the behaviour and independence of the Year 2 students during their first swimming session last Friday. Well done Year 2.

Finally, a huge thank you to our amazing Kindergarten teachers, students and families on a settled and successful transition. We are quickly getting to know each of the students and feel very excited for the year of learning ahead!

Miss Pryor

Assistant Principal

## Frequently Asked Questions K-2

1. When do K-2 students wear sports uniforms?

Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursdays K-2 students will participate in a sports program in the hall. This term it is Gymnastics. On Fridays Kindergarten and Year 1 students will participate in sport at school. Year 2 students attend swimming lessons on Fridays.

1. Are bluetooth headphones okay?

No. Please send in 'over the ear' headphones (with the headband) that have a cord to connect to the computer or iPad. We will not be needing these for a few weeks so no rush to bring them in.

1. Is the school 'Nut Free'? Can I send a muesli bar with nuts in it to school?

We have a number of students at the school who are diagnosed to be at risk for anaphylaxis. These students have a Health Care Plan at the office. To minimise the risk of exposure for these students, **we request families do not send nut products** in lunchboxes. This does not include food labelled as "may contain traces of nuts". Schools cannot claim to be "nut free" but we take every precaution to keep our students who are known to be at risk from anaphylaxis safe. Part of this is our safety expectation that students do not share food.

## Year 3-6 News

### Cyber Safety Talk - Safer Internet Day

On Thursday 11th February 2021 students in Years 3-6 will be participating in a Cyber Safety talk via Zoom. This interactive presentation, prepared by the Department of Education, is part of Safer Internet Day, an international initiative with a shared vision of making online experiences better for everyone.

The session will raise awareness in students about online issues and share strategies for staying safe.

### Year 6 Liaison Day at Cronulla High School

Cronulla High School has invited Year 6 students to a liaison day to help ease the transition from Primary School to High School. The excursion will take place on Monday 15th February 2021 and involve students participating in a range of activities, including food technology, science, woodwork and technology. Notes for the excursion were distributed to students on Tuesday and need to be returned by Friday 12th February 2021.

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## P&C News

### Uniform Shop

The P&C is looking for a new volunteer co-ordinator to take over running the uniform shop.

The shop currently sells preloved uniform items plus new hats, bags and PSSA socks. Most of the shop profits are raised from selling preloved goods generously donated by our school families. Last year even with covid restrictions we were still able to raise \$3000 that will be used by the school on behalf of our children.

Currently the operating hours are Thursday 9.00-9.30am however this can be changed to suit your availability. For further information please email [tammymkuch@gmail.com](mailto:tammymkuch@gmail.com)

### Canteen

Thank you all to those who have put their hands up to volunteer and help with the canteen. It is hoped we will have it open from Week 4. We will keep you posted and updated on opening days. We still need lots more helpers, if you cannot make it Tuesday's or Thursday's then maybe you could help by coming and making food on Monday's or Wednesday's or helping with some roles that can be done from home. With lots of people doing a variety of roles, it will make it easier. If you would like to know anything further about helping, please email Jen at [cspscanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:cspscanteenroster@gmail.com)

If you would like to write your name down to volunteer for Tuesday or Thursday the roster is now open at <https://signup.zone/cspscanteen-roster>

## Community Events

**HAVE A BLAST!**

SSJCA Girls Only Master Blaster – 5.30pm to 7.00pm  
@ Sutherland Oval  
February 12 – March 12  
ONLY \$30!  
Search Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association on  
[www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

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The poster features a young girl in a pink cricket uniform swinging a bat. In the background, a cricket ball is in the air. The Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association logo is in the top left corner. The 'Cricket Blast' logo is in the top right corner.