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Newsletter - Term 2, Week 9

### Principal's Message

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 2 and Semester 1. Yes, almost halfway through the year and with just under 2 weeks to go before the end of this first half of learning, we are eagerly beavering away to put the finishing touches on school reports for Semester 1 - 2021. A considerable amount of work has been put into these from teachers, supervisors and I read every one and sign them. The reports provide a description, synthesis and analysis of learning for this semester and provide some future directions for getting there. These follow on from discussions held in parent-teachers interviews held at the end of term 1. The reports will be sent home on the last day of this term, and an unsigned copy will be sent to you via email. We will be evaluating these reports at the beginning of next term.

Last week our K-6 Athletics Carnival was held. I was there the entire day enjoying beautiful weather, great sportsmanship and working with parent helpers giving up their precious time to ensure that the carnival went off without a hitch. A huge thank you goes out to all of the staff who attended. They worked hard to make sure the carnival worked well. Ms Newton's super enthusiasm and pre-planning were the key to success, allowing the day to go well. Thank you to her and everyone else. It was so good to see a full carnival in action.

On Tuesday, 27 July, we will be holding our School Open Day. We are still planning this but will bring Book Week and Education Week together to make the Open Day really special. There will be; an improvised assembly, performances, chances to see classrooms in action, a cake stall, and our legendary book parade. It will kick off at the start and continue through the morning. Put the date aside and look out for an announcement before the end of next week.

Finally, don't forget the end of term P&C meeting held on Monday 21 June at 7 pm in the school library. Our usual check-in and signing in will be required, but all are welcome. With it being the last newsletter, I'll take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the winter holiday.

# Uniforms - The use of the tie

We are currently compiling feedback about the uniforms from our parent survey and will present some of the findings from this at the P&C Meeting to be held next Monday. As part of the school's uniform code, a tie is an option for the boys uniform. Our experiences with this for younger boys in K-2 suggests that it is not a good choice, and while it remains optional, we would urge parents with boys in K-2 not to send them with a tie. If you wish to keep it for school photograph day, this can be a good option.

## Term 3

Our school holidays commence on Friday 25 June and will continue until Monday 12 July. Following the school holiday, school recommences for all students K-6 on Tuesday 13 July. Monday 12 July is a school development day attended by all teachers but no students. The school office continues to be available on the 12th for school administration.

It is an expectation that all students will attend school until the end of term and return on 13 July.

# Changes to Payment/Permission for School Events

The announcement of events, permission notes and payment for events that carry fees is always a pain point for many schools. For parents, payments used to be in cash in an envelope that would rely on students to hand in money. It would be the handling of lots of notes in the classroom and the chasing up, notes not given in, and for the office, it would be the complication of permission and money coming in from all different places. The transition to electronic payments has helped many time-poor parents and improved flexibility for parents. However, in some ways, it has added complications. Firstly, not all families have access to a computer to make payments or possess the right card types. With COVID-19, the acceleration of the benefits of electronic payments has reduced the handling of money and has led to even greater penetration of the possession of Android and Apple smartphones capable of accessing the Internet.

Given this, the school has decided to take the next step and introduce a new system that will help parents electronically:

- 1. Securely permit for students to be involved in events
- Securely provide information to the school related to events such as medical details, dietary needs, swimming ability etc.:-
- 3. Provide a detailed breakdown of the fees being charged for an event and a direct link filling in the parent online payment form with all the appropriate details.
- 4. Provide a summary of all outstanding fees, which will allow parents to settle an account in full, provide part payments as well as split payment where two parents wish to contribute separately

For the school, we will be able to:

- 1. Plan events and electronically distribute permission notes to families that can gather information securely as well as accept permission
- 2. Track the payment of fees for events so that teachers can plan for events
- 3. Link with our Sentral student management system to enable flexible attendance tracking for students attending excursions and sporting events.

The new system we are using is called SchoolBytes, and below you will find a guide for its use when you receive payment requests. All SchoolBytes emails will be sent from noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education, so please ensure this is not marked as spam/junk. Should you have any questions about this new process, please contact the school office.

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2673/ school\_bytes\_online\_payments\_cronulla\_south\_public\_school. pdf

This message has been repeated from previous correspondence.

# Share this Space

These holidays, the southern site grounds will be made open to our community as part of the Share this Space initiative. Share Our Space opens NSW schools to our community to share quality space during the school holidays. Share Our Space aims to be a standard offering of the Department of Education (DoE) to increase quality space for use by members of our community, in line with the Premier's Priority. The Trevellyan Street gate will be open for those wishing to use our playground. Please note that there will be no toilets open during this time. A school security guard will be responsible for opening and closing the gates during this time.

# K - 2 News

#### Home Reading Helpers

Thank you very much to our amazing parent volunteers who came in each week to read with students in the K-2 classes. Reading is such an important skill to develop for the future and the love of reading begins in the early years. The teachers have been discussing how we can make this program work better for Term 3 as we have had a few issues with gates and access so please keep a look out for communication regarding this early next term.

#### **Teacher Collaboration**

K-2 staff will be involved in planning days in preparation for our upcoming Term 3 units of work. Kindergarten staff will be off-class on Monday 21st June and Stage 1 teachers will be off-class on Thursday 24th June. This is an important time for teachers to integrate new learning resources and updated embedded assessment opportunities into our units. We have some engaging learning experiences that are sure to get the students excited!

### 3 - 6 News

#### Stage 3 Dance Ensemble

Last Friday, the Stage 3 Dance Ensemble performed at the Seymour Centre as part of the 'In the Spotlight Dance Festival'. Their performance was amazing and they certainly did Cronulla South Public School proud.

#### Multicultural Public Speaking

On Thursday, four students from our school will be involved in the Zone finals for Multicultural Public Speaking. Throughout Term 2 students have engaged in activities that taught them how to construct and deliver speeches to an audience on a set topic. We would like to wish the following students the best of luck in the finals:

Olivia T and Adele C who will be representing Stage 2 Lola W and Emeline B who will be representing Stage 3

#### Camp - Bathurst

Just a reminder that notes and money need to be returned for the Stage 3 Bathurst camp. More information will be sent home once final numbers are confirmed

# **Debating News**

#### Premier's Debating Challenge - Round 2

Our Premier's Debating Challenge team had their second round debate today against Gymea Bay PS, held via Zoom. They opened their topic envelope, ranked their choices and then flipped a coin for whether they would be affirmative or negative. They then had an hour of preparation to organise their ideas and palm cards ready for the debate.

The students prepared well, arguing the negative for whether schools should watch and discuss the news in class. They spoke clearly, used great vocabulary and developed their arguments. The students also came up with some great rebuttals throughout the debate.

Their hard work earned them the win and they should be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Zoe, Serena, Marlee and Maeve. We are looking forward to our third debate held next week at Yowie Bay PS.



# Leader in Me

#### Habit 4 - Think Win Win



Everyone can win: I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' emotional bank accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.

Purpose: Thinking Win-Win is the belief that everyone can win. It's not you or me—it's both of us. Working with your child to come up with a solution will help you both be happier in the situation.

Activity: Think of an ongoing conflict you tend to have with your child (homework, cleaning their room, feeding the dog) and then discuss a win-win solution to the conflict. Write down the solution and then remind each other of it the next time the situation arises.

# News Team

#### Term 2 PSSA

#### Netball

The netball team are a group of girls and boys that compete against other schools at the Bellingara Netball Courts.

Date : Friday 4 June 2021

School Versing : Yowie Bay Public School

Score : Junior A 10-0 Cronulla South, Junior B 15-0 Cronulla South, Senior A 47-1 Yowie Bay, Senior B 23-0 Yowie Bay

Best And Fairest: Junior A Claudia, Junior B Ruby, Senior A Poppy, Senior B Zoe,

Date: Friday 11 June 2021

PSSA was cancelled due to Wet Weather.

#### Rugby League

The Rugby League team is a group of boys and girls that compete against other schools at John Dwyer Field, Gwawley Bay Oval, Corea St Oval and Kareela Oval.

Date: Friday 4 June 2021

School Versing : Gymea North Public School

Score: Junior 36-4, Senior 4-36

Best And Fairest: Junior Hugo & Travis Senior Cash & Ryan.

Date: Friday 11 June 2021

PSSA was cancelled due to Wet Weather.

#### Soccer

The soccer team is a group of boys and girls that compete against other schools at Solander Oval, Kareela, Seymour Shaw and Woolooware.

Date: 4 June 2021

School Versing : Woolooware Public School

Score: Juniors 4-1 Woolooware, Senior 4-2 Woolooware

Best And Fairest : Junior Aston, Senior Dean

Date: Friday 11th June 2021

PSSA was cancelled due to Wet Weather.

Teacher Feature - Mrs Ikonomidis

News Team Presents

# Teacher Feature -Mrs Ikonomidis

 What is your favourite Stage to teach?
How Long have you been teaching?
Why do you like teaching here?
Why do you only teach casually at CSPS?

5. What is your favourite

part of you career



#### By Zoe N & Kiara N

Video link - https://youtu.be/W5m44bVbl24

By Elissa H, Lani B, Lola H

#### Athletics Carnival

The Cronulla South Public School Athletics Carnival took place on the Sylvania Athletics Track on Wednesday June 9th, 2021. Every student at the school participated in the carnival, and five incredible students broke school records.

The competitive activities that students over 8years old participated in were 100 metre sprints, 200 metre sprints, 800 and 1500 metre races, relay races, shotput, discus, long jump, high jump and several novelty activities tug- of-war, shotput golf (beanbag toss) and hurdles.

The record breakers of the school were: Will: 11 Boys discus, Max: Boys 1500 metre, Adele: Junior Girls 1500 metre, Sam: 11 Boys 100 metre, Emeline: 12 Girls 1500 metre. All students tried extremely hard to make it into Zone Athletics, the top two students in each event will participate in the Zone Athletic carnivals, next term. The students who broke records will be recorded by the school. Sam from 5/6N said, "I felt a massive rush of adrenaline and was excited and felt a bit emotional" when he found out that he broke the 100m school record.

The Sporting Houses (Treloar, Marshall, Jackson and Davies) all competed in war cries, which are the chants of the house teams run by the Sports Leaders. They competed in making the loudest war cry among all the other houses. Jackson was the loudest and received the most points in the war cry.

Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place will be handed out at the K-6 Assembly which will be held at 9am in the school hall Friday 25 June, 2021 (Friday of week 10).

The CSPS students under 8 years old participated in the Novelty Athletics Carnival. The activities were skill-based, non-competitive athletic rotations. The students in the novelty activities had the same instructor as they have for the CSPS Got Game program, which is held at school. Every student who is under eight years old participated in the novelty events.

By Elissa H (4/5C)

Athletics carnival video - https://youtu.be/oWIVI\_mXQH8 By Lola W & Poppy S

#### Sydney East Cross Country

On Friday the 11th of June, Lani (5/6N) represented Cronulla Zone at the Sydney East Cross Country. Many zones participated in Sydney East, creating a race with many competitors. It was a hard race but Lani managed to place 54th and beat her personal best time!

#### A Sports Shout Out!

#### Ryder! Ryder! Ryder!

This was an extremely unexpected turn of events, as the football manager Ryder takes the field for Cronulla South! Ryder comes on with courage and determination as he lines up at the post; he makes a break and scores a try! Congratulations Ryder for your epic breakthrough!



#### Short Story - Feathers Part 2

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2674/ feathers\_part\_2.pdf

### Notes Due For Return

#### Have you returned?

- By the Sea Stage 2 and Stage 3 permission note and payment
- Bathurst excursion (Stage 3) expression of interest note and deposit payment

A reminder will also be sent through Schoolbytes for consent and payment.

### Parent Band

Attention all musicians and those that would like to be, to create a 'Cronulla South Public School Parent Band'

It would be a great way for parents of students to meet and support each other and feel connected.

The intention for the band is to perform live at school social events and fundraisers.

We're here for the students and their education, but on top of that we have this great community and music room space.

Please join us for our first get together and rehearsal beginning on Monday, June 21 3:30- 4:30pm. Feel free to bring your instrument. We can also provide drums, ukulele's, pianos and guitars with an assortment of amps and PA as required.

The repertoire will unfold from the idea's of those attending.

Rock on!

Mr Taylor

### P&C News

#### Canteen

Thank you to Lauren, John, Jaimie, Kristy, Casey, Paula, Pam, Renee, Lauren, Brooke and Kylie for working in the canteen over the last few weeks. The canteen continues to do a roaring trade.

The term 3 roster is now up for people to put their names down, it is easy work and you will be shown what to do on the day if you are new to canteen. It would be great to have some new people come and help if you are able to.

If you cannot make Tuesday's and Thursday's there is scope to help prepare food such as pizzas, jelly and mousse for canteen days.

The work on the canteen is now being planned for the second week of the holidays, so we can start Term 3 with a newly painted and tidy canteen.

We are also looking for a couple of people who could help on Monday 12 July (staff development day) to tidy out the P&C storeroom. This will free up valuable storage space for the canteen to use.

Please if you can help with any jobs, even for an hour, email cspscanteenroster@gmail.com

Cheers

The Canteen Team

#### **Uniform Shop**

Schoolbags are currently out of stock. We have placed an order and once they arrive we will notify the community.

### Community Announcements

https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/2670/ after\_school\_drama\_program\_term\_3.pdf