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Newsletter - Term 1 Week 6 - 2022

## Testing Times

I wonder whether it is the rainy weather that seems almost endless at the moment or the focus of our media at the moment on tragedy. The water is certainly everywhere and perhaps a segway to a good news story of our swimming carnival last week. Organised brilliantly by Mr Jennings, it went smoothly, with our year 2's ability to compete as well as completing a full set of events including the 100m and the house relay. As the starter, I was truly blown away by the sportspersonship of the children and the way in which so many had a go at the events and how friends cheered them on from the side of the pool. Well done to everyone involved. Caringbah Pool was very pleased with the way the children conducted themselves and rightly so.

If you have been watching the communication from the school you'll know about the emergence of several COVID19 cases in 3 to 6 classes. These are testing times in more ways than one. Fortunately, the RATs are able to give a quick heads up about infection. If we work together, we can keep going with safety. It is important that you let us know if your child is off school and make sure that you do not send children if they show COVID19 like symptoms, even if they deliver a negative RAT. We have found that a positive test can emerge slightly after symptoms appear.

This edition of the newsletter contains lots of information about testing coming up. Check-In Assessments, Selective High School Test Information as well as a heads up about NAPLAN for years 3 and 5.

I hope you all have a good week and I for one certainly look forward to a return to the sunshine as autumn arrives.

## K-2 News

### Kindergarten News

This week, Kindergarten families will receive information about the Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening Program (StEPS). This is an optional free NSW Health initiative aimed at children aged 4-6 who either missed their vision screening at preschool or did not attend preschool prior to attending school. NSW Health will visit Cronulla South Public School on Monday 28th March 2022 to screen Kindergarten students whose families have indicated that they wish to have their child screened.

### K-2 Homework

K- 2 will begin their Homework program next week. All students will need to bring in their Home Reading bag by Friday 4th March in preparation for this.

Kindergarten will receive a Parent Assisted Immersive Reading (P.A.I.R) text and instructions on how to use the text with your child at home. P.A.I.R books should be returned each Monday in the student's Home Reading folder, so that they can be changed for a new book.

Stage 1 will also begin their Homework program next week (Week 7). Homework will be handed out fortnightly and consist of activities such as, Home Reading, Camera words and Mathletics tasks. Mathletics and Year 1 online Decodable Reader usernames and passwords will be sent home in students' Home Reading bags.

### Year 2 Swimming

Just a reminder that Year 2 students should pack a raincoat in their bag in case of light drizzle. In extreme weather, a bus may be organised to transport the students.

## Premier's Reading Challenge



It's almost that time of year again where we start the Premier's Reading Challenge! We would love to see HUGE numbers of our students complete this in 2022. Are you up for the challenge?

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

#### 2022 Challenge Dates

- PRC Challenge Opened: Monday 28th February 2022
- PRC Challenge Closes: Friday 19th August 2022

Find out more at -

Happy Reading!

Mr Taylor and Mrs Granger

## School Photo Day - Thursday 17 March

Our school photo day is Thursday, 17th March 2022. Students are to wear full school uniform. The K-2 Got Game program will be rescheduled on this day.

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 are unable to place your order online, the office has been provided with a small amount of payment envelopes for student packages and sibling photographs that can be collected from the office and returned with your child on photo day.

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## Leader in Me + PBL

### Leader in Me

It's been fantastic to see our students working on Habit 1: Be Proactive across the school these past two weeks. We've seen plenty of students taking initiative on the playground and demonstrating this habit in the classroom as well. Each grade

has some time during the week where they work on activities related to our Leader in Me focus for the week.

This fortnight we have moved onto Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind, which is about goal setting and knowing what you want to achieve before you start an activity. This is great for students' learning as well as organisational skills.



### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our token boxes are up and running and students have begun filling these as they have been demonstrating our 7 Habits on the playground. Classes are discussing what rewards students would like to work towards as they fill these boxes and each stage will create a poster of their possible rewards.



For our Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, students have been earning Dojo Points in their classes from demonstrating Safe, Respectful and Active Learner behaviours. In Weeks 6 and 7, our PBL focus is on the Library and Music Room. Classes will be discussing what it looks like to be Safe, Respectful and an Active Learner in the Library and Music Room since it is important for our students to demonstrate positive behaviour in all classrooms with all teachers.



has been confirmed, we will send more details to Year 6 families via a SchoolZine notification.

### High School Expression of Interest

Later this term, we will be sending home with each Year 6 student a document that details the process for transitioning your child from Year 6 to Year 7. Part of this process includes completing the expression of interest form that:

1. indicates which public high school you are local to attend and automatically have a place
2. provides an opportunity for up to 3 other non-selective public high schools you would like your year 6 child to be considered for
3. provides an opportunity for you to indicate that you are not requiring a public high school place in 2023 because you are sending your child to an independent school

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Most parents and carers in NSW choose their local school to provide an education of excellence for their child. For those considering academically selective schools, the application process is already underway (began in Year 5). We can confirm that the date for the Selective High School Placement Test is Thursday 10th March and that these tests will be held at Cronulla South.

## Rugby League Gala Day - EOI

### ET Shield 2022

The first School Rugby League gala day is soon upon us with the ET Shield being played on Tuesday March 22 at Gwawley Oval, Taren Point.

The ET Shield is a non-competitive event that focuses on engagement and participation in rugby league. It is an opportunity for experienced and non-experienced students to play rugby league.

Teams are seven-a-side with three reserves. Players in all teams will have time on the field. Teams will be formed based on your child's year group, stage 2 mixed, stage 3 boys and stage 3 girls.

Games will be full contact with mouthguards required to take the field. Referees are instructed to assist new players by calling held promptly.

The cost will depend on the response from the EOI as the number of children participating will impact the cost. I have spoken to students in grades 3 – 6 and there seems to be a strong interest to participate. Therefore, if most children who expressed their interest in playing do participate the approximate cost will be \$25/student. This could increase to \$55 if there is low participation. It is crucial to gauge interest ASAP.

To participate, we will need parent permission by Monday 8.50 am by completing the following survey

Mr Park

## News Crew

Last year Mrs Newton developed a student news crew devoted to getting young journalists, photojournalists interested in writing stories that went into the newsletter. This year she will be working to relaunch the crew and build on the writing and photography component to include the production of video and news stories. There will be roles that don't just include writing, so for our technical and artistic minded, there will be speaking roles and photography roles.

The crew will be open to all year 5 and 6 students (including student leaders) through an EOI process but with a limited number of places. This EOI will be launched next week. Depending on the number of students who apply, there may be a task that will be used to decide on places. Watch out for more information.

## Moving into Year 7 in 2023

### Cronulla High School Information Session

We have been in communication with our local high school Cronulla High School who are planning to hold an information evening this Term for families of prospective Year 7 students. The tentative date for this is this Monday 7 March. Once this

## NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do. As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' progress. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

This is a pre-announcement for parents in years 3 and 5 who will sit NAPLAN in early Term 2, 2022.

More information about the assessment will be released closer to the time, however, the document:

[https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/3477/naplan\\_information\\_brochure\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers.pdf](https://cronullasps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3477/naplan_information_brochure_for_parents_and_carers.pdf)

will provide you with more information. We will be contacting parents in the near future also about special test provisions due to specific needs that will be available.

## Selective Test

On Thursday 10 March, the selective high school test will be held at Cronulla South Public School for all students who applied from here. If you have a child in year 6 who has applied, you will have received an email with a notification from the High Performing Students Team titled: Test centre advice: Selective High School Placement

This will include a PDF with the Test Centre Authority that needs to be brought to the school on the day of the test and a document called 'Test Information for parents and students' which contains important information about the test.

At school, the Test will be held on the northern site and so on this day, all year 6 students sitting the test should come to the northern playground and assemble with the K-2 students. Mrs Pryor will be administering the test in our Learning Pool room. It is expected that the test will take most of the day, however, students will be at the end of the day brought to the southern site and their home classes to be dismissed as usual.

## Check In Assessments Years 4 and 6

The Check-in assessment is an online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 4 and 6 this semester. The assessment supports the department's School Success Model. Under the model, all schools set targets for learning growth for all students using the learning progressions for numeracy and literacy.

In essence, the Check-in assessment is designed to provide teachers with formative assessments that can give an indication of how students are performing.

The Check-in assessment includes two online assessments

- reading
- numeracy

The reading and numeracy assessments are designed to be quick and easy to administer and can be administered by any school teaching staff. Each assessment consists of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions, with a suggested assessment duration of 50 minutes each. These assessments have built-in audio that allows certain questions to be read back to students. Students may use their BYOD devices for the assessment but we will require a working pair of headphones to access this. Those without a BYOD will be provided with a school device, though they will need their own headphones.

Year 4 and 6 students at Cronulla South Public School will be undertaking the assessments in Week 8, the week beginning Monday 14 March.

All Year 3 to 6 students will participate in an assessment in Semester 2.

## Bring Your Own Device

It is not too late to have your child have access to their own computing device at school by joining our BYOD initiative. This need not be an expensive new computer, it could be an existing computer that meets our minimum guidelines. We do have access to school computers to help children who do not have devices, but the more BYOD devices we have the more we can offer. CSPA BYOD Parent and Student User Agreement 2022

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## P&C News

### Canteen

Our school canteen remains a fully volunteer run canteen, which enables all profits to be returned to the school to help purchase equipment needed to help our children's learning. Thank you to John, Lauren, Anne, Scott, Meredith, Bianca, Elaine, Sheryl, Sinead, Paula, Casey, Craig, Germaine and Hai.

All volunteers are welcome, it does not just need to be parents - grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings are all welcome. You will need to apply for a volunteer working with children check from the school office prior to volunteering though. You will also need to be vaccinated against Covid19.

We welcome Sinead to the canteen team for 2022 who will take over some of the coordinating, stocktake and food preparation. Thank you Sinead.

Some changes will take place in 2022.

- The cut off time for orders will be 8am on the day of the canteen.
- There is a slight increase in prices for some canteen items.
- There have been more gluten free options added to the menu.

John will continue to coordinate Thursdays, thank you John.

We will be trialing not having a coordinator to run the canteen on Tuesday's, as we have not had anyone volunteer for this role. This will be progressive transition and Lauren will continue for a couple of weeks. This being the case, there will be clear instructions on how to do everything and we are hoping that the regular volunteers know how the day runs and will help with this process.

There will remain support by phone and the reports and stickers will be printed and be left in the office for pick up on Tuesday's. The sushi order will also be placed and will be delivered to school.

There is also scope for volunteers to help other days besides canteen days, with food preparation and food shopping which can be done on any other day and delivered to the canteen. If you would like to know more about this or can help with this, please email us on [cspscanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:cspscanteenroster@gmail.com)

The volunteer roster still needs a few shifts filled for this term, if you can help, please put your names down

using this link <https://signup.zone/cspscanteen-roster>

If you have any comments or feedback or think you can help in anyway, please email us on [cspscanteenroster@gmail.com](mailto:cspscanteenroster@gmail.com)

The canteen team.

## Surfebruary

Thank you to all those who joined Cronulla South Public School team and supported us by swimming with us or sponsoring us.

Our team has raised over \$7700.00 which has been directly donated to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse for cancer research. Overall over \$448,000 has been raised from Surfebruary 2022.

Thank you to Jenna and Ronny who started this fantastic event and motivated us to get into the ocean every day in February.

See you all again next year. If you would still like to sponsor the team the link is <https://2022.surfebruary.com/t/cronullasouthpublicschool>

## Community Events

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