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Newsletter - Term 2 Week 3 - 2022

## Smooth Running

Welcome to our Term 2 - Week 3 newsletter. There has been a very smooth start to the school term and some very exciting sporting events as students have competed in the school's cross country carnival at Kareela as well as started PSSA for the first time since Term 2 last year and our school cross country team then competed at the Cronulla Zone cross country carnival at Kurnell. A massive thanks to Mr Jennings and Mr Park for putting in all of the extra time needed to ensure that all of these events got off the ground. It has been a terrific effort from all of our community.

This term there is a real feeling that we have turned into a new phase of the pandemic. From the school's perspective, this is particularly manifested in improved attendance figures which in week 2 reached 92%, the highest it has been since the beginning of the school year and only 2% lower than it has been in prior pre-pandemic years. There is still some way to go and we did see a drop off in Term 1, but nevertheless, it is encouraging. We are hoping that the new rules around isolation will allow more students to attend providing they stay symptom-free and COVID-19 negative via RAT testing.

NAPLAN season is here for year 3 and 5 students and Mrs Pryor and the 3-6 team have been working very hard to ensure that this is a positive and stress-free experience for all of the students. This year we are online again for all year groups and tests except for the year 3 writing which will always be on paper. One of our Year 3 students even commented yesterday that the writing was fun. NAPLAN results take some time to come to schools even though most of it is marked online. Next year the testing period will occur in March (Term 1) instead of May so as to allow schools to gain access to the data sooner. At Cronulla South, we use our own standardised testing as well as the NSW Department of Education's Check-In Assessments to provide us with data to measure student progress so while NAPLAN is useful, it is not the only measure used.

This newsletter contains articles on a range of current topics of interest. Make note of coming deadlines for OC applications (Year 4 families) and By the Sea enrichment class parent nominations if you have children in (Years 3 to 6). Also, take a look at the amazing articles and videos the News Team has been working on. We're proud of their hard work and the quality that they are producing. Jump Rope for Heart is happening and on Wednesday 18 May there will be the first P&C meeting on the school site for some time. This will be in the school library so please take a look at the P&C news.

## K-6 Assembly

### K-6 Assembly

Next Friday 20th May 2022, we will be hosting a K-6 Assembly. The assembly will be held in the school hall on the Northern Site commencing at 9.15 am. We are looking forward to 2J and 5/6P presenting their class items. The assembly will also include a PSSA and Sport Update. The assembly will be open to parents to come in and watch.

We would like to invite the families of 2J and 5/6P to attend this special occasion from 9.15am in the school hall.

## K - 2 News

K-2 have made a great start to their Term 2 learning programs. The teachers have been very impressed by the engagement and growth students are making with their knowledge of phonics, decoding skills, reading fluency and comprehension. This is also being assisted by the exposure to quality texts and decodable readers in all K-2 classrooms and as part of our Home Reading program. We are excited to announce that our school's P&C will be donating more decodable readers to further enhance our Literacy programs. These should be arriving very soon and will be added to our Home Reading library. Stay tuned for the big launch!

## Walk Safely to School Day 20 May 20022

Next Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day. Some of our students will be assisting staff before school at the gates to raise awareness about road safety and how to incorporate walking as part of a healthy, active lifestyle. Throughout next week, K-2 classrooms will be discussing ways to be safe when near and around roads. They will also look at ways to stay healthy and active.

### Awards

Lastly, we would like to congratulate the students who received their Bronze awards last week.

## 3-6 News

### Sport

The southern site was full of energy last Friday which was our first day of School Sport and PSSA for Term 2. A lot of preparation and organisation goes into the managing of the sporting teams so a huge thank you to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers!

### NAPLAN

This week is our NAPLAN week for Year 3 and Year 5 students. Students complete a test each morning from Tuesday - Friday and then they're back to normal classes. Checking in with a couple of the Year 3 students after their NAPLAN writing, the comment was made "It was actually quite fun!". During these morning sessions, our Year 4 and Year 6 students will be in combined groups working on a combination of literacy and science coding activities. A reminder was sent via schoolzine to encourage all Year 4 and Year 6 students who have BYOD to bring them in (fully charged) as the school devices are being used for NAPLAN.

### BYOD Update for Parents and Carers

Cronulla South Public School has an optional BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program across Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. This is an opt in program for students who can bring a device.

While we had a great response at the beginning of the year for the number of students opting into the BYOD program, teachers are finding that less and less students are remembering to bring their devices on a daily basis.

Equity is an important part of the BYOD initiative. We have some school school devices that classes can book, however, we are limited in the number of devices that each class can be allocated. This can make it difficult for teachers when they plan lessons through google classroom or nearpod but don't have enough devices for all students.

We wanted to appeal to parents and carers for your help in reminding the students to pack their devices and ensure they are fully charged each day. Some tips include:

- Setting up a charging zone at home, possibly near the front door or somewhere visible as you leave to go to school.

- Leaving the device in the school bag when it is charging, this way it stays packed ready for the next day.

If your child reports to you that they are having issues in joining the network (a common problem), please tell them to talk to their classroom teacher. We have processes for troubleshooting but we can only fix what we know about!

We appreciate your support in this matter and hope that through the BYOD program, we can also give the students a level of responsibility for remembering the device and managing things like charging.

## News Team

### Cross Country Carnival

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### PSSA Sports Report

#### Netball

On Friday the 7th of May, the Cronulla South Netball teams hopped on a bus to Bellingara Netball Courts for PSSA. This week the teams versed Gymea Bay. Although the games were tough, Cronulla South tried their best and had fun. The Senior A team unfortunately beaten 30-1 whilst the Senior B team tied 12-12. "We tried our best and that's what matters," notes Zoe C from the Senior A team. The Juniors were sadly defeated with a score of 18-0. The students are looking forward to playing again next week and hopefully improving on their results.

#### Soccer

On Friday the 7th of May, the Cronulla South Soccer Teams went on a bus to Seagulls Soccer fields. They were all quite eager to play their first match of soccer for PSSA, going up against Cronulla Public School. This team was a challenging one to play, but the soccer teams pulled through and tried their best. The senior team played well, having a score of 6-1 our way. The juniors, with a score of 2-0 Cronulla Public's way, playing amazingly and showed a lot of potential. Stanley from the Senior team said that beating Cronulla Public was "surprisingly easy" as they were nervous going into the match. Next week we're excited to see them play even better.

#### Rugby League

On the 7th of May, the Cronulla South Rugby Teams took the bus to Corea Road and versed Cronulla Public School. They were some very exciting matches and a display of good sportsmanship. Xander from the senior team stated, "Cronulla was a very hard team to verse". Unfortunately, the seniors lost, with a score of 30-10. Sadly, the juniors also lost their match with a score of 32-12. Both teams are hoping to win next time.

# Significant Woman

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## Opportunity Class Applications

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023 opened on Tuesday 26 April and will close this Friday 13 May 2022. Parents of interested children currently in Year 4 may apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes/year-5>

All candidates are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held on Thursday 28 July 2022. The application dashboard enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the Team through the system's 'messages' feature. Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application can contact the Team on 1300 880 367 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au)

To apply, go to the [online application](#) for opportunity class placement and follow the instructions.

Parents and carers must apply by the due date as late applications cannot be accepted.

Parents should read [Applying for Year 5 entry an opportunity class in 2023](#) before applying. An [Accessible](#) version is also available.

Keep updated on the opportunity class placement process at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes>

## Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 20th May 2022



Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to

figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day

## Enrichment Class "By the Sea" - Year 3 to 6

Enrichment Class "By the Sea" - Parent Nominations close on 18 May 2022

Bundeena, Cronulla South, Kurnell and Woolooware Public schools are collaborating to offer an extension and enrichment program for students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Years 3-4 and 5-6). The program will be comprised of students selected from the 4 schools. Each school will be offered up to 4 places in stage 2 and 4 places in stage 3. Additional places remaining will be offered to the highest-ranked students from all the schools.

What is "By the Sea"?

"By the Sea" is an 8-week program, conducted one day per week in a variety of settings. Students selected will participate in activities in all Key Learning areas (English, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, History, Geography and PDHPE).

"By the Sea" will focus on giving students the opportunity to work in a collaborative environment where they will be challenged into inductive and deductive thinking. The class will work with professionals and high school teachers to deliver a program at a fast pace, that will enrich student learning, especially across the English, science, history, and mathematics curriculum.

Experiences will include a literature theme and tasks designed to enable students to think critically and creatively, lateral thinking and problem-solving in Mathematics, experimental science, and an excursion.

### When will the program take place?

The program will run across Term 3 2022 for 8 weeks, all Wednesdays, on the following dates:

27 July, 3 August, 10 August, 17 August, 24 August, 31 August, 7 September, 14 September.

Parents and students will need to consider other commitments or school events in their decision as to whether to apply for the program or not. If there are commitments at the school on Wednesdays, please discuss with your school principal.

### Cost

The cost of "By the Sea" is \$275, which covers the salary of the teacher, as well as excursions and materials. There are no refunds for non-attendance either from sickness or other commitments, as there are fixed costs for the program.

Parents are advised to speak to their school principal if they require financial assistance.

### How is a student selected to be part of "By the Sea"?

Selection is a 3-way process including:

- Student work samples
- Application package completed by student's family
- Application package completed by the school

All applicants will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the Principal from each of the schools.

### Where will "By the Sea" take place?

The majority of classes will be held at Cronulla South and Kurnell Public Schools as well as an excursion. Details of this will be communicated in the final information package.

### How does my child get to each location?

Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to each school. Times will vary from week to week depending on the venue or the excursion planned, but generally, it will be a "school day".

### What about their attendance at their home school?

All students in class "By the Sea" will be marked as present at their home school, as this is a school endorsed event. The program acknowledges that members of "By the Sea" will participate in an enrichment program and will not necessarily need to catch up on work not covered at school. Please consult with your home school classroom teacher if you are concerned.

### What will students wear?

The students are allowed to wear "mufti" ie casual clothes. Please be aware that students are still required to wear closed-in shoes.

### How do I apply for my child?

Attached below is a Parent Nomination Form

[Parent Nomination Form for By the Sea Enrichment Class](#)

Please print this or annotate it digitally and return it to the school either by email or to the office with your child. This nomination form must be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 18 May. The school will then look at the applications and with all the stage 2 and 3 teachers to create a recommended list. Offers will be made to students during the week beginning the 30 May following another meeting between the principals of Bundeena, Woolooware, Ronullas South and Kurnell. If you do not intend to take up the offer, please tell the school by Wednesday 8 June so that the place can be offered to another student.

The \$275 cost of the program must be paid by Friday 25 June.

Places are limited in the program. If your child is not successful they may apply again next year in years 3-5.

## Leader In Me and Positive Behaviour for Learning

After a couple of weeks revising Habits 1-4, we have started working on Habit 5 this week: Seek first to understand, then to be understood. This is an important habit for developing and strengthening our relationships with others by actively listening and seeking to understand their point of view first. This is useful for collaboration in the classroom, relating with others on the playground and resolving disagreements fairly and respectfully. Our playground bags have been refilled with our Habit 5 tokens, ready to fill each stage's reward box. Stage 1 is getting pretty close to the top!

For our Positive Behaviour for Learning this term, we are having a particular focus for each fortnight that students can actively work towards to earn playground tokens. This focus is shared with students and staff. In Weeks 3 and 4, teachers will be looking for students wearing their hats in the sun or playing under the shelter if they do not have a hat so that we are being safe on the playground.

Some other exciting news is that our Student Lighthouse Team has been formed! We had over 40 expressions of interest, which were reviewed by our Staff Lighthouse Team and then a shortlist of students were invited to have a leadership chat with some of our Year 6 Leaders and staff in the final week of last term. All students were informed of the result and given feedback about their expression of interest/interview for next time. It's definitely a strength of our school and student cohort that we had so many excellent candidates. Our Student Lighthouse Team will meet this week and we are eager to see some excellent Action Team ideas happen over the coming weeks as well.

We will include Action Team opportunities in future newsletters and also let students know so that they can apply to lead these initiatives. We would love to see all students involved in some aspect of leadership at our school this year as we are committed to developing the leader in every student. If students have ideas for something they would like to see happen at our school, they are more than welcome to let a member of the Student Lighthouse Team know, and it would be great to have them involved in the Action Team for their initiative as well.

## Stewart House Donation Drive

We are raising money for the Stewart House Donation Drive. Donate \$2, and go in the draw for a chance to win a \$4,000 gift voucher.

Your donation envelope has been sent home with all students and needs to be returned to the office by Tuesday 17 May 2022. We will not be accepting any envelopes after this date.

## Winter Uniform Transition

As we start to move through Term 2, the colder weather combined with the shorter days heralds the beginning of our winter uniforms. As such, please feel free to have children start to move to the winter uniform. Additionally, even though the sun is less prominent in the sky, please ensure that your child has a hat at school. In Australia, solar inputs during autumn, winter and spring months are still very high and the harmful radiation is not that readily attenuated by clouds.

## Jump Rope for Heart

"Jump! Jump! Jump! CSPA will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The Heart Foundation helps fight against heart diseases. The heart is an important muscle because it pumps blood around your body. Our goal is to raise \$2000 dollars to help people with sick hearts. We will be having our school jump off in the middle of June. I'm so excited to skip!" **Scarlette 3/4B**

"Guess what! Your heart beats 700,000 times a week! Our school will be raising money for people with sick hearts by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The whole school jump off will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. You can practice your skipping at home or at school. You can get a rope from the front of 3/4B at recess. Happy skipping!" **Indie 3/4B**

"I love skipping. Skipping is a fun and exciting way to fundraise. By fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart you can win prizes ranging from mystery boxes to bikes." **Will 3/4B**

"My school, Cronulla South Public is doing Jump Rope for Heart. The Heart Foundation has been to lots of schools that have skipped. They help people with sick hearts. You can help too! Your heart is a very important muscle that pumps blood all around the body. So, get skipping!" **Asha 3/4B**

"This term a box came in the mail. There was a whole lot of skipping ropes inside it. I can't wait for Jump Rope for Heart!" **Hugo 3/4B**

"You should be physically active for 60 minutes a day. The way I stay active is to run around the park. The best activities make you huff and puff. This term I am going to skip to stay active. I cannot wait to do Jump Rope for Heart this Term." **Josh 3/4B**

"The Heart Foundation is a charity. They choose to do skipping because it keeps your heart healthy. Jump Rope for Heart is saving Australian lives. Skipping is good for your heart. Have fun skipping CSPA!" **Eli 3/4B**

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## Zone Cross Country Carnival

On Monday, 9 May, Cronulla South sent 48 students to represent our school community at the Cronulla Zone Cross Country Carnival, held at Bonna Point Reserve Kurnell. It was a cold and rainy day, however the track was in great condition with no mud or puddles. All students gave their best on the day and represented our school to a very high standard. As a school we had some great results on the day. In the 8/9 Years Boys we had Sonny finishing 4th and Zeke 7th. Sonny's 4th place will see him heading to the Sydney East Carnival and Zeke 7th place earns him the 1st reserve spot. Amelie finished 14th in the 10 Years Girls race, Jayden finished 14th in the 10 Years Boys and in the 12 Years Boys Will finished 10th. I would like to thank all the students and parents that attended for supporting our cross-country team and showing amazing team spirit in such miserable weather. Also, a big thanks to Mr Park for all his assistance on the day.

Mr Jennings



## Harmony Day

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations CSPA students were invited to create posters for the Moving Forward Together poster competition. The students worked hard, and the resulting artworks were colourful, creative, and very impressive. Submissions went in mid-April and the winners will be announced later this month. For information on the Moving Forward Together initiative or to have look at their poster competition [gallery](https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/) go to <https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/>

Best of luck to our artists!

Mrs Buhagiar



## P&C News

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope all our Cronulla South mums had a wonderful Mother's Day. A big thank you to our Year 1 mum Sophie Williams who is the owner of Kingsley and Hudson, she collaborated with the P&C to provide, organise and deliver beautiful products for our Mother's Day fundraiser.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May at 6pm in the School Library. We will be presenting our \$5,000 cheque for the purchase of new school readers thanks to all our parents support with our hot cross bun fundraiser. Our Principal, Dr Neil Lavitt will also provide an informative address on all current school matters. Please join us. The meeting will run for approx 90min.

Our next fundraiser will be held 21st May, Election Day. The fundraiser event is still to be finalised. Please look out on our school app and emails to keep updated. We always love to have new parents join us to help raise money for our school and children.

Lastly, if you have a business that can support a P&C fundraiser then please call Marietta (President) on 0400 453 196. The P&C are always looking at various ways to support local families and community as well as raising money for our school.

### The Uniform Shop

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is open Wednesday's between 9 am and 10 am. This is a good opportunity to purchase your winter uniform needs as students transition to their winter uniforms over the coming weeks.

Please ensure that you contact the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator, Lauren on 0426 612 949 to place your order prior to making payment to ensure the item is in stock.

If you have any good quality uniforms at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the uniform shop. Donations can be accepted at the school office.

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