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Whilst as the Principal of Cromer PS, I want to assure parents that if in my professional opinion I believe you need to be informed of safety information that is relevant to all students, you will be advised of this via our messaging system. NSW public schools operate within DEC policy guidelines. You would be aware that schools have regular evacuation and lockdown drills. You may not be aware that schools contact parents immediately if a child cannot be located and in some cases need to contact the Police. Such procedures are put in place in the best interest of child safety and protection.

On Monday, one of our students experienced a number of problems. I have no intention of discussing these problems with anyone bar the student’s parents and support personnel. Morally and ethically, it is my professional responsibility to maintain confidentiality with regard to the student’s privacy.

As a precautionary measure I instituted our Lockdown Procedure to ensure the student’s distress levels were not escalated by the arrival of other students streaming out onto the playground at Recess.

Your children and their teachers followed the procedure for Lockdown that we have practised previously. Students remained inside to eat their recess. Later in the morning all students received a twenty minute play session outside on the playground.

At no time were any of our students K-6 placed under any threat in any way. We endeavour to keep school as normal as possible and always act responsibly when dealing with a range of student issues.

We did what we believe was right at the time to cater for the student’s particular needs. In fact, we were doing our job to support a very distressed student and acting in that student’s best interest.

I seek parents’ understanding with regard to the above circumstances. I ask you to place your trust in our professionalism and the fact we will always do our utmost to support and protect all of our students.

I have always operated on a “need to know” basis. I will never compromise on student safety. I can assure you if our students had in any way been placed under threat you would have been advised. This was not the case on this occasion.

Special thanks must go to Miss Nicole Herrmann for her wonderful organisation of our Kindergarten 2014 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday night. The parents in attendance appreciated the relevant information provided by DP Nicole Herrmann; AP and Kindergarten Supervisor, Ms Denise Jeffrey; Kindergarten Grade Coordinator, Mrs Leah Wood and P&C President, Mrs Jen Webster. I also appreciated the attendance of the other Kindergarten Team members Miss Julia Waugh, Mrs Mary Brissenden and Mrs Louise Jacob who assisted parents to gather their written information.

On Wednesday a group of budding scientists from 5L - Kate M, Nicholas C, Taj G, Tamsin C, Aidan M and Robert E participated in the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Inaugural Science Fair held at Narrabeen Sports High School. School teams presented their experiments to one another and enjoyed a Science Show at the end of the afternoon. Our students’ presentation was on Marvellous Micro-organisms. Mrs Sharyn Lawler worked diligently as a member of the PCS Science Committee to plan this exciting event for students. Next week there will be a report in the newsletter from our student scientists that I am sure you will find informative. Well done, boys and girls!

Congratulations to our very talented girls who performed at the State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre on Thursday evening. Our dancers from Years 4 – 6 performed ‘Mimefulness’ which was choreographed by Ms Glynis Cochrane. She has spent many hours training the girls and has shared her passion for dance with them.

This school has been very fortunate to receive the benefit of Ms Cochrane’s incredible dance expertise over so many years. I also appreciate the support the girls received from Miss Nicole Herrmann and Miss Alison Quinn for the rehearsal and performance.

To be offered a place to perform at the State Dance Festival is like receiving a jewel in the crown as the level of performance is absolutely amazing. I know I was thrilled to attend and see the girls’ vibrant performance - they really owned the stage. I could also see some happy Cromer family members in the audience who were justifiably proud of their daughters. I am sure the girls appreciate the love and support they have received from their families throughout the preparation for the performance. Well done, girls!

In closing, I would like to send our best wishes to Nick J in 6M who will be representing NSW at the National Swimming titles in Adelaide. It is a great honour to represent your State, region and school at an elite level. He will be competing in a large number of events. As Nick dives in the pool, Cromer PS will be thinking of him. Good Luck, Nick!

Maureen Gray
Principal
What a beautiful start to spring!!!

**LOST PROPERTY**
As the weather warms up during the day, please check that your child’s jacket is clearly labelled with their name and class. Expensive jackets are left lying around the school at recess and lunch and end up in the lost property! Twice a term these unclaimed items are placed out on the basketball court steps for collection. The Uniform Shop then receives the clothing that is leftover to sell in their second-hand stall.

PLEASE remind your child to look after their belongings and check the lost property regularly.

**KINDERGARTEN 2014 INFORMATION EVENING**
We held our annual Kindergarten Information Evening for new parents at school on Tuesday night. Over 90 parents attended the evening and received a Cromer Public School Pack for our Transition to School program over the next few months. If you were unable to attend, your child’s pack is available from the front office.

The first Orientation session begins on Wednesday! The parent workshop during this hour will discuss school readiness.

A special thank you goes to the current Kindergarten teaching team for their support and presentations during the evening.

**STATE DANCE FESTIVAL**
It was my absolute pleasure to escort the Senior Dance Group to The Seymour Centre for their State Dance Festival rehearsal on Thursday. The girls represented Cromer Public School with beautiful manners, behaviour and respect during the 2 hour rehearsal.

I wish to thank Mr Witte, Mrs Harris and Ms O’Ryan for driving our 19 students to their dress rehearsal. We watched back stage as Ms Cochrane and her dance group performed at such an elite level with primary and high school dancers from all over NSW.

Mrs Maureen Gray and many very proud Cromer families witnessed the magical performance for themselves on Thursday evening.

We also wish to thank Miss Allison Quinn for supervising the Cromer dancers back stage throughout the evening. What a wonderful and prestigious event to be invited to participate in during 2013…….. Congratulations girls!

**KINDERGARTEN ZOO EXCURSION**
What an exciting day Thursday was for our 94 kindergarten students and their teachers! It was their very first grade excursion. They eagerly boarded the buses at 9am to make their way to Taronga Zoo.

Their day was filled with animal spotting, watching the zoo shows and an educational visit to ‘Back to the Bush’. We thank all the parent helpers who assisted the 5 teachers throughout the day! I’m sure they all slept well last night!! We know there will be many recounts and information reports written about the Zoo in the days to come and we can’t wait to read them.

**DEC PARENT INFORMATION**

**National Child Protection Week 1-7 September**
Protecting children is everyone’s business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Find out more: [http://napcan.org.au/](http://napcan.org.au/)

**Helping your child choose right from wrong**

**Preparing for Year 7**
The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child. However, **by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.** Find out more: [http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/](http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/)

Enjoy the weekend with your families.

Kindest regards,

Julie Johnson and Nicole Herrmann (rel)

Deputy Principals
An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing Student Services Programs to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and Department of Education and Communities' representatives. At this forum we welcome our guest speaker:

Scott Gould
Psychologist and School Counsellor (Hearing), Arranounbai School.

**TOPIC:** Positive Health for children. The chemical effect of happiness and gratitude on the brain and how schools can contribute to the overall well-being and satisfaction of students, beyond just a focus on achievement.

**Date:** 13 September 2013

**Time:** 10:00am to 12:00 noon

**Venue:** Lindfield East Public School Hall
90 Tyron Road, East Lindfield

For more information or to RSVP for catering purposes, please contact Kate McCosker, Student Welfare Consultant, on 9987 3900 or via email at kate.mccosker@det.nsw.edu.au.

**PARLIAMENTARY PATTERN**

Hi Cromer,

This week we are focusing on Year 6 and what they are learning. Year 6 is currently doing a lot of work on the Year 6 play, ‘The Next Big Step’. They have been memorising their lines, learning songs to sing and practising stage positions. During maths they are learning about fractions: how to add them; subtract them; multiply them; and divide them. They are also learning different ways to write stories. In PDHPE they have been learning how to play Soft Crosse which is a safer version of La Crosse. Today the whole grade participated in a biodiversity project, they went around our school studying the grounds. We hope they will have fun continuing on with these activities.

Ella C
School Captain

Lauren D
School Vice-Captain
‘THE NEXT BIG STEP’ STARRING YEAR 6 STUDENTS

On Wednesday 18th September Cromer Public School will host the Year 6 Performance of ‘The Next Big Step’.

With only a few days left at primary school and then the summer holidays to prepare for the next chapter in their lives, our Year 6 students are a little nervous about the changes ahead of them as they start high school. The students fondly reflect upon the different aspects of primary school life and introduce us to some of the entertaining characters and events that have made it such a special part of their lives. Rehearsals are progressing well, so be sure to book your tickets for this exciting performance.

Ticket details: Wednesday 18th September 6:30pm
Cost: Free (gold coin donation at the door)
Bookings: can be made from Monday 9th September at 10:00am
by following the link below:
http://www.trybooking.com/DNPD

Be quick as it’s “first in, best dressed” for allocated seating.

When booking please choose the next seats available in the row and please do not leave single seats. To be fair to other parents, please do not book more seats than required as this will leave some people without seating. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 Teachers

MOBILE PHONE SCHOOL APP

Did you know you can share the app with friends and other school parents by clicking on the Tell Friend button located on the home screen? You can share by email, Facebook, Twitter or SMS. Did you also know our school can earn funds for any apps ordered by a referral from our school parents? So tell everyone!

Download the app from the Apple App Store or the Android Google Play Market (then search for Cromer PS).

LOST LUNCH BOXES AND LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that lost lunch boxes and lost property will be destroyed on Friday 20th September 2013. Please ask your children to check for lost property before this date.

CHESS COMPETITION

The Cromer Chess challenge is open to all students in Years 2 to 6 and will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 19th September. The tournament will commence at 9.30am sharp. The top 20 qualifying students from this tournament will be asked to represent the school at the Regional Chess Tournament (held in Term 4 at Pittwater House).

This tournament can only go ahead with the help of parent supervisors. This is an individual competition. The cost per person is $10. Permission slip and payment must be made to the school office by 12th September 2013.

Marilinda & Roland Winter
Coordinators of the Cromer Chess Club (Email at: Marilinda@iprimus.com.au)

Student Name: ________________________________ Class: ____________
Parent Name: __________________ Parent Signature: ________________
Parent Contact Number: ______________________
Parent able to supervise: Yes / No Cost: $10
Stay Smart Online Tips for everyone

Tip No. 1
Install and update your security software; set it to scan regularly.

Tip No. 2
Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications.

Tip No. 3
Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses.

Tip No. 4
Stop and think before you click on links and attachments.

Tip No. 5
Take care when transacting online – research the supplier and use a safe payment method.

Tip No. 6
Only download ‘apps’ from reputable publishers and read all permission requests.

Tip No. 7
Regularly check your privacy settings on social networking sites.

Tip No. 8
Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online.

Tip No. 9
Talk with your child about staying safe online, including on their smartphone or mobile device.

Tip No. 10
Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online – download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button.

www.staysmartonline.gov.au/school
This week at Kids Club we have been busy cooking colourful spring food. We have made flower biscuits, heavenly mash and snickerdoodles. YUM!!

It’s coming……. Healthy Brain Week at Kids Club: October 14th-18th. We will be having a week long program focusing on being healthy with the children. We will be eating healthily, cooking healthy foods and playing games outside to keep us fit.

**Vacation Care:**
Term 3 is nearly over and it’s time to book into our fantastic vacation care program. These holidays we are heading to the farm, having a spooky science workshop, building with Lego and our ever popular wheels day is back!

Just a reminder that we are trialling having only one central centre open for vacation care these school holidays. The service will be situated at St Johns Kids Club Narrabeena behind the St Johns Catholic Church off Waratah Pde, Narrabeena.


Have a great weekend.

The Team at Cromer Kids Club!
www.ooshnb.com.au

**LUNCH BOX IDEAS**

**Snack:** plain or fruit-based muesli bar

**Lunch:** vegetable soup in a thermos (luke warm) served with a bread roll (plain or buttered), with fruit in season and water

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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Laura & The Canteen Team

**50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK:** Dissection No.: 090 505 - $23

Only ten copies of the 50th Anniversary Committee Commemorative Book are still available. Call us on 9971 0499 to order your copy now.

**Student Name:** ____________________________  **Class:** ____________

**Contact Number:** __________________________

**Number of Books:** ____________ @ $23.00 each  **Total Cost:** ____________
We are now accepting business card sized advertisements in our Community News section for Term 4. Cost is $55 per term and must be pre-paid by cash, cheque or credit card.
Candidate: Marni Nippers

Manly Life Saving Club invites all 5-10 year olds to learn all about staying safe at the beach, in a fun and friendly environment.

Manly Nippers learn about:
- Surf Safety and Awareness
- Surf Sports Skills
- Personal development and leadership, including teamwork and self-confidence.

Register at Manly LSC on Sunday September 23rd & 30th from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

If you are registering for the first time please bring proof of age.

For further information please call Tim Cuthbert on 0429 918 180, or go to www.malylsc.com.au/nippers

Candidate: Collaroy Nippers

JOIN COLLAROY NIPPER'S

Come along to Collaroy SLSC Nippers. Our registration days are 8th & 15th September 8.30am till 1.00pm at Collaroy Surf Club
Pittwater Rd, Collaroy.
Nippers will be held on Sunday mornings starting 13th October at 9.30am.

For further information contact darryl_collaroynippers@bigpond.com
WARRINGAH COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Brochures are now available at the front office or can be downloaded from www.warringah.nsw.gov.au.

6th Manly Young Artists Exhibition – Register Now!

Children aged 5 to 16 can enter the annual Manly Young Artists Exhibition. Children enter this not-for-profit event by attending one of 10 weekend workshops with Brush Art 4 Kids in Brookvale in September, October or November. Entrants are required to paint a free choice canvas in 3 ½ hours which are then hung in the exhibition in late November. A total of $12,000 in prizes have been donated by 50 businesses and the NAB Art Prize has been established to recognise outstanding artwork produced.

Very Limited Vacancies for 2013!
NOW offering Show Team
Performance Classes and
Elite Extension Program
along with classes “Just for Fun”.

Ballet (RAD), Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, Tiny Tots,
Boys Only, Acro, Leaps and turns, Strength and Conditioning, Stretch, Contemporary.

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