CROMER COURTESIES: - Offer help to an adult who has many things to carry.

NOTES HOME: Year 2 Swim school information

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I would like to sincerely congratulate our Zone Finalist Debating Team for their efforts during this week at the Inter-Zone Finals. Nicholas C, Joel E, Anna B, Olivia L and Bea McG were wonderful in the presentation of their arguments. They have worked so closely together throughout the year and supported one another for each debate displaying great teamwork. The team was narrowly defeated by Northbridge PS. Coach Mrs Judy Geeves, their parents and I could not have been prouder of their efforts. Well done, Debaters!

On Wednesday evening we held the Kindergarten Information Evening for the 2015 Intake. It was good to see so many mums and dads come along to this evening. At this stage we anticipate 85 Kindergarten students with nearly half this number being the first child of the family commencing school and the other half with siblings who already attend Cromer PS. Deputy Principal, Nicole Herrmann was responsible for the evening’s organisation. She was joined by her current Kindergarten Team of Leah Wood, Mary Brissenden, Louise Jacob, Kymberley Lee / Nic Stratton and Tim Shepherd who assisted parents to collect their information packages and made themselves available to meet parents.

Special thanks to Nicole Herrmann, Grade Co-ordinator Leah Wood and P&C President, Jeanette Williams for their presentations to parents. Enrolment numbers in Kindergarten are vital to any school as it impacts on staffing, accommodation and class organisation. So once again, if you have not enrolled your eligible child please be on our doorstep on the first day back at school in Term 4 (Tuesday, 7th October) as the Kindergarten Transition Program commences on Wednesday, 8th October and we want all our incoming Kindergartens to have the opportunity to participate in this transition program for “Big School”.

For our Planning process for 2015, If you definitely know your child/children will not be attending Cromer PS in 2015 we really need to know and would appreciate written advice at the start of next term marked – Attention: The Principal. Naturally this does not include Year 6 students going onto High School. Even if there is a possibility your child/children will be not with us, we would also appreciate this advice too. Our enrolment numbers as we know them at present mean we will not have the same number of classes as this year, so I would like to have a more accurate picture of all grade totals. I would truly appreciate your co-operation in this important matter.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to our marvellous Special Education Team of Teachers: Soraia Barry and Greta Francis and Student Learning Support Officers, Helen Brady and Sarah Battaglene who have worked over the last number of years with Class 4-6B, this was one of North Sydney Region’s Support Classes. There have been students who have participated in this program from a wide range of schools and I know the students, their parents and the different schools have appreciated the level of expertise and support that has been provided from the staff. This class is being reclassified and will move to another school for next year as there are no students awaiting placement for this category of support.

We are fortunate that Mrs Barry and Mrs Francis were available to take up Mrs Oram’s class for the remainder of this year whilst she is on Maternity Leave. Mrs Brady will be providing additional in-class support to children we have identified for the remainder of the year. Ms Battaglene has accepted work in another primary school.

Deputy Principal, Julie Johnson has been the supervisor of this class over the last five years and she, more than anyone can attest to the difference the program has made to many students’ lives. She must also be commended for her non-stop efforts on behalf of the students and various staff members who have worked on the class and for her effective liaison with the students’ home schools.

As Term 3 draws to a close I think students and staff both deserve their well - earned holiday break. This has definitely been a very busy, action packed term. I will look forward to seeing everyone at the start of Term 4 on Tuesday, 7th October. Happy Holidays!

Maureen Gray
Principal

### PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS YEARS K - 2

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What a great, engaging and busy 10 weeks we have had this term! Each grade has participated in many special events and memorable activities. We wish to thank our amazing Cromer staff for their continued dedication and inspiration throughout this term!

2015 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION AND ENROLMENT

It’s that time of the year again when we begin our Kindergarten Orientation to School program for next year’s students and their families! If you have a child attending school next year, now is the time to enrol them as our Transition program will be starting in 2 weeks on Wednesday 8th October!!

Our Kindergarten Information Evening for 2015 parents was a wonderful success! Thank you to the Kinder Team and our new Cromer parents for a very informative and purposeful evening. A special thank you goes to Jeanette Williams for her P&C President address.

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Regional Spelling Bee representatives, Isabella E, Mitchell W, Elyza G and Alex B who proudly attempted to spell many, many difficult words on Tuesday. We are proud of you all!!

CHESS SUCCESS

Many thanks to our Cromer parents, Karen Whiley, Roland Winter, Pat Femia, Clair Foster and Anna Bech for your wonderful help during our recent chess tournament.

Huge congratulations to our competition winners - Overall: Liam M (Year 6), and to Naomi McP (Year 6), Tyler N (Year 5), Kalen K (Year 4), Madeleine W (Year 3), Samantha W (Year 2), Zoe F (Year 2) and Luke O'B (Year 1)!!!!

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Year 2 to Year 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

SCHOOL RESUMES

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday break over the next 2 weeks with your family and friends. School resumes after the Labor Day public holiday on Tuesday 7th October 2014 with the SUMMER UNIFORM.

Kindest regards,
Julie Johnson and Nicole Herrmann
Deputy Principals
Wow! Term 3 has flown by. I can’t believe we are in week 10 already.

This week our theme at kids club has been “Staff Choice”. In the kitchen we have made funny face biscuits, banana muffins, hot chocolate, vanilla slice and freckle faces. Our group games outside were; 44 homes, ship, shark, shore and octopus. The children also decided to make paper aeroplanes in the afternoon and play board games with one another.

It’s now time to book into our fantastic Vacation Care Program! Our numbers have increased and we are now full for our excursion to the circus on Tuesday 23rd September. These holidays we are going to be captivated by the performing animals & crazy clowns at Lennon Bros Circus, FitKids Australia will be coming to the centre to stretch the children to their limits and also Farmer Dave will bring his team of trick dogs for an interactive show, A French Mime Artist named Leo Bonne will have everyone in stitches and we will be in the centre for USA day and a party at the end of the holidays.


Spaces will fill up fast so get in early to secure your place.

Have a great weekend!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Quick reminder - All Students to return to school in Term 4 in Summer Uniform.

Year 5/6 Girls - We have the new senior skirt in stock which has been recently introduced. It looks lovely on, so please come into the shop and be fitted.

For those students who have allergies or sensitive skin conditions, we stock a 100% cotton polo (short and long sleeve) and is the same price as normal polos.

Girls Organic socks in stock sizes 5 - 8, 8 - 12, 13 - 3 or 2 - 8 are $5.00 a pair or 3 pairs for $12.00. These are the most comfortable soft bamboo socks for the girls pretty little feet!

The Uniform shop will NOT be open these school holidays. The shop will be open on the 7th October 8:30 - 11:30am.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist in the shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays (weekly or fortnightly) from 8:30 to 9:30am. Please pop into the shop and see Leigh if you can help.

Leigh McPherson
Uniform Shop Manager

CYBER SAFETY

CyberSafety and Digital Citizenship - A Guide for Parents - Bookmark this page!

As your child spends more time on computers, portable devices and mobiles, it is important to understand how to help them stay safe and responsible. You don't have to be a computer whiz. The great news is, there is help out there! Learn about CyberSafety and Digital Citizenship at the Department of Education and Communities website: www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au. On this site you will find interesting facts, tips and interactive activities to support you and your child.

We have also found a great link to show children about safe searching on YouTube. Although they don't have access to it at school, it's a great quick video to help children surf safely at home. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkMPZuNFNBs&feature=player_embedded

Happy and Safe Searching!
Patricia Tizard
CHESS CLUB NEWS

Last Thursday we held our annual school chess tournament. Congratulations to all our chess tournament participants. The day ran very smoothly with the children showing huge enthusiasm, sportsmanship and enjoyment.

Miro Nowak adjudicated the tournament and was impressed that the standard of play has improved from last year. Our club is the standout school that he has been involved with, as it has no gender bias - apparently a rare thing. Thank you so much to the parents who helped it all run smoothly; Mr Winter, Mrs Femia, Mrs Foster and Mrs Bech. Also a warm thank you to Mrs Peisley who oversees our chess club.

Our competition winners
Overall: Liam M Year 6
Year 6: Naomi McP
Year 5: Tyler N
Year 4: Kalen K
Year 3: Madeleine W
Year 2: Samantha W and Zoe F
Year 1: Luke O’B

We hope to see more children attend Chess Club in Term 4. Coach George Winter will be splitting the club into two groups, allowing for different standards of play. In Term 4, we will also be sending teams to represent our school at the Regional Chess Tournament held at Pittwater House mid November.

Mrs Karen Whiley
Chess Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2014 Entertainment books are here! Entertainment books are excited to announce that this year there is one big Sydney Edition, incorporating Sydney and Sydney North into one book!

One BIG Sydney and Sydney North Edition with 200+ extra offers to choose from and significant extra value for you on both sides of the bridge! This year, the Sydney and Sydney North Entertainment™ Edition includes over $20,000 worth of offers for just $70. $14 of your purchase will help with fundraising!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your smartphone.

Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from Cromer Public School and support their fund-raising efforts this year. You can flick through the Virtual Book to see more http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/Sydney-and-Sydney-North#FLICKBOOK


Jen Webster
Key points to remember around schools

7 Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor’s hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children’s crossing when ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

8 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

**Dragon’s teeth road markings**

To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

For information about fines and demerit points — visit rms.nsw.gov.au

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For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
In this experiential workshop we will explore how parents can provide appropriate rules and boundaries to help children develop good self-esteem.
Are you expecting too much of your children?
Are you not expecting enough?
Come along and explore these ideas in a safe environment.

When: Wednesday 8th October 7-8.30 pm
Where: Cromer PS Staffroom
All welcome, please RSVP to the school office by Tuesday 7th October. A minimum number is required for this seminar.

Jan Grant will assist participants to:
- Learn about normal development of 6-12 year olds,
- Define self-esteem and the skills needed to develop competent adults,
- Explore six structure points to guide parental expectations.

Jan Grant began her career as an Early Childhood Educator; she now works as an Adult Educator and a Counsellor. She has over 30 years experience as a Counsellor and has had a long-term interest in educating parents and families to facilitate better relationships.

Any queries please contact Katie Woodley (Learning and Support Teacher) on 9971 0499
Chess Club aims to provide an opportunity for children to learn and utilise chess skills and to develop related skills such as fair play, strategic decision making and focus. There are significant benefits that accrue to a child’s broader learning from playing chess including:

- Improving critical thinking skills and concentration
- Learning good sportsmanship – the ability to win and lose with grace
- Developing decision-making and planning skills
- Making new friends and having fun!

We are fortunate to have secured **professional coach George Winter** to guide our club. George has played competitive chess for 45 years and has experience coaching the primary school age group.

In Term 4, classes will be split into two streams: a beginners and a more advanced group, so each child can play and learn at an appropriate level.

Karen
Cromer Chess Club

_Please feel free to contact me with any chess queries at karenwhite@optusnet.com.au_

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**CROMER CHESS CLUB** with George Winter (Professional Coach)

**Term 4 Fee: $50 (50% sibling discount – siblings pay $25)**

My child would like to participate in Cromer Chess Club, Term 4.

Name of Student: ___________________________  Class: ___________________________

Knows how the chessmen move and capture?  Yes ☐  No ☐

Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent/Caregiver)  Date: __________

Your contact details:

Parent/Caregiver Name: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________

Do you agree for your details to be included on a Chess Club contact list? Yes ☐  No ☐
Cromer Public School P&C
excitedly presents
TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 18th October
7pm Start
(6pm table set up)
Cromer Community Centre
$200 per table of 10
Silent Auctions, $10 last man standing and plenty of games so don’t forget to bring your gold coins
So gather your friends, decide your fancy dress theme and book your table of 10 at www.flexischools.com.au

Can’t attend?
Cromer friends and families, you can still be part of our fundraiser. Just log on to www.flexischools.com.au, buy your $10 raffle tickets and enter the draw to win your choice of either an iPad mini or bike certificate from 99Bikes. The more you buy the more chances of winning these perfect prizes for Christmas. Drawn on Monday 10th October.

Raising funds for ze implementation of ze new Australian Maths Syllabus
BYO drinks and nibbles to share
Cash and Cheque only on the night.
# CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**FUNDRAISING CHECKLIST**

18th October 2014, 7PM

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TRIVIA NIGHT

FIVE EASY WAYS TO MAKE THIS EVENT
‘A FANTASTIC CROMER FUNDRAISER!’ TO HELP OUR CHILDREN

1 - Book Your Trivia Night Table
For those who remember the last Trivia Night - you’ll know it’s going to be a fantastic evening so - ‘Gather your team and your fancy dress theme !!!’ Book your table of 10 people via www.flexischools.com.au. $200 per table. There are only 24 tables available so it’s first come, first served !!!! It is not necessary to have a www.flexischools.com.au account. Log in as a “guest”.

2 - Class Basket Item
Ensure that you’ve sent your Class Basket item into school. The baskets are an essential fundraiser on the night, so please bring in your $5-$10 item. Queries to your Class Parent. No later than Friday 10th October.

3 - Sell A Chair
Keep it local! The Trivia Committee are asking you to help sell advertising space on the back of the Trivia Night chairs. We are asking every single one of our 550 families to get behind this aspect of the fundraiser and sell just one chair to a local company, a friend that owns a business or even your local shop / take away. The company’s letterhead or logo will be advertised on a chair for the evening and their generosity will be gratefully acknowledged in the Cromer Weekly Newsletter for the five Fridays through October. The weekly reaches 550 Cromer families and fellow local business owners. BARGAIN! - Great local advertising for five weeks for a one off $50! An essential part of our 2014 Fundraiser. For details on how to participate, please see ‘Invitation to all of our Local Community Businesses’ letter in the Newsletter.

Do you know people who own a larger Northern Beaches business? Why not sell a table of chairs. Each table will generate $500. Huge collective return for a small amount of effort. Easy money to help our children. Don’t assume other people will sell the chairs - Take ownership - it’s a small effort to help our Cromer children! No later than Tuesday 30th September.

4 - ‘Gotta be in it to win it’ Raffle Tickets - iPad Mini / Child or Adult Bike
The Trivia Committee have put together a raffle which will enable parents, grandparents and friends of Cromer who are not able to attend the event to still participate in our fundraising. This raffle engages the entire school community and is still open to people going to the Trivia Night. Choice of two fantastic first prizes - either an iPad Mini or a $349 bike certificate to exchange for one of four models, male or female, sized to suit bike kindly donated by 99Bikes, Brookvale. Raffle tickets are just $10 each and can be bought through www.flexischools.com.au. It is not necessary to have a flexischools account - log in as a “guest”. Raffle drawn and winner notified on Monday 20th October. Be in it to Win it - The more tickets you buy, the better chance of winning. (Tickets on sale until the 19th October).

5 - Record any Donations in your ‘Donations Log’
Please ensure that any donations you have received to date or that you may receive for the event, are updated on your Donations Log. Email your completed donations log to fiatred@bigpond.com on or before Tuesday 30th September. This log will be the only source used to compile the list of companies that we are obliged to acknowledge for their generosity. This form needs to be an accurate record of the donation.

HERE’S TO A FUN FILLED NIGHT CROMER!
CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 18th October 2014

Invitation to all of our
Local Community Businesses

Cromer Public School Parents & Citizens Association Trivia Night Team is planning a fun filled community event. We wish to invite all local community businesses to sponsor a chair at our schools trivia night in October.

Your company logo or letterhead will be advertised on a chair for the evening. This will be visible to all attendee’s which will include other local business owners. Let’s keep our business truly local by promoting your company within our immediate community. Your $50.00 contribution will make an enormous difference to our children.

Not only will your company name be advertised on the chair for the evening but also an acknowledgment of your company will be recorded in our school newsletter for the month of October ensuring those not able to attend the event are aware of your generosity. The newsletter reaches in excess of 550 families and local business owners.

Be quick - only 240 chairs available.
Don’t let your competitor get the last one!

If you are able to participate, please EFT your payment to Cromer PS Parents & Citizens Associations Bank Account - Westpac BSB: 032 094 Account number: 291 350 and use Ref: Trivia Night. Then simply return a copy of your letterhead/logo to the following email address: fialdred@bigpond.com. Please ensure that you put your company name (as you would like to see it in the acknowledgements) in the subject field along side your electronic funds transfer receipt number.

Thank you for your consideration.
Cromer P&C Association Trivia Night Team

For more information on how to participate, please contact Kate Smith 0402 944 523 or Fiona Aldred on 0404 907 390.
TRIVIA NIGHT 2014 DONATION LOG

In order that we honour our obligation to acknowledge and thank all contributors to the Trivia Night, please ensure that you keep a complete and accurate record of all donations received. Please email your completed donation log to Fiona Aldred at fialdred@bigpond.com no later than Friday 10th October.

You will need to have the donation placed in a basket or other suitable display container and wrapped with cellophane. This will need to be dropped at a local address (TBC) after 10th October.

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From the Trivia Night 2014 Co-ordinators, thank you so much for contributing to what we hope will be a fun filled and successful evening.
BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

Our Academy is a fun place where kids learn important life changing skills and the Art of Jiu Jitsu. Discipline, Fun, Friendships, Self-Awareness & Defense.

Call Vince on 0452-535-741 or Morgan on 0402220269

Please note that the advertisements appearing in this newsletter do not necessarily carry the endorsement of Cromer Public School. The credentials of advertisers have NOT been checked by the school. For reasons of child protection, interested parents are strongly advised to closely check the credentials of any person or group advertising activities that would directly involve the participation of their children (e.g. camps, coaching, classes etc.)
ANZ “HOT SHOTS”

HOLIDAY tENNIS & SPORTS CAMP
BEVERLEY JOB PARK
MCINTOSH ROAD NARRAWEENA

Camp 1: Wednesday 24th Sept - Friday 26th Sept
Camp 2: Monday 29th Sept - Friday 3rd Oct

Time: 9.00 -12.30 pm OR 9.00 - 3.00 pm
Cost: $150 for 5 full days  $110 - 5 half days
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Clinic 2: Thursday 25 September, 9.30am - 12noon.
Clinic 3: Friday 26 September, 9.30pm - 12noon.

Where: Narrabeen Athletics Track,
Sydney Academy of Sport & Rec.,
Waterhouse Parkway, Narrabeen

Age: For children aged 8-15 years,
Limited to 30 children per clinic

Price: $60 per child per clinic.

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Where  Warriewood Surf Life Saving Club, Narrabeen Park Parade, Warriewood
When  Tuesdays 10am – 12pm.
        Start date: 4 November 2014
Presenters Godelieve Hofman-Verkuyl – Good Family Life
        Sue Johansson – Community Builders Pittwater, Relationships Australia
Costs  $180* Places are limited to 10 participants

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K-2 Science
This term at Mona Vale Public school the Kindergarten to Year 2 children have had the opportunity to attend our new K-2 Science Club. Each week 3 new members of each class have the chance to discover and enjoy the magic of science through a variety of fun hands-on science experiments. We have also recruited a team of enthusiastic Year 6 volunteers who help the younger ones make sense of what they are seeing and experiencing as well as helping to clear up afterwards! It raises the profile of science in the lower school and you only have to see their expressions and hear their incredible questions to realise the effect engaging in real-life and unexpected science has on everyone. We look forward to continuing the initiative in Term 4.

3-6 Science Club
The Science Club students in Years 3-6 have been learning about space food with our School Scientist, Hette Mollema. We have discussed the issues with taking fresh food to space and tried dehydrated food. We have also dehydrated our own fruit! We have learnt about how water is recycled in space so astronauts can have enough water to rehydrate their food.

We also had NASA astronaut, Dr Greg Chamitoff, visit Stage 3 and Science Club students. We asked him about his experiences eating food in space. We are looking forward to presenting our work on space food at the PCS Science Fair!
Pittwater High School

Pittwater Learns About Farming Futures at the University of New England

It can be a little challenging to appreciate the opportunities available in the agriculture sector whilst living on the northern beaches. However, earlier this month, five Year 11 students took the opportunity to explore the course offered by the University of New England and to talk to graduates and employers of the sector. Whilst there, Meagan Story, Marley Donoghue, Trenton Crosse, Blake Wilson and Mitchell Wyton were lucky enough to hear some of the leading experts talk about their areas of interest. This included cattle methane production, implications for the environment and profitability, calculating animals energy expenditure and managing a multi-faceted cropping and grazing simulation in a game which Blake and Mitchell won overall (beating several agri-cultural schools and students from rural backgrounds).

The students and their teacher had a great time and would particularly like to thank Hurlstone Agricultural School for helping us get there and back on their bus.

Pittwater Wins Interzone Debating Final

Throughout the last two terms our Year 9 and 10 Debaters have been participating in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Both teams were in the same pool alternately debating Mosman High’s two teams and then against each other. Our Year 10 team won this pool and last week they proceeded to the Interzone Final against Normanhurst Selective Boys High School. In front of a Pittwater Year 10 audience and with the support of our Year 9’s, we successfully debated the ‘Negative’ position for the topic “That we should force the victims of natural disasters to rebuild elsewhere.”

What a fantastic achievement! The camaraderie between all our debaters and the time spent in pursuit of improvement is to be commended. They remained composed against a more experienced team, presenting a unified response to all arguments put forward, and have progressed to the Regional Quarter Final.

Pittwater Engineering Students Discover UTS

In July, 35 Year 9 and 10 Engineering students visited the University of Technology Sydney, Ultimo campus, for a discovery day. The students were impressed by the size of the main lecture hall and the comfortable seats, and that was just for the introduction. After the briefing the students were separated into groups with members from 17 other schools and they met their university student chaperones. The students participated in interactive and engaging workshops throughout the day including artificial intelligence, making crystal AM radios, floating houses, formula one car models, robotics, coding and mind control. Pittwater won a number of challenges and it was excellent to see the students out of their comfort zone displaying leadership skills and collaborating with students from other schools.
Narrabeen Sports High – Open Girls Touch NSW Runners Up

On Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th August the Open Girls Touch Football Team competed in the Final 10 of the NSW All Schools Touch Football Competition. On Tuesday the girls defeated Tomaree High School 5-2 and Matraville Sports High 7-1 and drew with Hills High School 3-3. On Wednesday the girls played their Semi Final against Tweed River High and won 3-2. The girls made the final of the NSW All Schools Touch Football Competition against Hills Sports High School. The girls were amazing and showed great sportsmanship, however, ended up going down 6-3. It is the first time that Narrabeen Sports High School Girls have made the Final of the Competition. Congratulations to the players and coaches on this fantastic achievement.

Team: Drew, Bailee, Piper, Hannah, Shellie, Ruby, Brianna, Hayley, Sinead, Georgette, Macy, Caitlin, Aleya, Jennaya, Meri.

Avalon Public School’s Science Club

Avalon Public School introduced a Science Club this term. It is a result of a Student Representative Council initiative. The Science Club is designed to introduce students to activities that have a real world focus, that utilise technology where appropriate to problem solve and to provide opportunities for students to explore and experiment in a collaborative, supportive environment.

The first activity the Science Club was involved in was the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Crystal Growing competition. Students were required to research different methods of growing crystals and to select one to use to create their alum crystal. Avalon Public School’s Science Club members presented five crystals to be judged. We were successful in gaining two ‘Highly Commended’ awards for the crystals.
Avalon Public School’s Science Club took part in the second annual Peninsula Community of Schools ‘Sensational Science Fair’ in Week 8 this term. The focus this year was ‘Food for Our Future: Science Feeding the World’. The students and teachers researched various methods of farming and growing vegetables. The students planted a vertical garden. Each week they monitor, measure, record and plot the growth. They will present their Vertical Garden at the Science Fair.

The Science Club is a part of Avalon’s promotion of science and all the exciting things it offers students.

Newport Public School

Over the past two weeks, the students at Newport were treated to not one but two and sometimes three of their teachers engaging in learning with them in their classrooms, during a series of lesson observations conducted as part of our Term 3 professional learning plan.

Why? Research on effective professional learning tells us that it needs to be organised around collaborative problem solving and provide opportunities for collegial inquiry, observation, critique, reflection and group support. It exposes teachers to actual practice rather than to descriptions of practice and includes deliberate evaluation and feedback by skilled practitioners with expertise in ‘good teaching.’ (Cole 2012). So we structured our professional learning this term to be led by staff, with the aim of developing their knowledge and skills to examine effective classroom practice through research and to have the opportunity to work collaboratively for this purpose.

Who was involved? Based on the model of “peer reflection,” the staff got together in pairs or trios. They examined evidence of student work and reflected on their own learning needs as well as those of the students, to establish a question to be explored. For example, which learning experiences give students the opportunity to articulate and develop their reasoning skills? What happens to the students’ use of mathematical language when learning intentions are made explicit?

What did we do? The pairs and trios then spent time examining syllabus content, reviewing current student work, viewing and reflecting on relevant Adobe Connect sessions and planning lessons. Each teacher taught a lesson over the two week period, while colleagues observed and participated. They gathered data from students during the lesson, by asking questions such as; “What are you learning about today and how will you know if you are successful?” The teachers reflected on their findings and shared their process, lesson plans, student work and the data gathered with colleagues.

Where to next? After evaluating the outcomes for conducting professional learning in this way, we plan to adapt and repeat the process, exploring the question of how we can make more visible our students’ success in learning? This will involve a focus on specific evidence-based, effective teaching techniques.

Cole, P. (2012). Linking Effective Professional Learning with Effective Teaching Practice. PTR Consulting
Engaging with Science at Narrabeen Lakes Public School

At our school all students are fortunate to participate in a dynamic science program based on the Primary Connections units of work which span a broad range of scientific disciplines. While Kindergarten studies science with their classroom teachers, Years 1 to 6 undertake 90 minutes of science RFF per week in the Science room with a specialist science teacher.

This term Stage 1-3 students are studying biological science. Stage 1 students are observing, measuring and recording the lifecycle of mealworms; Stage 2 is doing the same for broad beans; and Stage 3 classes are designing and conducting experiments with yeast and mould.

Cromer Public School

Cromer Public School's Year 3 and 4 students have been participating in a variety of Science lessons this term to learn where food comes from and how it should taste.

Did you know that flavour is detected by a combination of taste and smell and that acid is mainly responsible for the sour taste?

The students have discovered how all five senses (taste, sight, smell, touch and hearing) are used to appreciate food. They have investigated through many sensory activities, including taste testing whilst blindfolded, how to discern sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami tastes.

Staff at Cromer prepared a “Fanta/orange” looking drink using food colouring and lemonade for the students to taste! The observations by the students were amazing! The students learnt that sight is deceptive, that they can’t trust looking at some food and knowing what it is, how it tastes or whether they will like it. The students found out that they had to use all their senses to enable them to determine the taste.

The “Week of Tastes” educational program run by Helen Campbell was used to support this unit of work. The program allows the students:

- to understand how they use their five senses to appreciate food
- enrich their food vocabulary
- develop curiosity and a positive attitude towards new foods
- discover the diverse world of flavours
- and learn the link between good food choices and good health.
Each class was visited by a chef from the community. These visits helped the students to develop an appreciation for the origin of the food, how it is prepared, and its taste, as well as hearing about the life of someone with a passion for food. Native honey producers, Beecology, food consultant Tawnya Bahr, Chef Doug Fraser and his apprentice Izzy Ruger from Barbuto organised taste preparations for the students and staff.

Wheeler Heights Public School

I Want to Be Day

Congratulations to students and staff for their support of the SRC fundraiser ‘I Want to be Day’ which was held on Wednesday 20 August. Costumes were many and varied such as restaurant chefs, zoo keepers, surgeons, firemen, super heroes to sports stars. Many at school were enchanted by Ms McCombie’s pink prima ballerina outfit which she personally designed, as I believe were local coffee merchants. Mr Blanshard looked charmingly regal in his King of Wheeler County costume. Our school raised an amazing $500 for the ‘Kids with Cancer Project’. Special thanks to Ms Mavromatis and the SRC team for the organisation of such a fun and successful day.

A superb job from our SRC representatives in their ‘I Want to be Day’ costumes
Wheeler Heights Artfest
The Wheeler Heights PS Art Auction was held on Thursday 4 September (Week 8) in the school hall. Each class from Kindergarten to Year 6 were represented through individual artwork pieces and class major works. A sensational array of varied and quality artworks were on display for all to enjoy.

Here are some examples of the class major artworks:
Science at Collaroy Plateau

At Collaroy all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been involved in experimenting, inventing and hypothesizing at school to celebrate Science Week. Students rotated within their grade to be inspired by their teachers who organised exciting hands-on activities.

All year, students have enjoyed working with Primary Connections units in their classrooms and they have appreciated presentations by Fizzics Education, CSIRO and the NRMA to reinforce lessons taught in class on Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space.

The lunchtime ‘Science Club’ has continued in 2014 and these students have explored such topics as magnetic forces, volcanoes, and electricity to name a few.

At this year’s PCS Science Food Fair, eight talented students will present ‘What will be in your lunchbox?’ They will take you on a journey into the world of Genetically Modified food and its impact on society. Is this the way of the future?

It has been an extraordinary year of science at CPPS and we hope our students continue to develop in their scientific understandings. ‘To infinity and beyond!’

Chickens Return to Roost at Bilgola

Last term Bilgola Plateau retired its aged flock of chickens to a nursery in Narrabeen and this term with the help of two enthusiastic, knowledgeable and hardworking parents we have refurbished our coop and ten healthy young birds arrived in Week 7 of this term.

The aim of the refurbishment was to provide the school with a clean, rat proof, low maintenance chicken coop. We wanted to incorporate the chickens with our existing vegetable gardens to provide a system that nourishes our gardens and allows the chickens to feed as naturally as possible with the use of weeds and plants that supplement the chickens’ diet and helps to prevent mites and parasites.

In refurbishing the coop we firstly lined the floor with gal mesh panels to stop rodents burrowing under and any gaps were also filled in. The door was also repaired to stop rodents from entering at night.

Poop shelves were installed under the perches to reduce cleaning time and waste of saw dust. We also installed two low-maintenance automatic feeders. The feeders help to discourage rodents as the food isn’t left in the open and can only be accessed via a ledge. The automatic feeders will contain chicken starter until the chickens are 18 weeks old, at that point we will commence feeding the chickens layer pellets.
Once the chickens are fully grown the feeder should only need to be filled once a week. Organic seed will be offered to the birds to encourage them back into the coop at night. A nipple watering system has been set up in the coop to give the chickens fresh water and will only need filling once a week. Clean water is extremely important for the chickens as it encourages laying and helps to prevent disease. Chickens tend to kick and scratch anything into their water, including faeces. ‘Protexin’ probiotics will be placed in their water for the first week as it is good for their digestive system and reduces stress which sometimes occurs when birds are relocated.

The run has also been covered with mulch 8cm deep to encourage bugs and weed growth. The mulch also serves to disperse water runoff.

Finally we plan to plant ‘clucker tucker’ and ‘good bug mix’ gardens inside the run. Our plan is to provide weeds that will reduce feed costs and act as a worm and parasite preventer. The “good bug mix” will provide the chickens with high protein bugs and also provide our gardens with beneficial insects to allow pollination and reduce pest outbreaks. Chickens deplete good bugs and bacteria from the environment so a “good bug mix garden” will help to readdress this imbalance. The gardens will be protected with wire mesh so the chickens can eat the tips of the plants and not devour the entire crop.

With our refurbishments completed in Week 6 of this term we welcomed our new flock in Week 7. We now have 7 salmon Faverolles and 3 Plymouth Rocks. The Faverolle and Plymouth Rock breeds are known to be docile, laid back and very friendly birds. Because they are quite docile, they tend to be picked on by other breeds of chickens so introducing them first into the flock ensures they will be well established into the coop and at the top of the pecking order when more chickens are introduced. Faverolles and Plymouth Rocks are also great layers and we look forward to fresh eggs for many years to come.

Narrabeen North

Following our successful Sciencefest in Term Two of this year, Narrabeen North Public School students busily prepared for the PCS Science Fair. The theme this year was “Food for our future: Science feeding the world”. The theme was inspired by the International Year for Family Farming.
The topic we chose to research was bees and how important they are to the survival of everything. The students found bees fascinating and are now all bee experts! They found out that bees are responsible for pollinating the majority of the world’s agricultural crops and that without them, we would simply not have fresh fruit and vegetables. In fact, we would all starve because nothing could be pollinated.

Students also researched why bees are disappearing and how we can help in reducing the number of bees vanishing from our world. The children looked at the honey making process. They also demonstrated honey collection by using a manual honey extractor machine. The children had a sensational time presenting all the facts they knew about bees at the PCS Science Fair and they enjoyed learning about the other science topics. They cannot wait to attend next year’s Science Fair!

Barrenjoey High School

MADD Evening Was a Sensation!
Barrenjoey’s MADD evening was held on 28th August. It was an opportunity to display the talents of Barrenjoey’s students in the fields of Music, Art, Dance, Drama and Design & Technology.

It’s worth noting that more than 80% of our students choose HSC courses that contain a Major Work, with approximately 35% doing two of these courses. This is testament to the creativity of our students and the physicality they bring to their HSC studies.

Quality was displayed, not just in Visual Arts and Photography but also in Music, Industrial Technology - Timber, Design & Technology, Drama, Hospitality and Dance, work that was the result of effort, application, vision, determination and imagination.
MADD Evening is Barrenjoey High School’s collaboration between the CAPA (Creative & Performing Arts) and the TAS (Technology & Applied Studies) faculties, and this year it incorporated 14 staff members from 9 subject areas involving more than 140 students.

The displays, products and performances were mostly by Year 12 students and therefore their development over the years was incredibly obvious to us all. Personally, I reflected on how special it is to see a student mature and progress. The student’s artistic and creative growth paralleled their emotional maturity, and that was easily reflected in their Major Works.

Our unique artists and photographers, talented woodworkers and designers, and gifted musicians, dramatists and dancers treated the audience to displays and performances while sampling the delights from the gorgeous kitchens of the Hospitality class. Both the Jazz and Concert Bands also played and wowed the audience with their abilities.

Congratulations to all staff for making MADD possible, and to all the talented students for producing each individual piece, whatever its medium, and all the student helpers who collectively created the impressive exhibition and showcase of student work. Barrenjoey’s MADD Evening has become an event that any school community would be incredibly proud of.

Pub2Pub Team

The Barrenjoey team won the School's Challenge section of the Pub2Pub, beating out Stella Maris and Mater Maria to take the prize offered by NAB, which is a $2000 top up to our charity. This takes us to only a couple of hundred away from our $5000 fundraising goal!
Elanora Heights

At Elanora Heights Public School we were all inspired by the amazing artistic abilities of one of our year 1 classes and their painted seascapes. Their teacher, Ms St Heaps had been to an art workshop session as part of our PCS professional learning and was keen to try out her wonderful ideas with the class. Year 1 had been reading the beautiful picture book called Magic Beach and thinking about the lovely language associated with the sights and sounds of the beach. They looked at some real seascapes and talked about how the sea and sky looked. Then they started experimenting. They used water colour on a wet background to make the cool colours bleed into each other, just like the sea. Stipple brushes used in a stabbing motion made the waves look foamy, and flicking and tapping techniques sprayed splashes across the picture. Wow! Everyone was so proud of their work, well done!

The Peninsula Community of Schools would like to wish all staff and students a wonderful spring holiday.