CROMER COURTESIES: - Wait for adults to finish their conversation before speaking to them and remember to say, 'Excuse me,' when you do!

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LOST PROPERTY

Please check all lost property baskets for any missing items. All lost property will be cleared out on 16th December. Lunch boxes and drink bottles will be thrown away, clothing will be donated to the Uniform shop for resale and toys will be donated to a charity. We also have a few special items in the office such as glasses, necklaces and opal cards.

Thank you for your assistance.
**LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2016**
School resumes for Years 1-6 on **Thursday 28\(^{th}\) January 2016**. If your child/children will not return to school on this date due to your family being on an extended holiday, it would be greatly appreciated if you could put this in **writing** to **Nicole Herrmann or Julie Johnson** before the end of the year. It is imperative that we know this information before the start of 2016, as it will impact on the number of classes we form at the beginning of the school year.

**END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY DATES**
Families and friends of Cromer students are warmly invited to our annual End of Year Assemblies in the school hall beginning soon!

Please check your diaries for the following dates:

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**K - 6 ASSEMBLY THANK YOU's**
As the second semester draws to a close we wish to thank our Assistant Principals, Ms Denise Jeffery and Mrs Louise Green (K-2) as well as Mrs Karen Mitchell (Yr 3-6) for running each fortnightly assembly so efficiently and for their support of our young and enthusiastic Yr 2 and Yr 6 leadership groups. A huge thank you must also go to Miss Caroline Coram and the Senior Chamber Ensemble for their performance of the School Song and the National Anthem each fortnight at the 3-6 Assembly.

Congratulations to all the students who received a Certificate of Excellence and a Cromer Banner over the past two terms. You should be very proud of your efforts! It was truly amazing to see so many students receive a Cromer Medallion at the 3-6 Awards Assembly this week. A special congratulations to all these students for their amazing commitment to not only their school work, but the extra curricula activities in which they participate and represent the school in. We are extremely proud of their outstanding achievements!

**END OF YEAR REPORTS**
Your child’s end of year report will be sent home at the end of Week 10, Friday 11\(^{th}\) December inside your child’s work assessment (blue) folder. Your child’s 2016 requirement list will also be inside this folder.

Thank you to all the staff for their time, effort and professionalism in preparing these important student learning documents. If you need to discuss any aspect of your child’s report, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher before the end of term.

**WHAT IS A COMPOSITE CLASS?**
The key to understanding composite classes or multi aged classes is realising that **growth is determined in stages and not by ages**. Composite classes teach children who are at compatible stages - not ages.

Children have always been in multi-aged classes. The ages of kindergarten students range from four and nine months to six and six months, **an 18 month difference**! Even within a straight grade (the same year level together), children will be at different levels. Teachers recognise this and usually extend the work of those who learn more quickly and assist those who need more support.

Overseas research has shown children in composite classes **do no better or worse academically** than their peers in straight grade class, but that, **socially, their development is enhanced**. They are more confident, can operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, become more independent learners and better problem solvers. There is evidence to suggest that composite classes **enhance self-esteem, decrease behavioural problems, reduce the impact of labelling, encourage the formation of positive communities and lead to social growth.**
Anderson & Parvon (1993) analysed 64 research studies in the US and Canada and found that schools with composite classes were most likely to benefit children from all circumstances and all ability ranges.

Research into academic aspects of composite classes shows it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class. It’s the teacher who makes the difference. “The most important variable determining student academic and social success is the quality of the teacher.” John Hattie (2003), Teachers Make a Difference. Hattie reviewed and synthesised over 500,000 different studies to determine the influence of different effects on overall student achievement. He found that the biggest impact on overall student achievement was the child — what the individual child brings to the table. Of course, the teacher can impact on building on what the child brings, in terms of ability and potential. It is what teachers know, do, and care about which is also very powerful in overall student achievement. Researchers were surprised that peers had little or no impact on overall student achievement.

Students will have several opportunities to join their peers throughout the week as they are attached to a ‘visiting’ class on the grade.

If you’d like more information regarding composite classes please click on the links below:


Both as parents of children in composite classes and teachers of numerous composite classes we completely support the above research.

CRAZY CROMER CIRCUS
Our Year 6 team have been working very hard to organise this year’s annual Crazy Cromer Circus event! K-2 will be at 9:30 - 10:30am and Yrs 3-6 from 11:10am. Please send your child to school with up to $5.00 in coins to buy toys, books, games, food, activities and many more. See attached flyer.

DATES FOR 2016

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We hope you have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends.

Julie Johnson and Nicole Herrmann
Deputy Principals
CHESS NEWS

It has been a highly successful year for the chess club and the students have flourished under Coach George Winter’s tutelage. Thank you to Mrs Lauren Peisley for facilitating the chess club every week and her invaluable ongoing support. A big thanks also to Karen Whiley as school Tournament Co-ordinator.

Members of our Cromer Primary School Chess Club and other keen students of the game participated in the All Schools Annual Regional Chess Competition at Pittwater House last Wednesday 25th November.

Cromer entered 5 teams in the 46 team competition and after 7 rounds, finished as follows:
Cromer A: 6th (Tyler / Callum / Alex B)
Cromer B: 8th (Joshua A / Madeleine / Kalen)
Cromer C: 10th (Joshua B / Zoe / Samantha)
Cromer D: 23rd (Alex C / Tessa H / Evie)
Cromer E: 30th (Tessa D / Kai / Issac)

Cromer A was the 4th leading school in the competition and finished on equal points with two other schools, finishing just one point short of making the State Finals. Overall, these results were up there with our best ever! Coach George is very proud of all his students!

Congratulations to every player and thanks to the parents and grandparents who assisted on the day – Gillian Hunt and Pat Femia.

Roland Winter
Chess Club Co-ordinator
TOYS 'N' TUCKER - MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 9:00AM - LAST DAY!!!

It has become tradition at Cromer PS to contribute to those who are not so fortunate in our community. We will have a “giving tree” in the Admin foyer and will happily collect gifts of toys and food until MONDAY 7th December, 9:00AM. Cromer Public School has shown extraordinary generosity in the past and we feel that this is a positive experience for our students.

Ms Judy Geeves
Co-ordinator

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Volunteer Christmas Catch up

Don’t forget to come along to Dee Why Hotel on Thursday 10th December, from 6.30pm. Pop in & say hi or stay for something to eat. We would love to see you there.

Thanks everyone.
Crunch@Cromer
This week at Kids Club we launched our new digital sign in & out QK Kiosk. By now, most of you have been able to use the new system and see how well it works. The service is now assisting us to increase efficiency & better management at the centre.

We have started our Christmas craft and cooking at the centre this week. In the kitchen we have made white Christmas lamington muffins and peppermint candy cane patties. In the centre we have made ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree or around the house including cinnamon trees and baubles.

**Vacation Care:**
It’s time to book into our fantastic Vacation Care! These holidays we are heading out to Ermington for a few rounds of Putt Putt, a walk to Shelley Beach and an ice cream in Manly, a ferry ride to The Basin and a Splatter Party in Lindfield. In the centre we will have visits from Skater HQ, the Crazy Scientist, Miss Kylie from Plie Groove n Shuffle, Aim4Fun Laser Tag and Cubesports. We will also have a water fun day and lots more.


Spaces will fill up fast, so get in early to secure a spot.

Have a great weekend!
Kids Club Staff

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

***** ON SALE FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS LEAVING US THIS YEAR *****

Soccer balls, Rugby balls and Signature Bears all come with a pen and are $15.00 each. These items are a lovely momento for your child to get signed and take home.

ONLY WHILE STOCKS LAST!!!

Uniform shop coordinator
Leigh McPherson
School bus number changes

From the start of the school year 2016

Most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers.

Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website sydneybuses.info

Visit transportnsw.info
Call 131 500 TTY 1800 637 500

CANTEEN

crunch@cromer

wishes to invite all Canteen committee members, P&C, and volunteers to join staff in a Xmas Celebration. We will be at Dee Why Hotel from 6:30pm on Thursday 10th December. Please join us for a quick drink, or a bite to eat, or even just pop in and say hello.

For everyone who can’t make it we wish you all a Merry Xmas and a safe New Year.

See you in 2016!
CRAZY CROMER CIRCUS

- 4th December 2015
- Remember to bring all your coins for a great day
- All money is then going to the school for new and exciting things from 2015’s Year 6
- Spiders, Haunted House, Sock Wrestling, Cake Stall, Pre-Loved Books and Toys Stall, Mini Golf and the new Nerf Gun Range are included at the Crazy Cromer Circus, with many other exciting stalls
  - ALL ACTIVITIES 20c - $2
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- 2 day camps 17/18th Dec, 14/15th Jan, 21/22nd Jan 2 days $180
- Term 1 2016 for 5 – 12 year olds (for 8 weeks)
- Saturday mornings 8.30am-9.30am 6th Feb - 26th March 2016 $145
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Run by PGA professionals Donny Vera and Sam Newbrun

To register go to

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**WARREWOOD**

Tuesday Jan 19th - Friday Jan 22nd 2016

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9am – 3pm Daily
Friday includes rehearsals and dinner for the students with a performance for family and friends Friday evening 6.30pm.

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Commission Free Sale supporting Manly Nippers

The Belle Property Manly team are donating a commission free sale to raise much needed funds for the Manly Nippers and Life Saving club.

The offer includes a ‘no commission’ sale of a property of ANY value. This fantastic offer will be auctioned early 2016.

The Commission Free Sale is valid for 12 months from 26th January 2016, and is open to anyone!

The Belle Property team are available for any queries on terms and conditions at belle.property.sale@gmail.com or 9976 6444

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