CROMER COURTESIES: - ‘Please’ and ‘May I please….’

NOTES HOME: Tennis Years 3 - 6, Newsletter Year 1, Stewart House envelopes - K - 6.

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• ANZAC Assembly Yrs 3 - 6 - 9:30am  
• K - 2 Assembly 2pm  
• PCS: Junior Choir rehearsal - Music Festival @ Wheeler Heights PS  
• Year 6 Leaders - Green Sea Turtle Project  
• Cross Country Yrs 3 - 6 @ St Matt’s Farm  
• Car Raffle Prizes assembly 1:40pm  
• School Council Meeting 7:30am  
• Mother’s Day Stall - 9:00am - near Canteen  
• Winter PSSA Round 1 |
| W3   | Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May | • Pizza Parties - Car Raffle  
• Yrs 3 -6 Assembly 2pm  
• Winter PSSA Round 2  
• Stewart House Envelopes due back |
| W4   | Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May | • NAPLAN  
• K - 2 Awards Assembly 2pm  
• P&C Meeting 7:30pm Staffroom  
• NAPLAN  
• Instrumental Music Meeting & AGM - 9am Staffroom  
• NAPLAN catch up day  
• Winter PSSA Round 3 |
| W5   | Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May | • Yr 6 Camp  
• Yr 6 Camp  
• Class Parent Meeting 9am - Staffroom  
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Welcome back to the start of Term 2! I hope all families have had a wonderful break during the school holidays with lots of opportunities for fun in the sun. As you know we have not been as fortunate on our return to school with the incredible storms and high winds buffeting the Northern Beaches, Sydney, the Hunter, Central Coast and the Illawarra.

As you are aware many roads in the vicinity of the school have trees down and a number of staff and students have no power in their homes. There is widespread flooding across roads with traffic lights out of action. Driving has been very difficult. At the time of writing this report we remain operational and we have procedures in place for the safety of all on this site.

We have adopted wet weather procedures and children will remain inside until it is safe to let them out on to hard surfaces. We have some water lying near the Anne Street Exit which means it cannot be used. We also have a large tree down near the Multi-Purpose Court. Winds have brought down branches and there is debris in gardens. Naturally we understand if parents have chosen to keep their children at home in these extreme conditions as some families have been faced with challenges to get in and out of their streets.

I am seeking your co-operation in ensuing your children have some form of rain protection be it a raincoat, parka or umbrella. It amazes me that children have arrived at school and are saturated because they have no or inadequate rain protection. If children are damp throughout the day they will wind up with coughs and colds and possibly flu. This is not fair to those who have acted responsibly and we do not want influenza arriving on our doorstep. Please insist that your darling has some form of rain protection on as they leave home especially when it is raining. Some older children think it is “uncool” to wear a coat, parka or hold an umbrella but please insist that they do so as it is in their health interest.

I wish to pass on my thanks to our Year 6 student representatives (Keeghan M-W, Sariah D, Isabelle K, Samantha W, Jason S, Charlotte G, Hayley B and Max L) and staff (Cathy Scriven, Pat Tizard, Alison Quinn and Kate Murphy) who represented Cromer PS at the Mackellar and Warringah Electorates ANZAC March and Commemorative Service held last Sunday, 19th April. This special event was organised by Avalon RSL who were thrilled at the response from the community.

We were part of the Peninsula Community of Schools contingent of 123 students and staff who marched and attended this ANZAC event. I appreciate the efforts of parents who got their children to Narrabeen North PS where we assembled for the March and thank my staff in particular for supporting our students. I am sure all involved will long remember the special nature of this ANZAC Centenary Event with the memorable address by His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor of New South Wales and the involvement of the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Centenary of ANZAC Organising Committee during the commemorative service.

On ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April we have ten Year 6 students who have indicated they will represent the school at the 2015 Centenary of ANZAC Dawn Service at Dee Why Beach. These students were issued with a commemorative wooden cross on which they were to write a small message of thanks in the holidays and a letter of advice about the ceremony on the last day of term informing them and their parents of the organisation and the marshalling area. Students will need to be at Ted Jackson Reserve at 5.00am sharp. Students are to assemble in the Red Zone at this time. They will need to bring their wooden cross with them and wear their school uniform and a warm coat or jacket. As they will be on sand it is advisable that they wear joggers on their feet. Even though it is raining I have not been advised of alternative arrangements and I am assuming the event will proceed regardless of weather. I will be there to meet students. Please be aware the road will be closed in front of the ceremony area so parking will be challenging. Any changes to arrangements I will advise students on Friday afternoon. At this stage the weather is predicted to be fine. Let’s keep our fingers crossed!

Later that day we have 24 students who have indicated they will participate in the 100 Years 100 Boats ANZAC Beach Memorial Service that will be held at Collaroy Beach. We have been partnered with Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club. The students received a Declaration, Waiver and Indemnity Form that must be filled in by their parents. South Curl Curl SLSC is the organiser of this event.

Like any major event organiser the SLSC had to have insurance coverage. I explained to students that this would have had to be put in place for those in Surf Life Saving Boat Crews and even though none of us would be in the boats it was still required if we were needed to present wreaths. At this stage only five students have returned their forms to school. It is imperative that student forms are back no later than Friday morning if students will be attending this event as the forms have to be emailed to the organisers.
I have spoken to the main organiser on Wednesday afternoon and she is in the process of replanning this event’s placement as a great deal of the beach has been washed away. Now there will only be room for the two students from Cromer PS who will be presenting our wreath to be in a designated area for school children. Other students will stand with their parents and staff on the Board Walk near the Stage Area. It probably would be a good idea to get there by 11.00am.

Some of our students may be asked to also present wreaths if anticipated representatives from other areas cannot attend due to the weather conditions they have experienced this week. Please be aware parking will be extremely difficult to find. Some people may opt to park at Long Reef and carpool with one driver acting as a shuttle service to Collaroy.

The following is the proposed order of ceremony:

11.45 am  The Surf Boats will start forming up and head to Collaroy Beach.
12.00 noon The first three crews representing Australia, New Zealand and Turkey will land.
12.15 pm Remaining Surf Boats in a total of six waves (or as conditions allow)
12.30pm Flags raised to commence the formal ceremony.
12.50 pm Representatives from 100 Schools present wreaths to a member of each Surf Boat.
13.05pm Speeches begin.
13.30pm Initial ceremony concludes.

Maureen Gray
Principal

ANZAC ASSEMBLY - FLOWER HELP

As part of our ANZAC Service this Tuesday 28th April, we traditionally lay handmade wreaths with flowers donated by the school community.

Donations of flowers, greenery and ivy can be dropped to the staffroom on Tuesday morning before school.

We would also love any parent helpers to assist with the creation of the wreaths. Absolutely NO experience is necessary. Please meet Mrs Hand in the office if you are able to help at 8:30am.

Thanks in advance for your support.
Nancy Chaffer
Assistant Principal
Stage 3

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WELCOME BACK
We welcome back to Term 2 all our Cromer families during this rainy week!! The children have been very well behaved in such trying circumstances throughout week 1. Hopefully the sun will appear next week!

Mrs Julie Johnson is on leave for Week 1 and 2 of Term 2. If you have any concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to email Ms Nicole Herrmann for support.

FLIP SPORT BEGINS
The children are all very excited as our annual Flip Sport program begins on Thursday. Students in Years 2-6 will participate in a variety of core activities throughout this term. Years 2, 3 and 4 will complete the Gymnastics program in the Hall each Monday. While Years 5 and 6 will be involved in Dance in the Hall each Thursday. Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate during Semester 2.

Thank you Mrs Sarah Riddington for organising this wonderful opportunity!

ANZAC ASSEMBLY
This year’s very special ANZAC Day Assembly will take place in the Hall on Tuesday 28th April from 9.30am. Mrs Nancy Chaffer, our Year 6 leaders, along with the Senior Choir and Mrs Jill Bradford, Senior Chamber Ensemble and Miss Caroline Coram will be running and performing in the ceremony. We thank them for making this 100 Years of ANZAC assembly so significant to the students of Cromer PS.
CROSS COUNTRY
Our annual Cross Country carnival will take place next week on Thursday 30th April at St Matthew's Farm from 9:30am. Students turning 8 years of age this year from Year 2 are invited to participate if they wish. All our Years 3-6 students will be involved in this event.

We wish to thank Miss Rachel Gregory and her team for the organisation of this terrific event. Fingers crossed for beautiful weather!

P&C MOTHER’S DAY STALL
This year our P&C Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 1st May from 9:00am near the Canteen. The students may bring in $5.00 to buy their mum a special gift. The stall will be run by Mrs Michelle Hofmann this year. We wish to make special mention of and thank Mrs Tracie Sheekey for all her fund raising support with the organisation of this P&C Event over the past several years!

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NAPLAN: Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May 2015. Year 3 and 5

BACKGROUND
In 2008, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. NAPLAN assesses all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. The same tests are completed by students in schools across Australia on the same days in May.

The data from the NAPLAN test results gives schools the ability to compare their students’ achievements against national standards and student achievement in other states and territories. The NAPLAN test results provide information on how students are progressing, and support improvements in teaching and learning.

All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs.

Please contact your school for more information.

WHY DO WE TEST OUR STUDENTS?
These national tests provide valuable information about student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy. They help the Australian Government to monitor the performance levels of all students across every state and territory. The NSW Department of Education and Communities uses these results to make system-wide decisions related to literacy and numeracy targets. Similarly, schools make informed decisions about planning and resources to improve student achievement. In the classroom, teachers use the data to reflect on and adjust their programs

Have a lovely, dry weekend!
Kindest regards
Nicole Herrmann

KIDS CLUB NEWS
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Welcome back to term 2. We hope you had a Happy Easter and a great break!

Vacation Care: Our vacation care program ran extremely well. Our numbers once again increased, with us at capacity on some of our days including our trip to the circus in Penrith, IMAX and Skater HQ. We would like to hear any feedback parents or children have on our vacation care programs as we are always looking for new ideas.

This week at kids club our theme has been ANZAC Day. We had discussions with the children about the meaning of ANZAC day and wanted to hear their thoughts on the topic. In the kitchen we cooked poppy cupcakes, ANZAC biscuits and ANZAC caramel slice.

Take care of yourselves with this wild weather and have a good weekend.
Kids Club Staff
Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

Cromer Public School students are such fantastic savers; we are looking for another pair of hands to help us process the banking each week.

This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the School Banking ladies will provide support in how to help with the processing. Your help with the processing will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Tuesday**.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the School Office or email this page to [lou@ooshnb.com.au](mailto:lou@ooshnb.com.au)

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**Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!**

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Availability: __________________________
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.)
Cool Kids
Child Anxiety Program

Cool Kids is designed for children in primary school aged 9-12 years. This program focuses on teaching children and parents better ways to manage anxiety. Cool Kids will run for 8 weeks with a follow up group session. Families will be interviewed prior to group commencing.

The program aims to:
- Build skills
- Reduce distress
- Promote confidence and
- Face fears

Where: Naremburn Family Centre, 40 Merrenburn Ave, Naremburn.
When: Tuesday 4:00pm–6:00pm
28th April – 16th June 2015
Follow up group: Tuesday 4:00pm–6:00pm, 14th July 2015
Total Cost: $90 for one child and one adult

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Legacy House, 18 Howard Avenue, Dee Why
Instructor: Jenny Chen
tel: 0450 118 334

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WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
• Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer;
• Up to $150 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community tenancy or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Here you:
• Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return;
• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014;

HOW TO APPLY
• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing begins immediately;
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL 137788@onlineservices.nsw.gov.au

Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN Term 2 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-5yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Menzies 5hrs/2.5hrs (26/5 - 29/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-5yrs)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Building Confident, Capable & Resilient Children
Chesterfield 32/5, 19/5 & 26/5, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PE) (4-12yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chesterwood 24/5, 7.00-9.00pm

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents needs & behaviour.
Chesterwood 5 wks (13/5 - 10/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (3-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Potty Training, Talking & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chesterwood 25/5, 16/6 & 15/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Helping Your Pre-School Child with Anxiety
Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety
Chesterwood 21/4 & 28/5 (2 hrs each, 7.00-9.00pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chesterwood 18/5, 7.00-9.00pm

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chesterwood 6/6, 7.00-9.30pm

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
Understanding your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
Speech & Language Development/Sleep
Older Siblings - New Baby
Bully Busting
Resilient Kids
Transition to School
Triplet P Seminar Series 1-12yrs & Teens
Communicating with Kids
Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District