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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

“We WILL REMEMBER THEM”

As I started this newsletter report on Saturday 25th April, I reflected on what has made us who we are as Australians and as a nation. Our young soldiers landed in rowboats before dawn on the shores of Gallipoli in Turkey one hundred years ago. Side by side with many young soldiers from New Zealand approximately eight and half thousand young men attempted to move from the beach up onto higher ground. Sadly the beach and the sea had been spilled with blood. Aussies and Kiwis faced Mustafa Kemal the Turkish Commander who was determined to hold the upper ground. The 25th April 1915, was the start of the courage and dedication attached to service personnel throughout the last one hundred years that we have cherished as a nation. Our brave men and women both in times of war, natural disaster and peace keeping have made and continue to make us continually proud.

In every bit of coverage on the Centenary of ANZAC Day we saw the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish people come together out of respect for one another in a time of devastating war. Eight months of fighting saw the withdrawal of the ANZACs from Turkish soil. However, even though so many ANZACs remained and were buried in Turkey the Turkish people have extended the hand of friendship to Australia and New Zealand and have gone to extraordinary lengths to make every commemorative service at Gallipoli special, and in this 100th year more than any other the close bonds that have been established between Australia, New Zealand and Turkey have been reinforced. We should not lose sight of the fact that 90,000 Turks lost their lives in WW1.

Since Gallipoli to today approximately 1.5 million Australians have served their country with 100,000 having paid the ultimate price with the loss of their lives and 200,000 being wounded. Australians display strong admiration for our defence forces and many realise they are an essential part of the Australian story. The battle at Lone Pine that lasted for 4 days in August 1915 saw 5 Victoria Crosses awarded in a 24 hour period. This is the most VCs awarded at any theatre of engagement involving Australian personnel. How incredibly brave and selfless those young men must have been in that they fought for an ideal and gave their lives trying to save their mates.

One of the graves at Lone Pine War Cemetery states “A brave lad for his country died”. For many this symbolises that we are the custodians of the ANZAC tradition of courage, endeavour, service and sacrifice. The landing at Gallipoli has become a watershed moment in our history. The Prime Minister, Tony Abbott in his address at Gallipoli said: “ANZAC Day 1915 was about ordinary men achieving extraordinary deeds”. It is incredible to think that this one very harrowing day one hundred years ago truly was the start of us having our own cultural identity in the eyes of the rest of the world.

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra records 102,700 names of Australians who have lost their lives. At least 8,000 died in the Gallipoli campaign which is a very heavy toll. Our soldiers displayed unconditional loyalty to mateship and sacrifice in the face of service. Those young men were fighting for freedom and justice against tyranny. Our past and present have been renewed for the future and our soldiers’ bravery has helped to forge our national identity with the spirit of the ANZACs being embedded in all of us.

I must admit to being moved at the Dawn Service at Dee Why Beach when I saw our 12 Year 6 student representatives: Charlotte G, Sariah D, Joel S, Nick M, Minato T, Ned M, Alistair G, Rhys W, Lachlan P, Gabrielle G, Tyko W and Ethan E holding lighted candles as they carefully placed their wooden crosses with messages of thanksgiving on the stage to our fallen soldiers as part of The Australian War Memorial’s Commemorative Cross Project.

Hearing wave upon wave crash on the beach in the pre-dawn was eerie and it was easy to imagine what it would have been like for those young soldiers as they rowed into Gallipoli in the dark. The Dawn Service was truly beautiful. At the end of the service those present assembled patiently to place their poppies on the memorial wall that was to be transferred to Dee Why RSL. The memorial booklet was a keepsake to treasure as it explained many of our long held traditions that date back to World War 1. My thanks go to students and their parents for making the effort to get up so early in the morning to be part of this special event.

Later in the morning 19 Year 6 student representatives: Beatrice Mc G, Frank Mc G , Keeghan M-W, Emma C, William C, Isabelle K, Sariah D, Lachlan A, Hayley B, Alistair G, Madeline B, Charlotte G, Daniel D Z, Lachlan H, Samantha W, Matthew J, Tahlia D, Hayley F and Jade Y met at Collaroy Beach Surf Life Saving Club. It was very exciting to have so many students participate as wreath presenters in the ceremony at 100 Years 100 Boats on Collaroy Beach. We were indeed fortunate to be asked to involve more students than just two to present our wreath. Every student who had provided their Indemnity Form became involved as we took the places of schools unable to attend. There are times it pays to offer to act as back-up if need be. I am sure our student representatives will long remember handing over their wreath to one of the hundred Surf Boat Crews and being presented with a pine sapling for planting back at school. It is significant to note the saplings are descended from the symbolic tree at Lone Pine.
The sun shone and seeing the surf boat crews was a spectacular site especially when they started coming into shore timed to synchronise with the commencement of the Dawn Service at Gallipoli. Mrs Sharyn Lawler and Mrs Cathy Scriven supervised students on the beach and Mrs Denise Jeffery, Mrs Nancy Chaffer, Mrs Paula Hurley and Mrs Karen Mitchell also supported students which I greatly appreciated. Every parent in attendance was thrilled that their child had a role to play in this significant ANZAC Event. Jade walked with the son of an ANZAC and presented the wreath to Warriewood Crew and the relative handed his father’s ashes to the crew for scattering on the ocean which was a moving tribute.

The Centenary of ANZAC Day certainly is something that all participants whether at any service, march, ceremony or event and/ or to those who were glued to their TVs will long remember. During the ANZAC Centenary we not only remember the original ANZAC troops who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but commemorate more than a century of service by Australian servicemen and women.

I believe Mrs Nancy Chaffer could have organised D Day on the Beaches in WW2. Her organisation of Cromer’s ANZAC Assembly and Commemorative Service 2015 held on Tuesday morning was beautifully planned and executed. Our students from Years 3-6 were so respectful and a credit to their parents and to this school.

Special guests Sally Argent, Residential Living Co-ordinator and Rick White, Homes for Heroes from the RSL ANZAC Village were very impressed with our students’ participation in a range of ANZAC Centenary Events. I would like to congratulate the following members of Year 6 who ran the assembly so efficiently: Keegan, Bea, Lara, Frank, Olivia and Ethan. I must also acknowledge Miss Caroline Coram and the Chamber Ensemble and Mrs Jill Bradford and the Senior Choir for their musical accomplishment and choral performance. They certainly helped to make the service memorable as did our wonderful trumpeters Frank Mc G and Elise H.

Mrs Cathy Scriven presented an engaging address to students about her grandfathers. One an ANZAC who fought at Gallipoli and on the Western Front in WW1 and the other in WW2 in the Pacific theatre of war at Milne Bay, PNG. Mrs Scriven was justifiably proud of her two incredibly brave grandfathers and our students gave her their full attention. Many thanks, Mrs Scriven!

Once again Mrs Lynne Hand from the Office organised the flower tributes to be presented by students and staff which was far from easy task after the rain we have encountered recently. Wreaths were presented on behalf of: Years 3 and 4 by Emelie G and Remy R; Years 5 and 6 by Amy M and Beau B; K-6B by Angelica H and Lachlan C; K-2 by Bea Mc G and Keegan M-W and Staff by Mrs Hand and Mrs Scriven. Our school hall had been decorated with a sea of red paper poppies which was visually stunning. Thank you to everyone involved in this task. I am sure the vast majority of Cromer PS students will remember the Centenary of ANZAC Day and will continue to keep the ANZAC spirit alive for future generations.

“LEST WE FORGET”

We are disappointed that the school’s Cross Country Carnival has had to be postponed due the absolute drenching of the ground on Wednesday and the anticipated rain for Thursday. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that it fines up so we can proceed on our back-up day of Thursday, 7th May. After lunch on this date we will hold a P&C Association Assembly to acknowledge the Rotary Car Raffle Individual Prize Winners for most raffle ticket books sold and announce the Class Pizza Party Winners.

Sadly I wish I did not have to write this but I promised I would after apologising yet again to a very upset local resident on behalf of inconsiderate parent drivers from this school. I dream of the day when the week will go by when I do not have a local resident, sometimes several, ring me to complain about the extremely poor and dangerous driving behaviour and parking practice of a small percentage of Cromer Public School parents. Each person who rings me firstly expresses real concern about the unsafe driving behaviour that could possibly lead to serious injury for an innocent child and/or adult.

I have long regarded Meehan Road as an accident waiting to happen. It now appears Ryrie Road has parents parking on the bend in the road and it is really dangerous as children cannot be seen if attempting to cross the road. Earlier in the week there have been a number of near misses and the resident who rang told me he can’t handle the thought of a child being killed in his street. He has seen drivers parking on the bend then getting out of cars talking on mobile phones whilst children are not being adequately supervised.

I now advise concerned residents to contact Warringah Council to report issues to the Traffic Committee. A few residents have even told me they have been verbally abused when they have asked people politely to move so they can get out of their driveways to collect their own children. I must admit that I have been truly embarrassed on several occasions when told what some parents get up to at drop off and pick up times. Add the dimension of rain and all common sense just disappears. Some residents have said even though they loathed the idea they have started to take photos of cars and their number plates showing the illegal parking that is taking place to forward to the authorities. Once again the Parking Rangers from Council will be requested to patrol the streets in the vicinity
of the school. Fines are hefty and after receiving one some drivers may change their behaviour.

I once read that a large number of car accidents occur in close proximity to one’s home. Over the years so many measures have been trialled to reduce road carnage but we should never lose sight of such measures as obeying the rules of the road at all times, respecting other’s property, exercising extreme care and caution on roads in proximity of a school, child care or aged care facility, realise children do not develop road sense until at least ten years of age and use common sense when using all forms of transport.

- Let’s keep Cromer Kids Safe!
- Let’s drive safely and park with care on the roads in proximity to the school.
- Let’s maintain good relations with the school’s neighbours so our sense of community remains strong.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge two of 6G’s students, Isabelle K and Sariah D who diligently provide community service and assist Mrs McPherson in the Uniform Shop before school. Their help and assistance is greatly appreciated by everyone associated with the Uniform Shop.

Maureen Gray
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS K - 2

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Lachlan B - KS  Thomas E - KW  Theo K - K/1L  Ella H - K/1L
Melisse F - 1F  Zac C - 1F  Nath - 1J  Jeremy P - 1L  Bailey H - 1L
Dylan L - 1N  Cooper B - 1N  James F - 1J  Nathan P - 1L
Neila A - 2K  Alfie D - 2K  Ruby S - 2W  Addison E - 2W

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CROSS COUNTRY
Our annual Cross Country carnival, due to be held on Thursday 30th April at St Matthew’s Farm was cancelled due to wet weather. It will be rescheduled for Thursday 7th May 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.

P&C MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you Michelle Hofmann for what will be a wonderfully organised and very successful Mother’s Day Stall! The children are all excited with the idea of ‘shopping’ for mum! Any student who misses out this week will be able to purchase a $5.00 gift from the front office during next week.

BAND AND STRING ENSEMBLE FEES
Thank you to the many Cromer families who have paid for their child’s extra curricula Band/String Semester 1 fees. These fees contribute to the employment of Mrs Kathryn Crossing (Strings) and Mr Kelvin Anderson (Band) each ensemble session, music, ensemble costs and folders. Fees are now overdue. Please pay any outstanding Semester 1 Band and Strings fees to the front office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

WET WEATHER GEAR!
As this autumn weather is so unpredictable, please pack a raincoat or umbrella into your child’s school back each day. Many Cromer students were caught without their wet weather gear this week and would have arrived home soaking wet! Please join with us in reinforcing this as the rain is due to continue.

PCS LEADERS EXCURSION
Thank you to our 14 Year 6 Leaders and Mrs Nancy Chaffer for attending the PCS Green Sea Turtles visit day
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

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. NAPLAN assessments will include…..

TUESDAY: Language conventions and Writing assessments
WEDNESDAY: Reading assessments
THURSDAY: Numeracy assessments
FRIDAY: Catch up day for absent students.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.
Kindest regards
Nicole Herrmann

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
We are thrilled to introduce the new girls PSSA Netball dresses. We are one of the first public schools to represent our school in a professionally designed netball dress. All girls are to wear our school blue bike tight (available in the uniform shop) underneath this dress.

Due to supplier price increases our sport pants price has changed to $29.00 and our rain jackets are now $25.00 each.

Due to NAPLAN testing our Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Tuesday 12th May and will be open from 11:30am onwards on Thursday 14th May.

Leigh McPherson
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

KIDS CLUB NEWS
Website: www.ooshnb.com.au
Centre No: 9971 2332 or Office: 9984 8089
Email: manager@ooshnb.com.au

Kids club this week was all about games! We played inside games, outside games and games with food. Inside games included the chocolate game (old game played at children’s birthday parties), chocolate unicorn using your forehead to balance oreos, suck it up using a straw and smarties. Outside we did chalk drawing, defying gravity using balloons and our favourites of octopus and pac man. In the kitchen we made rocky road and cinnamon crackles.

Dana attended a training session on Tuesday for Developing & Writing a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) for the centre. The aim of a QIP is to help the centre self-assess their performance in delivering quality education and care and to plan future improvements. A QIP helps the centre to document the strengths of their services and to recognise areas for improvement.

We would like to hear any feedback parents or children have on our programs as we are always looking for new ideas.

Have a great weekend.
Kids Club Staff
Chess Stimulates Minds

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.

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.

If your child has not played with our club before, they are most welcome to come along for a free trial.

Roland
Cromer Chess Club

Please feel free to contact me with any chess queries at rawpower@iprimus.com.au

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CROMER CHESS CLUB with George Winter (Professional Coach)

Term 2 Fee: $40 (50% sibling discount – siblings pay $20)

My child would like to participate in Cromer Chess Club, Term 2.

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 □
STEWART HOUSE ENVELOPES

The Stewart House envelopes have been distributed to the children and should be coming home this week. Please can we have the envelopes back by the 8th May. Remember to fill in your details on the back of the envelope if you wish to be included in the draw.

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

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Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Availability: __________________________


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Book Fair Details:

Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 1st weekend May 2015

Venue: Balgowlah Boys Campus
       Car Sydney Rd & Maretime St
       Balgowlah

Dates/Times: Friday 1st May 4pm – 9pm
              Saturday 2nd May 9am – 5pm
              Sunday 3rd May 9am – 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children’s books suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books, so there is something for everyone.

And, with winter just around the corner, now is the best time to stock up on reading

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14), provides a lot of services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

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