

## Term 4 Issue 2

Friday 24 October 2014

### From the Principal

Last Tuesday night I had the pleasure of attending the P & C Meeting. Since arriving at Cromer Campus six years ago I have watched the P & C grow from a few parents to a large committed team who have made a significant difference for Cromer students. John Small, Mark Henderson, Geoff Austin, Nicole Bowyer, Vicki Grenot, Peter and Helene MacMahon, Vicki Turner, Patricia Raso, Vicki Duff and others have worked tirelessly to fundraise to improve the facilities and grounds at Cromer Campus. A working bee was held to remove the jungle at the front of the school and create an attractive entrance to the school. Over \$50,000 has been invested in the library to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century flexible learning space and all classrooms now have a data projector and screen. The Rock and Roll Trivia Night and the annual Golf Day have become important social events. There are still a few places available for the Golf Day on Tuesday 11 November. You will find all the details in the flyer contained in this newsletter. The meeting of the P & C on Tuesday 18 November at 7pm in the staff common room is the Annual General Meeting. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant. As many of the members have been on the P & C for 5 to 6 years as their children have moved through high school they will not be standing for re-election. I encourage all Cromer parents to join the P & C and continue the valuable work of the Cromer P & C.

One P & C project we would like to complete before the end of the year is the Year 7 playground area. This area is at the front of the school. Due to the library building and the trees this area gets very little sunlight during the day and as a result it is very difficult to grow grass. Over the last few years we have tried to grow grass, then covered it with wood chip and laid an area of soft fill rubber. We need a landscaper to give us advice on what would be the best solution for this space. Currently we have moved Year 7 into the quad and oval area so we can redevelop this space ready for Year 7 2015. We would value the input of a parent to discuss landscaping options. I can be contacted through the front office on 9981 1155.

This term staff are involved in a positive focus on uniform. Each morning staff meet and greet students at all school gates and praise them for being in uniform. In Week 1 over 80 students were not in the correct uniform, by the end of Week 2 it was fewer than 20 students out of uniform. Students are allowed to wear leather or suede shoes that are not completely black but in 2015 the expectation will be all black, so please consider this when you are purchasing new shoes for 2015. The senior boys asked the school executive if they could wear pale blue button up shirts. After discussion with both the P & C and the school executive this has been agreed upon. The senior boys can now wear the pale blue polo shirt with the school logo or a button up blue school shirt with or without the school tie.

The Dee Why RSL Club is offering school scholarships for students in Year 11 and 12 2015. These scholarships are for \$2000 and will be assessed on a student's academic performance and economic need. A parent/guardian or grandparent must be a member of the club. Applications close on Sunday 30 November. If you are aware of a student who would like to apply for a scholarship contact Fiona Bird, Head Teacher Welfare on 9981 1155.

*Mrs Lynda Peters*  
*Relieving Principal*

**P & C AGM**  
**Tuesday 18 November 2014**

**7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room**

## Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11

### Student Leadership Conference

Last Friday, our recently elected student leadership team for 2014 / 2015 attended the annual Northern Beaches Secondary College Student Leadership Conference held at the Dee Why RSL. Students listened to presentations from the Mayor Michael Regan, NBSC Staff and participated in leadership workshops. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the leaders to develop skills, talk in formal and informal settings to leaders of our community and develop new friendships with the student leaders from the other campuses. In particular, the student leaders were appreciative of the time they had talking with our local Mayor who was very generous and sharing with his time and experiences as a leader.



When asked about the day, some of the students provided the following quotes:

*"It was an excellent opportunity to meet and collaborate with the leadership across the Northern Beaches".*

*"It was a great experience to learn new roles of a good leader and to meet the other teams from the Northern Beaches Secondary College".*

*"It was a good day because we were able to sit and talk to the other leaders from the college and learn new leadership skills".*

*"Great opportunity to meet the amazing leaders around the campuses".*

*"Met some great people with great ideas and learnt a fair bit about leadership".*

*"It was a great opportunity and experience, meeting other leaders and developing leadership skills".*

**Mr James Laird**  
**Deputy Principal**

### Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position. [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php) For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at [atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au)

## **Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12**

Another hectic week, but it has been a week of wonderful engagement of students and staff working together. Exams are occurring for Year 12s at the moment and are on the horizon for Years 8 and 10.

The Year 12 students undertaking the HSC have been focused and coping well with their exams. They are to be commended on ensuring they are all attending on time, taking their exams seriously and doing their best whilst in the exam room. Just a reminder to parents that if there are any issues which cause your child not being present or being late for exams, they need to speak to the presiding officer, Ms D Blinkhorne to obtain an Illness and Misadventure form, which will need to be completed.

**Key Dates from the Board of Studies** - November 5 – 19 HSC Rank Order is available via Students Online

### **Year 10**

Year 10 Exams begin in Week 7 beginning November 17<sup>th</sup>. Ask your child to see their class teacher for a fact sheet of what will be in the exams to give them the best opportunity of being prepared. In Week 8, the students will have the opportunity of receiving feedback from their teachers about how they have gone in their exams and what they can do to improve their results even further. We will be conducting an alternate program for the students after the exams called “Join the Party, Survive and Thrive” this program will be commencing at the end of Week 8 with a Motivational Media presentation, which has been well received by the students in the past. In Week 9 we will be taking the students to Fox Studios where they will be involved in an activity called Cinema Drive which is related to Driver Safety. It will be a whole day activity with lunch in the entertainment quarter followed by a visit to the NRL Museum. We will keep you informed of other activities as they are confirmed.

### **Year 8**

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents who have been able to attend the recent Year 8 interviews. We understand some parents are unable to attend on occasions and for those families, the interviews were conducted with your child. Those parents are most welcome to contact Mr Delrennie, the Year 8 advisor if you would like any further information. Also thank you to all the teachers involved in these interviews, Ms Bird, Ms Blansjaar, Ms Brooks, Ms Coble-Runge and Mr Delrennie.

These interviews have been very successful in gaining valuable information from students and families about their subject choices, their interests and monitoring their progress for their introduction into the Stage 5 program of Middle School Learning. Students were given the opportunity of choosing elective subjects on proposed lines for Stage 5. These lines can now be reviewed after the interviews and some changes may occur depending on the needs of the students.

**Year 8 Exams begin in Week 6 beginning on November 10.** Please ask your child to see their class teacher for a fact sheet of what will be on their exams to give them the best opportunity of being prepared.

**Year 8 ESSA** – This will also be occurring in Week 6. It is an online Science assessment and families will be receiving further information about this closer to the date.

**Mrs Sherille Sullivan**  
**Relieving Deputy Principal**



## Sapporo Kaisei High School visit with Cromer Campus

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October we hosted a school visit for students and teachers from Sapporo Kaisei High School. Seventy-nine of our Year 9 and 10 students had Japanese buddies for the day. During Period 1 the Japanese students and teachers were warmly welcomed by Julia Han and Emma Gallo. Then our Cromer Campus students took their buddies on a school tour followed by a shared morning tea of lamingtons. During Periods 2 and 3 it was off to class, with the visiting students participating in English, PDHPE, Science and Math lessons with their buddies. During Period 4 we had a cultural exchange event where students from Sapporo Kaisei High School shared cultural and lifestyle information about Japan and their lives with our students. This took place in the Hub in small groups and it was great to see all students actively involved in sharing information and learning about each other's lives.

Thanks go to all students who participated in this event, as they were all outstanding ambassadors for Cromer Campus. Also, many thanks to the staff who taught lessons to our Japanese visitors and allowed the visiting Japanese teachers into their classrooms to view their lessons and ask questions.

The day was a great success and a fantastic cultural exchange for both our Cromer Campus students and the students from Sapporo Kaisei High School.



Mrs Coble Runge



## China 2014 Photo Album continued

Over the next four days we visited our buddy school in Beijing (Haidian Experimental School) which is an amazing school that rates in the top five in Beijing. Students were able to participate in learning cultural activities with their Chinese buddies. In the afternoons we toured significant historic and cultural sites in Beijing, as well as continue to enjoy the continuous food at the lunch and dinner banquets hosted for us.

**Ms Emo (Head Teacher HSIE)**

**Day 5 – Summer Palace and Formal Dinner**





Day 6 – School Visit and Kong Fu Show



Day 7 – School Visit





Day 8 – Visiting a Medieval Village





## Girl Talk with Mrs Stevens

This term is shaping up to be very busy. In Week 3 notes were handed out to girls in Years 8 -11 for our Dream Big Love What You Do speaker. Amanda Hampson (a local author) is coming to inspire our girls on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. Permission notes need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Only 50 places are available so I encourage our girls to get their notes returned quickly.

The Big Sister Little Sister team is fundraising this term for the Starlight Foundation – which grants wishes for seriously ill children. Chocolate wishes for \$1 will be sold at recess and lunch throughout the coming weeks. The Big Sister Little Sister team aims to raise \$300 this term, so please support this worthwhile cause.



## Sport at Cromer

### Sports Awards

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Steve Turner was in attendance and spoke about his career in the NRL and also preparing himself for life after football and told the students they need to ensure they have a plan for life after school. It was a well-received message which the students are still talking about.

Congratulations to all the recipients for achieving outstanding sporting results throughout the year. This year we awarded over 220 individual awards for Regional, State, National and International recognition.

A big thank you to all the parents who attended the ceremony and continue to support the Sporting program at Cromer Campus, it wouldn't run without you.



**Half Blue Recipients: Alyssa, Tyson and Elizabeth**

**The Sportsman nominees for 2014 were:**

**Joel Aitken  
Esera Chee Kam  
Lachlan MacMahon  
Angus Schmidt**

**The Sportsman for 2014 was Joel Aitken for the following achievements:**

- The schools u15 Swimming and Cross Country Age Champion
- Winner of the Cromer Cup, making him the fastest male swimmer in the school
- Qualified for all three Regional carnivals; Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics
- u15 Zone Age Cross Country Champion
- Surf Life Saving at the State Championships:
  - Gold in the Swim Relay team
  - Gold in the Board Relay
  - Bronze in the Board Rescue
- At the National SLS Championships
  - Gold in the Cameron Relay
  - Silver in the Swim Team Event
  - 4<sup>th</sup> in the Board Relay
  - 7<sup>th</sup> in the Individual Ironman





**The Sportswoman nominees for 2014 were:**

**Alyssa Deal  
Sophie McGovern  
Khali Numa  
Aaliyah Paki  
Desnee Richter**

**The Sportswoman for 2014 was Sophie McGovern for the following achievements:**

- First in the Cromer Gift at the school athletics carnival making her the fastest girl in the school
- NSW All Schools Athletics Nov 2013– State Champion in the u14 200m and runner up in the 100m
- Australian All Schools held in Townsville in late 2013
  - Bronze in the NSW Swedish Relay
  - 9<sup>th</sup> as an u14 competing in the u16s in the 200m
- U15's Warringah Zone Age Champion in Athletics
- At Regional Athletics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m, 200m, 200m Hurdles and 4x100 u15 Relay Team
- CHS athletics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m, 200m, 200m Hurdles and 4 x 100m Relay
- School Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Age Champion
- In Surf Life Saving at State SLS Championships
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in March Past and 2<sup>nd</sup> in u15 Sprint
- Aussie SLS titles
  - Gold in the u15 Beach Flags and Silver in the Sprint
- NSW Junior Championships Athletics
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 and 200m racing in the u 16s
- Australian Junior Championships Athletics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> in 4x100m Relay team, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4x200m relay
  - 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m, again racing up an age group in the u16s
- Represented Cromer in the Year 9/10 Girls Touch team who played at the State finals in Gosford



## Student Achievements

Sophie McGovern competed at NSW All Schools at Homebush from 9-12<sup>th</sup> October. She did an amazing job yet again coming 1st 90m hurdles, 1st 200m hurdles, 1st 200m and 2nd 100m. Sophie's results were so amazing that she had a write-up on the NSW Athletics website about her exceptional results:

<http://nswathletics.org.au/News/ArtMID/1740/ArticleID/1066751/NSW-All-Schools-Review-Day-Two#.VDjYBUBWoDc.email>

Sophie has again qualified for Nationals, this year in Adelaide in early December in the 90m hurdles, 200m hurdles, 200m and 100m. Keep an eye on this space for these results and good luck to Sophie.



### Angus Schmidt

Recently Angus travelled to Europe, Slovakia specifically, as part of the Australian Olympic Hopefuls squad and participated in the 2014 Olympic Hopefuls International competition for kayaking. Angus competed in numerous categories, up against the best youth Kayakers in the world and produced results that did himself and his family proud. Well done Angus for some amazing results.

Here at Cromer we do our best to report all of our student sporting achievements. Occasionally we do miss results, if there are any sporting results we have missed or you would like to pass on, please email

[kristie.crawford@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kristie.crawford@det.nsw.edu.au)



## **Year 7 Swimmers off with a splash!**

Year 7 started their Swimming Stroke refinement lessons last Friday for B Week sport.

This is the first time the lessons have been conducted through the Warringah Aquatic Centre and we thank the staff up there for accommodating our students and assisting with tuition.

Students are placed into ability groups and undertook a 45 minute lesson, tailored specifically to improve their swimming ability. Swim Instructors at Warringah Aquatic Centre, supported by our wonderful staff from Cromer Campus, delivered the program which focusses on stroke development techniques, learn to swim activities for our learners and squad activities for our advanced swimmers.

A little reluctant at first, Year 7 returned from their lesson very excited and happy having thoroughly enjoyed the first visit. It was indeed a lot of fun and the lesson fit nicely into the timeslot arranged.

Year 7 Swimming Refinement lessons will continue each fortnight, Friday B Week, Period 3 during sport until, and including Week 8. The dates are:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Week 2

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Week 4

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Week 6

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Week 8, Term 4.

This is a very reasonably priced program at \$65 for the term (including bus costs and tuition, hire of facility). It is still not too late to enrol your son or daughter and pro rata and pay off payment options are available. Students not participating in the practical work are undertaking a theory program on stroke development back at school.

Enquiries can be made to Mr Hanna in the PDHPE Office on 9981 1155, ext 117 or 109

**Mr Hanna**  
**Head Teacher PDHPE**

### **Year 9 and 10 Sport**

Any student with outstanding sport payments please finalise these as soon as possible. Also any student who has yet to return their Grade Sport jersey please do so a.s.a.p. to the PE staffroom.

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\* eligibility criteria apply

### 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:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 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 starts 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.

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)

WEB [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)





## Cromer Campus 5th Annual Golf Day

**Tuesday 11 November**

**Shotgun Start 4pm**



Played at the Beautiful Cromer Golf Course!

We are inviting all parents and friends of Cromer Campus to join the Principal and teachers at our popular golf day. It is a great opportunity to play the magnificent Cromer Golf Course in a fun and casual setting. Join us for the 9-hole team Ambrose and a sit-down Gourmet BBQ dinner; or for the non-golfers, just come for the dinner. You can form a team of 4 or be paired with other players. Event options are detailed below as are the sponsorship opportunities.

The Cromer Campus Golf Day is the school's major fundraising event with all monies going towards improving school facilities. On behalf of the P&C, we ask all members of the Cromer community to support the event in any way you can.

### GOLF DAY DETAILS

4pm Ambrose Golf - 9 holes of golf

- Nearest the pin, novelty events
- Registration from 3pm

6 pm Dinner

- Drinks in the clubhouse
- Sit-down Gourmet BBQ dinner

Prices

- **Golf and Dinner**      **\$60**
- **Dinner Only**          **\$30**

### BOOKINGS

Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). At WHATS ON AT YOUR SCHOOL, type in NBSC CROMER and hit ENTER, then click on "NBSC Cromer". Go to the "ORDER GOLF TEE TIMES" or "ORDER GOLF SPONSORSHIP" links. Follow the prompts - if you have a Flexischools account, then login when prompted. If you are not registered, but have a child at the school or are a Cromer teacher, then please register when prompted. If you do not have a child at the school you can book and pay as a GUEST.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Golf Day Major Sponsor	\$2,000 (includes team of 4)
Hole Sponsor (PLAYING)	\$700 (includes team of 4)
Hole Sponsor (NON-PLAYING)	\$500
Dinner Table Sponsor	\$100 Prize Donor

### ENQUIRIES

Geoff Austen

0405 119 311

[Geoff.Austen@ScotneyGroup.com.au](mailto:Geoff.Austen@ScotneyGroup.com.au)

## CROMER CALENDAR

**Week 4B**

Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 October  
Friday 31 October

Year 9 Leadership Camp – J Laird I/C  
Year 7 Swim Program – J Hanna I/C

**Week 5A**

Monday 3 to Friday 7 November  
Friday 7 to Monday 9 November

Year 7 exams  
Silver Duke of Ed qualifying Pack & Paddle at Somerset

**Week 6B**

Monday 10 to Friday 14 November

Tuesday 11 November  
Friday 14 November  
From Friday 14 November

Year 8 and Year 9 exams  
Year 8 ESSA  
Library Stocktake  
P & C Golf Day 4pm Cromer Golf Course  
Year 7 Swim Program – J Hanna I/C  
Naha Nishi High School Visit – L Peters I/C

**Week 7A**

Monday 17 to Friday 21 November

Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 November  
Tuesday 18 November

Thursday 20 November

Year 10 exams  
Library Stocktake  
Naha Nishi High School Visit continued – L Peters I/C  
Year 11 Road Safety Day  
P & C AGM 7pm  
Premier's Sporting Challenge Phase 1

**Week 8B**

Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 November  
Thursday 27 November

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 November  
Friday 28 November

Performing Arts Immersion Day – F Bird I/C  
Celebration of Learning Matinee – Primary Schools and Parent Evening  
F Bird I/C  
Schools Spectacular  
Year 7 Swim Program – J Hanna I/C

**Week 9A**

Tuesday 2, Thursday 4 & Friday 5 December  
Tuesday 2 December  
Wednesday 3 December  
Friday 5 to Monday 8 December

Lifesaving at Dee Why and South Curl Curl 9am to 2.30pm  
P & C Christmas Party  
Year 7 2015 Orientation Day  
Gold Duke of Ed Qualifying Hike at Kosciuszko National Park

**Week 10B**

Wednesday 10 December

Term 4 Rec Sport finishes

**Week 11A**

Monday 15 December  
Thursday 18 & Friday 19 December

Presentation Evening 7pm  
Staff Development Days

**GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS**

last Monday of every month  
9.30am at the school Admin Office  
Please phone 9981 1155 to join the tour.