

Cromer Courier

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Term 4 Issue 1

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From the Principal

Term 4 is always an exciting time in high schools. Year 12 are completing their HSC exams and planning for 2016 is well underway. I have said it before but will say it again, best of luck to all of our Year 12 students and thank you to all of their families for supporting them through this time.

Some really exciting initiatives are underway at Cromer or are planned for implementation in 2016. These include our new musical strings program and a new dance program. These extra-curricular activities are welcome additions to our already thriving music and sport programs.

Next year we are implementing a whole school literacy program. Literacy underpins success in every subject area and is therefore a vital ingredient in the success and engagement of every student. More details about this exciting program is to come in future newsletters.

We are also renewing our value system across the school. After much consultation we have settled on three key values for Cromer Campus:

- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- **SUCCESS**

These values underpin what we believe all responsible citizens should exhibit in their interactions with peers, parents, teachers and the wider community. These values are already constantly on show here at Cromer Campus. In addressing our teachers at the beginning of this term I have outlined the following classroom expectations, which fit very nicely with these three values:

- that all students engage in meaningful work for the entire lesson and turn off their phones (RESPONSIBILITY)
- that all students are in uniform and interact appropriately with peers and teachers (RESPECT)
- that all students achieve their learning goals / lesson outcomes (SUCCESS)

I would like to encourage all parents to embrace these values in your interactions with your children. The positive difference that the school and parents can make to a child, when there is an alignment and reinforcement of the values expected, is large and measurable.

Mr Justin Hong **Principal**

P & C MEETING **Tuesday 10 November** 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room

Relieving Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11

Another hectic week, but it has been a week of wonderful engagement of students and staff working together.

Year 11

Year 11's are currently engaged in interviews with executive staff to determine their subject choices for Year 12. In discussion with their families, we always encourage students to choose subjects that they enjoy and offer them the best options of career pathways in the future. As they move into Year 12 studies it is important that they give themselves every opportunity of learning and succeeding which starts with punctual attendance to all lessons.

Year 9

It is pleasing to see so many of our Year 9 students focusing on their studies as we lead into the final end of year exams. I would like to commend all the students who are ensuring they are giving themselves the best opportunity to succeed by attending all classes on time, ensuring homework and assessment tasks are handed in on time and phones are turned off in class.

Year 7

I believe the Year 7 Swimming, Stroke Development, at Warringah Aquatic Centre, held every B week is going well and the students who are attending this program are enjoying it and returning to school full of smiles and increased confidence. A big thank you to the PE department which organises this program.

Year 7 exams will be starting in Week 5 so it is important that students start revising their notes and making sure all homework is done so they are prepared for these exams.

Mrs Sherille Sullivan Relieving Deputy Principal

Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12

Welcome back to Term 4 2016, and the count down until the end of the year. Welcome also to Mrs Dean, who will be sharing the second Deputy Principal position with Mrs Sullivan for Term 4.

Year 12 have commenced their Higher School Certificate examinations this week, and students can now apply the skills and knowledge needed to succeed following their revision during the recent holiday period. Three clearance days, November 4th – 6th, have been set aside for Year 12 students to return borrowed subject resources, and finalise any outstanding subject fees. Personalised student references will also be available during these three days for collection, once the clearance processes have been completed.

Year 10 is now actively working towards their final assessments in week 7 of this term. These assessments will then finalise their ROSA grades, which marks the end of two years of study. Weeks 9 and 10 have also been slated as two work experience weeks, where students are exposed to a real world taste of working in an industry that interests them. Please support your child by making suggestions as to where they may wish to successfully spend these two weeks. Please refer to the following page (Year 10 Work Experience) for details.

Finally, Year 8 assessment week is week 6 this term, with students also attending a lifesaving program in week 9.

Mr David Taylor Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students will participate in Work Experience from Monday 30 November until Friday 11 December.

Frequently asked questions:

When can students undertake workplace learning programs?

From the age of 14

Will my child be paid?

No. Students are classified as voluntary workers and host employers are not required to make any payment to them. Any payment made to a student may invalidate the Department of Education's insurance and indemnity arrangements.

What about travel arrangements?

All travel is at the student's expense. Parents / Caregivers are expected to assist with travel arrangements and support travel costs during the placements.

What if my child has a medical condition?

This important information should be included in the Student Placement Record and a Health Care Plan may need to be made available to the employer.

What about insurance and indemnity?

The Department of Education has insurance arrangements for students injured while participating in approved workplace learning, including students injured while travelling directly to or from their placement. For more information go to:

http://www.det.nsw.edu/vetinschools/worklearn/worklearnpolicy.html

Students in Year 10 have been given the Student Placement Record which needs to be completed by the employer prior to the placement.

Completed Student Placement Records must be returned to Ms Bird by no later than FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER. Questions regarding Year 10 Work experience should be directed to Ms Bird on 9981 1155.

The staff at Cromer Campus were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Peter Gallagher. Peter commenced at Cromer in 1976 and retired in 2006. He was a much respected staff member of this school.



P & C NEWS

Hello to all. The year is nearly up and to start this term off the P & C has agreed to take over the running of the school canteen. This is a huge task that faces us as a group. First we would like to thank Geoff for his effort in running the canteen previously, and for his donations when handing it back. Thanks very much.

The reason for this decision is so we can generate money to improve the school. All profits will be used to make improvements. We will be making some changes to the menu, keeping in mind the healthy side. For those that do not know, we use, and will still be using the Flexischools system which allows you to order on line and pay using your student card. Please log onto www.flexischools.com.au for more information and to set up an account. We also take cash and now we can take cards as an EFTPOS machine has been installed. Change takes time and we are working on this. We need your support at the canteen. Where possible please use the online system so your children do not miss out on specials, which we will run during the week. Encourage your children to use the canteen and not shops outside the school. We are setting up a suggestion box but if anyone has suggestions, either attend the monthly P & C meetings or send an email or letter to the school for the attention of the P & C.

Other news: We have installed an air-conditioning unit in the gym and are busy looking to install projectors in the school gym/hall.

We have two events coming up in November. First the annual late afternoon Golf Day on 10 November starting at 4pm. We are looking for sponsorship, players and helpers. Please diarise this date and let's make it a success. The next newsletter will have all the details. Also we are going to hold a music showcase in the last week of November. There will be two shows with catering from the canteen. Entrance will be a gold coin – again, please support this.

If you wish to become involved, we are always looking for people to help. Come to one of our meetings see what we do and are planning. It will take one hour of your time. The more the merrier.

Desmond McLachlan P & C President



Help your community become more inclusive

We are looking for volunteers to support our Social Inc. Groups in local High Schools for one lunch hour each fortnight.

Bring your spark and help students with and without disability to find theirs. Training and support provided.

Visit socialinc.org.au/volunteers.html to apply, or phone Aylin Salt on 02 8878 3554.







Cromer Campus 6th Annual Golf Day

Tuesday 10 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

Dear Parents

Week 4 of Term 4 is National Gonski Week. We would like to invite parents to a morning tea in the staff Common Room to celebrate what Gonski funding has done for public education and to share stories of what it means to Cromer Campus and your child.

Please come to Cromer Campus on Friday 30th October at 10.20am and celebrate Gonski.

To show your support please go to igivegonski.com.au

TUCKERBOX AT CROMER CAMPUS

We have started up the **Tuckerbox** at Cromer Campus. We are looking for parent volunteers to cook freezer meals that can be given to school families in need.

- Meals are to be made in disposable containers and frozen
- Write the ingredients and date meal cooked on the container
- Meals are to be delivered to the front office or Student Services and are then stored in the school freezer
- Meal ideas include lasagne, stews, chicken casseroles, tagines etc

Please can you indicate your willingness to cook for the Tuckerbox by emailing Alison Wheatley on Alison.Wheatley1@det.nsw.edu.au



English

Year 8 are currently involved in a special literacy program. Each week they are spending one English period in a small group developing their writing skills. In Week 6 they will be tested as part of the English Yearly Exam. We are very

confident that we will see improved skills in persuasive writing. Both students and teachers are very positive about the learning opportunities we are able to give all of Year 8 in this targeted program.

As we work towards the end to the year each Year Group is focussing on developing their skills and understanding in English. Please ask your child to talk about their progress in English and ask them to share what they are learning.

The Roald Dahl Festival is coming to **Year 7**. Annette Brooks has been working on a fantastic unit of work on Roald Dahl. The students will be presenting their work on November 26 – save the date now, more details to follow. Also if you have any Roald Dahl books at home that are no longer needed please consider donating them to the English Department.



Uniform Shop Vacancy – Deadline has been extended to 6th November

UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR POSITION VACANT

NBSC Cromer Campus and Daylight Sportswear are looking for a bright, happy and friendly person to fill the position of **Uniform Shop Coordinator**. Hours will be approximately 6 to 8 hrs per week, with extra hours during busy periods. Successful applicants will need to have a friendly personality, good written and oral communication skills, excellent organization skills and general computer knowledge. Previous retail, cash handling experience, customer service background and/or a previous position in school or community organization will be highly regarded.

Please forward a cover letter addressing the above criteria + a resume to:

adam@daylightcorp.com or fax to 02 9758 5566 BY FRIDAY 28 AUGUST '15

Successful applicants will be notified of interview times within 2 weeks of the closing date.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. To open the shop at each day and secure the premises at the close of day.
- 2. To sell items of uniform to students and parents/careers of students.
- 3. To handle payments for uniforms by way of cash, cheque or credit card.
- 4. To record all details of sales, refunds and exchanges on P.O.S computer system.
- 5. To balance takings at the end of the day and send sales summary to Daylight Head Office.
- 6. To act in accordance to special instructions from the Principal.
- 7. To count and record stocktake figures on all items of uniform held in the store at the request of Daylight P/L
- 8. To keep the shop premises in a clean and tidy condition at all times.
- 9. To assist in advertising by way of displaying dummies, price lists, school newsletters and any approved promotional material.
- 10. "SPECIAL OPERATING TIMES" During this period, assist in the planning and operational procedures, and to make time available to attend the shop during the days scheduled, e.g. Orientation Day, January holidays and 'return to school' periods.
- * Proposed remuneration will be at the award rate at the time.

Environmental Activities Term 4

As part of our Whole School Program at Cromer Campus, Years 7, 8 and 9 will be learning about environmental issues with a focus on 'Waste' and its impact on the Environment in Term 4.

Activities will include a survey on how waste is disposed of at home, a presentation from local council about various aspects of waste as well as literacy activites .

During Weeks 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will conduct an Upcycle Project, taking something that was to be disposed of and turning it into a new, better product.

Students should start planning their idea for their Upcycle project so they can plan what materials and tools they will need to complete it.

Mrs McPherson Environmental Activities Coordinator

Girl Talk - with Mrs Stevens

During term 3 Dream Big Love What You Do! had a career focus. In August Vanessa Miles, who is a Director of Human Resources at Fossil Australia, spoke to our Year 11 girls about her journey to success. From this inspiring presentation students were offered an opportunity to participate in a 2 day Work Inspiration Program at the Fossil Group located in Brookvale.

Once again I am very excited about taking our girls to visit Fossil and learn about the world of business. This provides our students with a unique experience as the girls find out about how the company functions from the warehouse floor to the Managing Director. Our Fossil visit will be on 20th and 21st of October.

Later in the term our guest speaker for Dream Big Love What You Do! Series is Pip Marlow the Managing Director of Microsoft Australia who is coming to speak with our girls. Pip is passionate about encouraging girls into IT. Her visit will be on the 17th of November and permission notes will be handed out shortly. I would encourage all of our girls to come along and be part of Dream Big!





Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C Fundraiser by purchasing the 2015/2016 Entertainment Books and Digital Membership raising valuable funds for our school.

NB: Books are still available for purchase from our schools web site; click on the link under P&C Entertainment Books for Sale on the front page to order your copy which is valid until 30th June 2016.

Sport at Cromer

Welcome back to Term 4. This term we have a few different programs running in sport and PDHPE for your children. Read on to find out more.

CROMER STUDENTS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

Angus Schmidt & Ethan Neville – KAYAKING: Angus and Ethan have been in Poland competing in the Olympics Hopes Regatta. So far we know that they achieved 4th place in the K4 semi-final. We look forward to hearing more results.



Aaliyah Paki – TOUCH: Aaliyah competed for NSWCHS at the end of last term in Qld. Unfortunately the team was knocked out in the semi-final and none of the NSW team were selected in the National team, which was very disappointing.



YEAR 7 SWIM PROGRAM

Year 7 swimming program got off to a great start. 98% of the year is involved in the program and yesterday they were put into groups dependent on their swimming ability. The program caters for all levels of ability from non-swimmer to advanced. Living on the Northern Beaches it is imperative that all students learn to swim competently. The program is running on Monday afternoons in B week for a total of 5 sessions at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. If you would like more information, please contact Mr Hanna, HT PDHPE.

YEAR 8 LIFESAVING

Year 8 will be participating in Surf Awareness and Lifesaving during week 9 this term. The program caters for all levels of swimming ability from Water Discovery for non-swimmers up to Bronze Star for advanced swimmers. This is a very enjoyable program and teaches students how to stay safe at the beach and at other waterways as well as a variety of rescue methods and resuscitation.



SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS/RESULTS

http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/syd_north/welcome.htm

Please check the website for trial dates, information and entry forms and results or speak to your School Sport Coordinators.

SPORT IS ON FACEBOOK



Thanks for following us and liking us on Facebook. We have over 250 regular followers. We are currently not accepting "friends" to this page. Just hit LIKE and the information will get to you.

We hope you are finding this site useful and informative and if so, share it with other Cromerites.

Like us on Facebook at NBSC Cromer Campus Sport.

Here at Cromer Campus we do our best to report on and acknowledge our Student's sporting achievements. Please email alexandra.bonello@det.nsw.edu.au with your child's results and achievements and any good action photos.

CROMER CALENDAR

Week 3A

Weds 21 October An evening of Celebration with Integrated Studies 6pm – Mrs S Sullivan I/C

Week 4B

Tues 27 – Thurs 29 October

Fri 30 October

Year 10 Drama Performance Night Show 7pm

10.20am Gonski Morning Tea for Parents (Staff Common Room)

Week 5A

Mon 2 – Friday 6 November

Wed 4 – Friday 6 November Friday 6 November YEAR 7 EXAMS and YEAR 9 EXAMS Year 12 2015 Sign Out days

Last day of 2015 HSC

Week 6B

Mon 9 - Friday 13 November

YEAR 8 EXAMS and YEAR 10 EXAMS

Library Stocktake

Tue 10 November

P&C Meeting 7pm

Week 7A

Mon 16 – Friday 20 November

Library Stocktake continues

Week 8B

Thursday 26 November

Music Showcase Performance – Matinee and Evening performances

Week 9A

Mon 30 Nov – Friday 4 Dec

Year 10 Work Experience Program

Tues 1, Thurs 3 & Fri 4 Dec Year 8 Lifesaving

Week 10B

Mon 7 – Fri 11 Dec

Year 10 Work Experience Program continues

Mon 7 – Wed 9 Dec Year 9 Camp

Week 11A

Monday 14 December Wednesday 16 December PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm in the Gym

ecember Last school day for students

GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS

Please contact the school on 9981 1155 to book a place in the next available tour.