

# **Cromer Courier**

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### From the Principal

Attached is an extract of the speech I delivered at this week's presentation night, it is a speech in which I outlined with great pride some of the successes the school has had in 2016. I wish all members of the Cromer Campus community a safe, happy and restful festive season.

It has been a great year at Cromer Campus in 2016. At the beginning of the year we had a very successful open night. It was very well attended and has culminated in an increased enrolment for next year's year 7 which in 2017 will be the biggest cohort in the school. We expect that this pattern will continue in the coming years. This has been the result of a lot of hard work by staff and students alike and focussed on two key areas.

The first area is literacy where the school in 2016 implemented a twenty minute per day focussed literacy lesson for every student in the school. After only a few short months of running this program we were able to look at our year 9 NAPLAN results and found that improvements were already visible in reading, writing, and spelling. This was not expected so early and is a testament to the quality of the program, the hard work of our students and teachers and the literacy team led by Ms Elizabeth DeMontfort that has been the driving force behind this whole school improvement.

The second focus area has been on PBeL (Positive Behaviour Engaged Learners). In this area we have also seen some incredible work. A reinvigorated merit system, new signage around the school and in every learning space, and many other positive changes that have greatly enhanced student engagement at school. The PBeL team, the welfare team, the Deputy Principals and our student year advisers led by Ms Fiona Bird have done an incredible job and as a result what we call negative incidents have decreased every term over the last two years. The result of all of this work is that students at Cromer Campus are more engaged and learning more in their classrooms.

Other accomplishments this year have included the release of our parent portal, a huge increase in the membership of our Facebook site, and a real reinvigoration of student leadership opportunities at Cromer Campus. Thanks for these initiatives must go to Mr Taylor, Ms Bonello and Mrs Norvill. A highlight of this year has been the growth in our music program. We now have a wonderful concert band, quartets, guitar groups, rock bands in most year groups, and a choir. The school is blessed with some very talented students including but not limited to percussionists, vocalists, guitarists and students playing a vast array of instruments. This program has grown to now be a strength of our great school. Next year the students and teachers are again looking forward to the many performance opportunities, camps, tours and in school concerts. Also next year every student in year seven will be introduced to the violin as the foundation of future string groups in the school. I would like to acknowledge the very hard work of Mr McKee who has been the driving force behind this, Ms Masi for her work with the choir and our band director Miss Rachel Rule for this

incredible reinvigoration of music at Cromer Campus. I would also like to acknowledge the P&C band committee that have also supported this reinvigoration and sincerely thank the parents involved for their commitment and hard work. The future of music and the musical opportunities for students at Cromer is very bright indeed.

The Department of Education are supporting the school and next year have funded the complete redevelopment of two of our science laboratories and 5 of our classrooms. The beautification of the school has continued, the focus this year has included new signage around the school in our quadrangle, at the school entrances and most importantly in our classrooms and learning spaces. We allocated resources to our gymnasium, including its change rooms and over January some landscaping will occur in the grounds around the school's entrances.

This year and since I have been here as Principal I have spoken a lot to the students about high expectations. I am sure that students must be getting sick of me saying that I want every student to do their best and that I care about each and every student, I want every child to be successful in whatever it is they are doing now and what they are going to achieve in the future. I say this so often and so publicly for one very clear reason, and that is **I MEAN IT.** 

I am very excited about the future of Cromer Campus. Next year the school will continue consolidating our literacy programs and PBeL initiatives but will shift its focus to what educators call visible learning. This term encapsulates a lot. Visible learning briefly put stands for research backed approaches to enhancing teaching and learning that make the **most** difference.

We are also very passionate about a STEM pathway being offered in 2017 for all students at Cromer Campus from year seven to year twelve. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Beginning next year all year seven and eight students will be enjoying dedicated STEM lessons with the option to choose STEM as an elective in years nine and ten and then of course the opportunity to specialise further in years eleven and twelve by choosing the offered technology, mathematics, science and engineering subjects already offered at our school. To supplement this program and the achievements already made in literacy, students will also have the chance to study dedicated numeracy lessons from year seven to year ten. It is these exciting new directions, the many accomplishments already achieved and the confidence I have in my staff and students and the increasing support of the Cromer Campus community that I am so excited about the bright future of our great school.

I conclude this speech by thanking the P&C, the staff and congratulating our wonderful students for their great achievements in 2016.

Merry Christmas

Mr Justin Hong Principal **GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS** 

Please contact the school on 9981 1155 EXT 128 to book a place on the Principals' next tour.

# Sport at Cromer

As the year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff coaches and referees, our local and state development officers who have been part of our junior sports program and all the local organisations who contribute to weekly sport at Cromer Campus. We would also like to thank the College Sports Coordinator, Sydney North, NSWCHS and the School Sports unit. Without the assistance of all these people or groups, our students would not be blessed with the opportunities presented to them. Thank You!

### **Pittwater Biathlon 2016**

Sunrise on Friday the 2nd December was beautiful. A warm sunny day greeted the athletes at Narrabeen Lake for the start of the Pittwater Biathlon. The lake was clean with a water temperature of around 22 degrees. Our boys raced well in another large and talented field of competitors. I also swam the course which was a touch longer than previous years. After the swim they put their shoes on assisted by Tchai and headed off on the 5km run leg to Mona Vale Surf Life Saving Club. I drove to the finish line and while waiting for the boys enjoyed watching the dolphins playing in the surf. The finish is always exciting as the athletes push each other to the very end. Isaac was mostly airborne at the finish line which was one of the best finishes I've ever



seen. Otto was unchallenged on the line and smiled all the way through. A great effort from both boys and we'll publish the official results when we receive them.

### **Cromer Students Amazing Achievements**

Ellie Watts – SOFTBALL: Congratulations Ellie on your selection into the NSW Greens. Ellie will be travelling to Perth in January to compete at the U15 Softball Championships. Good luck! Sophie McGovern – ATHLETICS: Sophie has once again excelled on the track to a podium finish. She competed in 18yrs girls Australian All Schools 4x100m relay with her team becoming the Champions and new meet record holders! Sophie also ran an amazing PB of 24.63 in the U18 200m final to take 4th place. Awesome effort!



**Nathan Woodley – FISHING:** Congratulations Nathan on your achievements, 2015-2016 deep water and estuary junior fishing champion! Wow! From Warringah Anglers Fishing Club.

### Year 8 Lifesaving Program

Eighty one students, in Year 8, took part in the annual lifesaving program this year. They were supervised by ten



The Year 8 students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner allowing for sound learning to occur. The weather also assisted us with warm, sunny days, clear water and calm seas. For me, as a teacher the program was capped off with a comment from a very reluctant participant who had required much coaxing and convincing to attend; on the last day she said "This was the best day of my life...ever". I know they are young and have a lot more life to live and hope that with the skills they have learnt there will be many more of these wonderful moments.

experienced teachers and lead by a confident group of senior students who



demonstrated great leadership and commitment to the program. Many of these senior students took part in the program as juniors and are now qualified Surf Life Savers. As well as helping out at school they volunteer their time to patrol Sydney Northern Beaches over the summer period at a variety of local Surf Life Saving Clubs. Their skills, combined with the expertise of the teachers, enabled thirty two students to obtain their Bronze Star Award, the highest award they are able to complete at their age. Some thirty others achieved Level 6 or Level 7 resulting in one of our most successful programs run to date.



### **Beach Touch (NBSC)**



Action at the Beach Touch All Schools Tournament at Maroubra Beach. NBSC were undefeated throughout the day but met their match in the grand final, going down to Kambala A's in a nail biting finish. Congratulations Tara, Pani and Sisilia (NBSC Cromer) on your fabulous contributions to all games, being the youngest members of the team and your wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done Freshy ladies and coaches: Mr Grant and Ms Bonello and thanks Mr Mathieson for your organization in making this day happen!



Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas. See you all in 2017!



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

#### **CROMER CAMPUS P&C ASSOCIATION**

#### **CROMER CAMPUS GOLF DAY**

Tuesday 8th November 2016 Cromer Golf Course



The seventh Annual Cromer Campus Golf Day was held at Cromer Golf Course on Tuesday 8th November. The weather was perfect until we encountered a cooler change along with a couple of lightning strikes which then ended the golf game by about 3 holes. This didn't dampen any spirits though as everyone was having a fantastic time and it meant that dinner and the festivities could begin earlier. We had 72 starters for the golf event and 80 attendees at the dinner which included volunteers who enjoyed a free meal for all their hard work, our raffle and naming our golf day winners as well as the winners of novelty events.

The P&C appreciates the attendance and support of the Cromer Campus teachers who contributed 27 players to the day. The strong support shown by the teachers at all these events is testament to their dedication to our school.

The Golf Day raised over \$2,400.00 which will go towards the P&C's objective of providing and improving student facilities. This result would not have been possible without the amazing support of our corporate sponsors (please see below) and local businesses donating prizes.

We have a complete list of sponsors and donors attached to this letter and the P&C encourages you to support the businesses that support our school community.

The Golf Day is now an annual fixture in the Cromer Campus calendar and the P&C look forward to welcoming everyone back again next year.

Kind Regards

Dave Allison P&C Golf Day Coordinator

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### **PRESS CONFERENCE AT CROMER**



Year 8 Cromer Campus students gathered for a press conference last week to interview their panel of 'experts' to inform them on positive developments at NBSC Cromer Campus.

Each student will be including some of these expert quotes from the press conference to write feature articles for their school magazine English assessment.

## The panel of experts interviewed included Principal Mr Hong, Head Teacher PDHPE Mr Jon Hanna, Music Teacher Mr Cameron McKee and our new school captains Caryn Greyling and Benjamin Dolahenty.

Representatives from each Year 8 English class asked the panel a series of questions that were previously compiled with their classmates.

This authentic learning experience was highly praised by Principal Justin Hong who admitted he always enjoys opportunities to share positive developments happening at NBSC Cromer Campus with students.

We look forward to reading and sharing our budding journalists' feature articles with the school community later this term.

Reported by Ms Brooks, English Teacher

### News from Integrated Studies



It is hard to believe where almost half way through our final term and the days will fly even quicker from now on. It was very pleasing to see all the students settle back in to school so quickly and soon found their rhythm.

Our students were well represented at the Sports Assembly and showed how capable they are in the sporting arena. To continue with that trend, one of our Year 9 students Madeleine Elphick was successful when she competed at her most recent Special Olympics swimming event which was held last weekend. Madeleine was successful in winning 3 Gold medals, a Silver medal and a 5<sup>th</sup> placing. Her Gold medals were in the 100m Breast Stroke, 100m Freestyle and the 50m Breast Stroke. Her silver medal was for the 4x50m Freestyle relay and her 5<sup>th</sup> placing was in the 50m Freestyle.

This photo shows Madeleine proudly showing her medals, (1 gold still to come) and her ribbon.

Sherille Sullivan Head Teacher Integrated Studies



I would like to thank Nick Boon and the team at Volcom for their support to the NBSC Cromer Campus during 2016 and to wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Volcom has continually donated the latest surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding magazines over many years now to our library.

I would also like to thank Mrs Lawson who kindly collects the magazines for our school each term.

Vicky Duff SLSO





Year 8 English students displaying their student voice school magazines

# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Year 8 English School Magazines have now been completed after our press conference earlier this term with a panel of Cromer Campus 'experts' including our Principal Mr Justin Hong, Mr Hanna, Mr McKee and our School Captains Ben Dolahenty and Caryn Greyling. All of our Year 8 English students worked extremely hard to collaborate with their peers to produce a student voice school magazine in just four weeks. Many students also developed impressive investigative journalism skills, stalking teachers and peers at lunchtime for their comments on a range of topics including sport, drama, music, chess, STEM and canteen sushi.

Well done everyone and we look forward to sharing your fantastic creative work with the wider community at our Open



'Keeping up with the Cromer Kids' team from bottom left Sinead, Olivia B, Chloe and Olivia H

Night next year.



'Cromer Life' *Wowee It's Mr McKee* team from left Jayden, Kevin, Benjamin, Shawn and Ethan



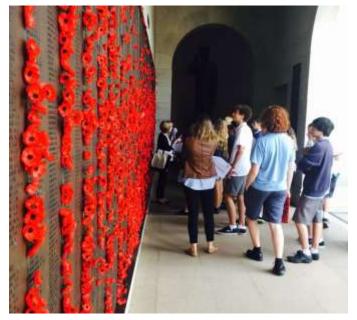
Year 12 students enjoyed reading through the students' magazines

#### Lest We Forget

#### **HSIE Excursion to Canberra's War Memorial**

Fifty HSIE, Elective History and Modern History students from Year 9 to Year 11 went to the War Memorial in Canberra on Friday 21st October. The students were up bright and early for a 6am departure. Arriving at the War Memorial around 11am, the students were divided into three tour groups.

Over the following three hours the tour guides took the groups through the memorabilia of both World Wars, as well as the wars of Vietnam and Korea, all the while sharing interesting stories about both the men and woman who courageously served our country.





As expected all students represented Cromer Campus with pride, and it was commented by both the Memorial staff and the bus driver that they were such a fantastic group of students. The day was a huge success, and the students enjoyed the stop off at McDonalds to recharge before arriving back at school at 7PM. While it was a long day, the students were exceptionally well behaved, leaving the HSIE teachers proud to be a part of this excursion.

Ms Cutrone, Ms Donaldson, Mr Delrennie & Ms Emo

#### **Fale Pasifika Project**

Every Wednesday, for 5 weeks, a group of enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students from South Pacific Island backgrounds, are meeting together under the guidance of the Pasifika Community Northern Beaches organization. The project seeks to facilitate intergenerational cultural education through the use of technology via digital storytelling by elderly people from the Pacific community. The stories are largely myths and legends and stories of migration to Australia. The aim of the project is for the Cromer Campus students to re-write these stories in English and Tongan and create a picture book about each story.

#### A Wheatley



#### Multicultural Day at Pittwater High 17 Nov 2016

I took a group of 10 students to a very thought provoking multicultural day. The event was run by *The Schools Promise* which seeks to involve schools around Australia with the work of *Mahboba's Promise*. This organization supports widows and orphans in Afghanistan through education and vocational training. It has opened a school for girls and three Hope Houses for orphaned children.

When we think of Afghanistan we often think of deserts, mountains, war and soldiers. It's a country on the other side of the world that a lot of students on the Northern Beaches don't any personal connections with. The challenge of the day was to break down some of those stereotypes we have made and start to focus on words like "hope" and "enduring people" to describe Afghanistan. We were entertained by Afghan dancers and musicians beautifully adorned in cultural dress. We got to enjoy Afghan food and get henna tattoos.

There was a challenging talk about global empathy – just because there is an issue on the other side of the world with which we have no personal connection – does not mean that we shouldn't care. Empathy does not have bounds and we should not confine empathy to our local context. We have all come away feeling inspired to have a multicultural day at Cromer Campus next year.

#### A Wheatley



#### **CROMER COURIER**

#### **Barista Course**

A group of Year 8 students attended a Barista course organized through YouthReach. The students learnt how to operate the coffee machine and make the perfect cup of coffee. What I didn't realize was how many different types of coffees there are and the level of skill required to reach "coffee nirvana". We all had great fun making copious cups of coffee and I tasted enough coffee to last me a month. CC's Café can expect to have some very talented baristas on board in the next few years.

#### A Wheatley



#### Nara University High School tour December 2016

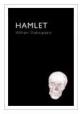
A group of around 40 senior students from Nara University High School in Japan, attended Cromer Campus for a cultural exchange day on Friday. The day began with a welcome in the Hub and a school tour. The students paired up with Aussie buddies and went to various classes to experience a typical lesson. Some of the students got to enjoy Mrs Fairley's lesson with 7G where they listened to Japanese Christmas Carols while making Japanese-themed Christmas decorations.

The students were entertained by some amazing band and singing performances by the Cromer students. In the Hub one of the Japanese students performed some magic card tricks for our students. Doing magic tricks is very popular amongst Japanese high school students. The Cromer students were dumb-struck and no one could work out how he did the tricks – pure magic! The last activity involved the Cromer and Japanese students doing origami cranes together. The giving of the crane symbolizes peace and good luck in Japan.

It is always invaluable to meet and interact with students from another culture and a fun day was had by all.



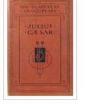
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### **PBL at Cromer**

This term we celebrated the success of many students who achieved silver level in their stamp passports by inviting the students and their families to a morning tea with the principal.



Later that day, students who had achieved

bronze level in their passports were rewarded with a BBQ at lunch time. Congratulations to all these students for following our school-wide expectations Respect, Responsibility and Success!



# NBSC Cromer Campus

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

2016 - 2017



December 2016

Tuesday	6th. December - Orientation Day	8:00AM - 2:00PM
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#### January 2017

18th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
19th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
23rd. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
24th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
25th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
30th. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
31st. January	8:00AM - 2:00PM
	19th. January 23rd. January 24th. January 25th. January 30th. January

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8:00am - 12:00pm 12:00pm - 4:00pm



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SNR Girls Sky Blouse	25.00
JNR Girls Tartan Skirt	50.00
SNR Girls Navy Skirt	50.00
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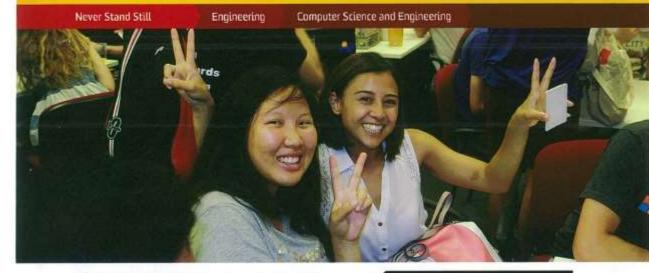
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### School travel 2017 Application information Nov 2016

#### Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

#### Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- · applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
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  pass will be will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

#### **CROMER COURIER**

#### Term 1 2017

#### Week 1B

Friday 27 January	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Week 2A	
Monday 30 January	First Day of School for Years 7, 11 and 12 (and all new enrolling students)
Tuesday 31 January	Year 12 cross campus classes commence First Day of School for Years 8, 9 and 10
Week 3B	
Monday 6 February	Year 7 Camp Year 11 cross campus classes commence Year 12 drama excursion – Seymour Centre
Tuesday 7 February	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 8 February	Year 7 Camp Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Information Night
Thursday 8 February Friday 9 February	Duke of Edinburgh Gold & Silver Information Night College: Jazz Improv
Week 4A	
Tuesday 14 February Wednesday 15 February Friday 17 February	PECP Orientation Day Cromer Campus PECP Orientation Day Freshwater Senior Campus REC Sport commences Whole School Swimming Carnival
	College: Final date for subject changes

#### Week 5B

Monday 20 February	Year 7 Learning Conversations / Parent Interviews
	College: parent Advisory Group
Tuesday 21 February	Year 7 Learning Conversations / Parent Interviews
Wednesday 22 February	Year 7 Learning Conversations / Parent Interviews
	Cromer Campus Open Night