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TERM 2 - WEEK 2 NEWSLETTER www.cronullas-p.schools.nsw.edu.au Monday, 11th May 2009

Calendar – What’s On

Week 3

Tue 12 May	NAPLAN Language & Writing
Wed 13 May	NAPLAN Reading Nood Food Day P&C Fund Raising Mtg 9am 7pm Environmental Talk by Aaron Sorenson 7.30pm – 9pm P&C Mtg
Thur 14 May	NAPLAN Numeracy
Fri 15 May	Walk Safely to School Day Tennis, Softball, Soccer

Week 4

Thur 21 May	Yr 6 Liaison Day @ Cron HS #6 Resource Pack due Kindergarten Transition to School Info Evening 7pm
Fri 22 May	Applications Close for Opportunity Class Placement

Week 5

Education Week

Mon 25 May	Autism Disorders, Inclusion and Schools Presentation for Parents (see advert)
Tue 26 May	Open Day – All Welcome
Wed 27 May	Reconciliation Week commences Early Stage 1 Excursion Royal National Park

Principal’s Report

Welcome Charlotte J and Rebecca B who have joined our school community.

Thank you to the many people who were involved in the successful Mothers’ Day Stall held last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many helpers from our community assisting young children with their choices.

Thank you to David Diggie, P&C President, for the first edition of the Seahorse Tale. It was very informative and will be an excellent way of promoting the many ways our community supports the school. David and I met last week and discussed many aspects of our school. With this newsletter is an overview of many of the events that are occurring this term. This was suggested by David and I hope you find it helpful.

There are many things happening and being planned in the area of Environmental Education at our school and I would encourage you to attend the Information Session by Aaron Sorenson at 7pm on Wednesday 13th May in the Multi-purpose. This will be a fascinating talk and I am grateful to the garden and environment group who has organised it.

The NAPLAN tests begin on Tuesday for Years 3 and 5 students and we wish them well.

There are many things happening at our school on any particular day. Could I encourage you to attend the P&C Meeting also on Wednesday evening to find out about the activities and programs planned for this term. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office. I would be happy to discuss them with you at a mutually convenient time.

Greg Fitzgerald

Principal

We Are Now Taking Enrolments for 2010

Parents and Carers need to advise the school office and complete enrolment forms

National Assessment Program

Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN was introduced for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The program assesses the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Students from Years 3 and 5 will be completing these assessments on the following days:

Tues 12th - Language Conventions (incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing



Wed 13th - Reading

Thur 14th - Numeracy (incorporates Number, Space, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data)

During testing some students will be allocated to different classes to facilitate the administration of the testing.

Human Swine Influenza

Advice from NSW Health

There is no need for normal school operations to be interrupted. However, it is timely to remind school communities about good hygiene practices and how to minimise the spread of infections.

Simple precautions that prevent the catching and spreading of influenza include:

- washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge
- covering your mouth if you cough
- stay home if you are sick
- keep children at home if they are sick.

School Parents E-zine (Issue 2)

Helping Mums and Dads with School Life

The first edition of the Sea Horse Tale promoted an e-zine for parents that is available on the NSWDET website. This bi-monthly publication features information for parents on their child's schooling, important health and nutrition advice, podcasts, vodcasts and free downloads. Subscription is free and can be read at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/index.php>

“Click”

A Technology Guide for Parents

Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go! ‘Click’ is full of information about how things work, what is good about them and things you may need to be careful of. You will be aware of recent media on the use of mobile phones to send provocative images. This is an issue of concern particularly for parents of adolescents.

The May issue of Click magazine also contains a podcast discussing sexting and suggesting strategies for parents.

The podcast can be accessed from the Cyber safety link at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/>

Congratulations

‘Striving for Excellence’

Congratulations to all these students for their exceptional achievement, behaviour and service to others.

Gold

Theo D-M.2nd, Casey E.2nd
Bella S.2nd Ruby J, Finn J, Jake D,

Silver

Hayley S .2nd Ethan J.2nd

Bronze

Dominique L, Tanisha R, Georgia K, Ethan C, Matt G, Jett Q, Jarnte R, Ruby J, Caitlin L,	Harry G, Emelia C, Jess B, Annabelle S, Jack C, Bailee W, Ella G, Aaron W, Liam D, Savannah L, Byron W, Sophie H, Hayden C, Emily P,	Michaela F, Callum L, Tiana W, Rayne W, Trent P, Tom H, John O'B, Ben W, Max N, Alana B, Nat P, Tamika G, Blake M, Emanuel F, Madelyn B.
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School Communication

Notes that have been sent home since the last newsletter are listed below for your information.

29-4-09 Yr 3-6	Tennis Lessons note
29-4-09 All school	P & C Donation
30-4-09	Rugby League note
1-5-09 Kinda	Aust .Early Development Index note
4-5-09 Year 6	Liaison Day @ Cronulla High
4-5-09 Year 2	Social Skills activities
5-5-09 All school	Mothers Day Stall Reminder
6-5-09	Red Group Dance note

Fund Raising Meeting

Wednesday 13th May – 9am

Multi-purpose Room

All parents are welcome to attend. Please come along to assist and share ideas and suggestions. We will be discussing Open Day (26th May) and a proposed Lapathon as a fund raiser.

Fete/Fund Raising Update

At the last meeting it was decided that based on the advice given to our school that our nomination for a hall was being considered by the NSWDET. Subject to a number of conditions imposed by the Federal Government it would be prudent not to go ahead with Fete planning. Our concern was that given the building of the hall could occur anytime throughout 2009, it



would be counter productive to ask sponsors to commit to a Fete that could be hindered by a major building project.

After recent discussions with DET reps involved in the management and allocation of these projects the school has decided that because the actual siting of the hall and the time frame is unclear it would be better not to pursue a Fete this year.

Instead we will be looking at other fund raising options.

**FREE presentation for parents
provided by Sydney Regional
Council of P&C Associations**

All Welcome (limited places)

**Autism Disorders,
Inclusion and Schools**

by Dr Jacqueline Roberts

**BA (Hons), Dip. Teach, B Applied
Science (Speech Pathology), Ph.D**

When: 25th May 2009. 7-8 pm
**Light refreshments from
6.30pm**

**Where: Arncliffe Education
Area Office, Cnr Avenal &
Segenhoe St.**

**New PSSA Sport Money Collection
Procedures**

This week a new procedure for PSSA money collection will begin. A note regarding this will be given to all PSSA participants on Monday.

Sporting Trials

Congratulations to Grace P who represented Cronulla/Sutherland Zone in a Sydney East Soccer Tournament yesterday.

Well done to Claire R and Rhiannan W for participating in Zone Netball Trials yesterday. Congratulations to Celeste R for qualifying to attend Sydney East Netball Trials

State Swimming

Congratulations to Jarrod B and Tyler N for their outstanding performances at the State Swimming Championships last term.

Murder under the Microscope

Year 5 students at our school are participating in an online environmental game this term called Murder under the Microscope. It is an internet-based investigative game for students in Years 5-10.

The objective is for detective teams to solve a fictitious eco-crime. This year the crime is "Crisis on the Coast".

Investigators must identify:

Who died (the victim)

Why (the villain)

Where it happened (the crime site)

Clues are revealed over a 5 week period and teams have 24 hours to make their accusation.

The students will research and analyse the evidence to solve the crime. The project culminates with the students submitting a plan to protect the environment.

Canteen

Mondays and Thursdays only

Day	Date	Name
		Red Group
Monday	11 th May	Kim McAneny Leanne Ryan Slinky Apples: Georgia Kelly
		Purple Group
Thursday	14 th May	Polly colgan Michelle Levett Kathryn Rowan Daysia Zhao Ice Blocks: Polly Colgan
		Green Group
Monday	18 th May	Natalie Coleman Inga Nielson Christine Petersen Slinky Apples: Alison Cashman
		Indigo Group
Monday	21 st May	Narelle Fowler Christina Katzos Paula Wilson Ice Blocks: Paula Wilson



SMS Student Absence

Parents are encouraged to send an sms to 0427 687 113 Please ensure reasons are given for absences. This is a NSW DET requirement.

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 15th May

Walk Safely to School Day is a national event sponsored by the Australian Government and supported by all State and Territory and Local Governments. The event is organised and managed by the Pedestrian Council of Australia. The purpose of Walk Safely to School Day is to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary-aged school children and to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

Invitation From the P&C Garden and Environment Committee

Wednesday May 13 at 7pm in the Multi-purpose Room

The garden and environment group have invited Aaron Sorensen of Care Design along to the next P&C meeting on Wednesday May 13 at 7pm to share his knowledge about permaculture and to talk about how to manage various 'models' which have been implemented in schools within the region. It's great to show children that food doesn't come from a polystyrene pack in the supermarket and to demonstrate sustainability within an urban environment," says Aaron. To help realise its dream of having a garden, the green team have applied for a grant for \$5000 to cover the cost of designing the garden. The results of this application will be known in August. We encourage anyone interested in this idea to come along to the meeting to have their say. We welcome all ideas and support.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2010

Parents with children seeking placement in an opportunity class in Year 5 in 2010 are required to submit an application form to the office by 22 May 2009.

From 2009, parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2010 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. Application packages are available from the office.

Semester 1 Resource Pack

**No 6 Instalment due
Thursday 21st May**

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 15th May

7pm Permaculture Information Talk by Aaron Sorensen

All parents are welcome to attend in the Multi-purpose Room (7.30pm – 9pm)

Agenda:

Environmental Ed (Aaron Sorensen)

School Hall update

Walking School Bus

Lapathon/Fund raising

Environmental Update

Our yellow lid bins have arrived and our students are beginning to think about how they dispose of their waste. There are many keen Green Team members who help out at lunchtimes to encourage and help others make the right decision. Students need to ask themselves "Is it clean recyclable waste?" Canteen day provided us with lots to discuss: milk cartons, juice bottles and jelly pots for starters, all going in the yellow lid bin.

We hope to do away with our old bins as the year progresses. We will be having a Nood Food day on Wednesdays every week. If your child doesn't have a lunch box it is a good idea to purchase one soon to be ready for the days when our students are asked not to bring wrapped food of any kind.

We understand that change takes time for the changes to be lasting so that's why we are moving slowly and steadily to a more environmentally friendly school community.

Many Thanks To All From Year 6

Year 6 children and teachers would like to thank all of the many generous members of the school and community in helping with the Easter Raffle. We are proud and overwhelmed to announce that the amount of money raised this year was an outstanding- \$1757.30

University of New South Wales

Tuesday 12th April will be your last opportunity to hand in the applications for the University of NSW. (ICAS competition fees).



