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TERM 1 - WEEK 2 NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 5 Feb 2009

Calendar – What’s On?

2009

Week 2

Thur 5 Feb	Sem 1 Resource Pack Instalment Due
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Week 3

No Canteen

Mon 9 Feb	Text Book Sale – Yrs 3-6 Parent Teacher Meeting 5.15pm - 6pm 5-6W,6J and 5J
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Tue 10 Feb	Band Practice @ 8am Steve’s Puppets Parent Teacher Meeting 5.15pm -6pm 4P, 3-4B and 3A
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Wed 11 Feb	Swimming Carnival (Sans Souci) P&C Meeting 7.30pm
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Thur 12 Feb	Restorative Practice Training and Parent Forum (evening) 7pm
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Fri 13 Feb	Tennis & Learn to Swim commences
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Week 4

Mon 16 Feb	Canteen Opens Cronulla High School Staff and Students talk for Yr 4, 5 and 6 parents 6.30pm Multi-purpose Room
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Thur 19 Feb	Balance \$ due for Camp \$ due for Interrelate (optional) f
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Fri 20 Feb	Platinum Assembly from 9am PSSA commences
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Thur 26 Feb	Sexuality (Interrelate) Information Sessions (7pm and 8.15pm)
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Sem 2 Resource Pack Instalment Due

Principal’s Report

A very warm welcome to all of our Kindergarten students who commenced school today. Tomorrow they will join all the students in the southern playground. This year, we have taken part in ‘Best Start’, which has been developed by early learning experts in the Department of Education and Training. Best Start has given Mrs Buhagiar, Mrs Vecki and Miss Braithwaite a set of high quality assessment tools that build on the strengths of our teachers and give all Kindergarten children an even better start to school.

Morning assemblies will be conducted as quickly as possible so that classes can commence. Please keep the assembly area clear, particularly as our new Kindergarten students will join us tomorrow and will be learning how to navigate this large new area. Having a clear passage through the gate and at the crossing will be particularly helpful as we safely cross nearly 50 new Kindergarten students.

This year is a Fete year for our community. We hold our Fete in November once every two years. **There are 229 days to go!** Please get involved if you are able, particularly when planning meetings occur. Monies raised this year will be targeted for our School Improvement Project in partnership with **Chris Gorman Surveyors**. Next time you are in the office have a look at the Site Survey that has been completed of our entire grounds. This will form the basis of the discussions we will have on how we can make our grounds safer and more usable. Our first P&C Meeting is next week at 7.30pm in the Kindergarten Rooms. All parents are very welcome.

The next newsletter will be in a fortnight and we will do our best to keep extra notes to a minimum.

Families are encouraged to receive the newsletter by email. Simply email the school to request this if you would prefer an electronic copy to a hard copy (this practice will help support one of our 2009-2011 priorities of Ecological Sustainability). For the first half of Term 1 all families will receive a hard copy.

Thank you for your support

Greg Fitzgerald,

Principal



School Communication

Many notes have gone home since students returned and students who returned after Tuesday 28th January may have missed important information. All notes that have been issued by the office are listed below for your information. If any relate to your child please contact the office for a copy.

29 Jan	Afternoon Dismissal – 3A only
30 Jan	Annual Swimming Carnival - Yrs 3-6
30 Jan	Restorative Practices Worksop – K-6
30 Jan	Restorative Practices Info Night – K-6
30 Jan	Code of Conduct for Parents – K-6
30 Jan	Short Walks Consent Form
30 Jan	Steve's Puppets Consent
30 Jan	Stage 3 Camp Bulletin Number 3
30 Jan	Semester 1 Resource Pack Info Sheet
2 Feb	Learn to Swim Lessons – Yr 2 (and 3)
3 Feb	Teachers Federation Meeting – K-6
3 Feb	Stage 2&3 Text Books and Parent Info Mtgs 3-6
3 Feb	Cronulla Zone Swimming Carnival / School Camp - Dates Clash – Yrs 3-6
3 Feb	Optional Attendance at Swimming Carnival – 8 year olds from Year 2
4 Feb	Tennis Consent – Various Yrs 3-6

Message for Kinder Parents

From Friday 6th February 2009 school begins on the playground of the southern site. A staff member is on duty from 8.20am and the bell will sound at 8.50am. All children are expected to arrive at school during this period. For the first few days the kindergarten teachers and duty teacher will be on the playground to meet your child. The children's buddies will assist with your child as well. Please remember to leave your child as quickly as you can once the students assemble. If they are starting to become upset, please go to any teacher to seek assistance. Dismissal will be always from the grass area adjacent to Trevellyan Street at 2.50pm.

Student Safety

Dangerous Driving and Illegal Parking/Stopping

Please be mindful of our many young students using the Trevellyan Street crossing from 8.20am and at the end of the day. Students have been back barely one week and drivers have been seen putting students at risk by parking dangerously and illegally. Enforcement Officers from Sutherland Council will be issuing fines to drivers who do not comply with the No Parking and No Stopping signs.

Teachers Federation Meeting

Friday 6th February

The teaching staff at Cronulla South Public School has decided that rather than cause disruption to many classes by attending this meeting, they will send only some staff to represent their views. Cronulla South Public School will be

open and all students will be adequately supervised. Please call the Principal if you have any concerns.

School Textbooks Sale

Monday 9th February for Years 3-6

Students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be able to purchase their text books directly from the supplier at school. The cost is \$46.85. Cheques should be made payable to "L.J. Harper" and only be brought to school on Monday 9th February.

Canteen

Helpers Still Needed

The Canteen will reopen on Monday 16th February. Canteen helpers are still need for Mondays. A separate canteen note and roster will be sent home shortly.

Annual Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11th Feb at Sans Souci Pool

Our Annual School Swimming Carnival will be held at Sans Souci Pool for Years 3-6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year. Consent Forms are due back Friday 6th February.

Please note that the NSWDET has recommended that 'free' swimming not be incorporated into the swimming carnival. Not all students will be permitted, therefore, to use the wading pool. For safety reasons it may be necessary to allow non-swimmers who attend the carnival the opportunity to cool down if the weather is extreme. There will be structured 'novelty events', if the wading pool is available, for non swimmers.

Clothing Pool

This is just a reminder that the Clothing Pool is open on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.30-9.00am. Some of the items available are school hats, bags, new and used sports uniforms along with used summer and winter uniforms. This year the clothing pool will be selling raincoats especially designed to cover back packs.

SMS Student Absence

Our new number is 0427 687 113

Our school has an SMS facility that allows parents to notify the school of the reason for an absence (it should not be used for other purposes). Informing the office by SMS or phone of an extended absence would be appreciated. Simply send an SMS to 0427 687 113 to advise the school of student absence. Each call costs your normal SMS cost. The school will receive the reply as an email to the school account. Please remember to provide a reason for your child's absence. The office proposes that in time the school will also advise you by SMS of student absence.



Parent Information – Meet our Teachers

Classes 5J, 5-6W and 6J – Monday 9th February 5.15pm – 6.00pm

Please meet Mrs Jervis, Mrs Wittey and Mr Jones in the classrooms (top floor of B Block on the southern site). Teachers will provide a general Information Session and at approximately 5.40pm will reconvene as a combined group in the Multi-purpose Room (A Block on the southern site) to provide an update to all parents regarding the Stage 3 Camp.

Classes 3A, 3-4B and 3A – Tuesday 10th February 5.15pm – 6.00pm

Please meet Mrs Akew in the 3A classroom (bottom floor of E Block on the northern site), Miss Bell in the 3-4 classroom (Block C, same as the canteen) and Mr Parr in the 4P classroom (bottom floor of B Block)

If these dates or times are not convenient and you would like a separate appointment simply contact the office.

Restorative Practices Information Night

Thursdays 12th February 7pm

This information session for parents will be held in the Kindergarten Rooms (northern site) and will be facilitated by Terry O'Connell, a world-renowned expert in this field. Parents are encouraged strongly to attend. Students will participate in a hands-on workshop during the day. Thank you to parents who have returned the slip advising that they are able to attend.

Semester 1 Resource Pack

1st Instalment now due
Payable today Thursday 5th
February

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th February – 7.30pm

All parents are welcome to attend in the Kindergarten Rooms (see our new IWB – interactive white board)

Agenda:

Fete
Languages Survey
School Budget

Sydney Region Choir

Talented and interested singers from Years 5 and 6 are invited to audition for a place in the choir. The choir will be an ongoing program for the region. Auditions will occur at Sutherland Public School on 10th February from 4-5.30pm. Interested students need to get an audition form from Mrs Wittey.

High School Information Meeting

Parents of students (and their children) from Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend this Information Session that will be given by senior students from Cronulla High School along with their Principal, Mr Tony Ibrahim.

When: Monday 16th February @ 6.30pm
in the Multi-purpose Room.

School Uniform

Dress Code

The standard of school dress is set by the community. The staff will enforce this as much as they are able. If your child is not wearing correct school uniform then there is an expectation that an explanatory note will be provided. Students are expected to wear black shoes (leather is recommended). Nail polish, cosmetics and jewellery (other than sleepers) are not part of the school dress code. I have been impressed with the students' standard of dress and I will discuss the exceptions on an individual basis. Please help us to continue promoting the dress code that is set by our community. There will be times when children may have to wear something other than the school uniform. Please send a note of explanation so that there is no misunderstanding. Thank you for the strong visible support shown at the commencement of the school year. The high standard of dress has been very evident. This standard is set by our community and as a staff will be doing what we can to enforce it.

Free Chairs to a Good Home

There are a large number of student chairs under the COLA on the northern site. Any family who could make good use of these are welcome to help themselves on Friday 6th after 11.40am

Student Safety

Students Arriving Early, Leaving Late and Parent/Carer Access to Classrooms



Please be aware that there is no playground supervision prior to 8.20am so children should not arrive at school prior to that time for safety reasons. Students who arrive prior to 8.20am are expected to sit on the seats under the awning outside the office. All children are expected to come to the southern site in the morning (unless the wet weather sign is displayed near the crossing) and if late will need to be escorted to the office for a late arrival slip. Students will be advised to report to the office if parents/carers are late arriving to pick up children. From the office area they are supervised and phone calls can be made to clarify the arrangements for collecting them. Parents/carers are asked to always go to the office and not to go directly to classrooms. All visitors to the school are expected to sign in.

Anaphylaxis

At Cronulla South Public School we have students who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction (severe allergic reaction) to nuts (of any variety). For some students this reaction can be life threatening causing shock or an inability to breathe. Many of our staff have been trained in the correct use of an epi-pen. The staff would like to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to minimise the exposure of students at risk of an allergic reaction to known allergens within the school environment. This is particularly so on Thursdays when students from most classes play together on the southern site. Staff will have discussions with students regarding the consequences for students if they suffer an allergic reaction and the importance of not sharing foods. Please read the policy on this condition that was sent home with last Friday's Newsletter and assist the school where you can, to take positive steps to make Cronulla South Public School a nut and Nutella free school, as far as is practicable.

School Choir

Mrs Maggs will be taking our Junior Choir (all Year 2) again this year and Mrs Wittey will be taking the Primary Choir which will comprise all Year 5 and selected students from Year 6. Mrs Mulcair, who is the conductor of the Sydney Region Choir, will assist when possible. Mrs Maggs and Mrs Wittey will be attending a workshop next week where they will be introduced to the repertoire of items for this years Sutherland Shire Music Festival.

'WHEN SEXUALITY IS THE QUESTION – INTERRELATE HAS THE ANSWERS'

Thursday 26th February in the Multipurpose Room (southern site)

Admission per family: \$15 – One Session \$20 – Two Sessions (Payable Thursday 19th February)

Primary 1 Session: 'Where Did I Come From' at 7.00pm – 8pm

Primary 2 Session: 'Preparing for Puberty' at 8.15pm – 9.15pm

Interrelate is a not-for-profit organisation, and receives no financial support for their school education network. Interrelate educators are trained professionals, with backgrounds in

teaching, counselling, medical and social welfare disciplines. (Please see attached brochure). Interrelate recommends children be accompanied by an adult. This evening program is offered on a two yearly cycle. It was very well received by parents and students in 2005 and 2007.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The inclusion of any advertising does not constitute or imply endorsement, sponsorship or recommendation thereof by Cronulla South Public School.

Cronulla Sharks Netball Club



Registrations in all age groups for the 2009 season. For further information please contact the Secretary,
Kathy Pennell
on 0427 409 464



Junior League Registration
Sign up to play Rugby League: Sunday 8
February 11am – 2pm @ Kareel Oval
Meet sharks players, free sausage sizzle & jumping castle.



DANCE AND KARATE CLASSES 'FREE' FOR 2 WEEKS

To celebrate the opening of its new studio at 42 Kareena Road, Miranda, Ettingshausens Dynamic Arts is offering all Cronulla South students free dance and karate classes for the next two weeks. You can try new classes and styles, even dance every day, all at no cost. Classes on offer are ballet, jazz, tap, karate, funk, lyrical, cheerleaders, contemporary, musical theatre and stretch and conditioning.

We also have specialised Preschool classes offered every day from 9.30am!!

For class times visit www.ettingshausens.com.au

or call **9545 3033**

Free classes from 2-14 February 2009
and only at EDA Miranda

Please bring along this school newsletter to receive your free classes.

