

# Cronulla Public School

Our school beside the bay



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**NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 5 - 28/05/09**

**Principal Peter Banks**

## **Thought of the Week**

*Don't be afraid to go out on a limb.  
That's where the fruit is.*



**CONGRATULATIONS,  
CRONULLA PUBLIC SCHOOL!  
2009 SYDNEY REGION WINNER –  
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD**



**AND  
WINNER 2009  
'CATCH A COP'  
PRIMARY SCHOOL FILM COMPETITION.**

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week for the Cronulla Public School Community. First the announcement of the 'Outstanding School Award 2009' and now winning the 'Catch A Cop' short film competition, with the entry from Mrs Yates and her 1/2Y class of 2008, entitled 'Graffiti Busters'.

Well done to all concerned. This is a truly remarkable achievement and further proof of the wonderful teaching and learning through a variety of mediums that are happening at our school.

## **Education Week Festivities**

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many parents and friends at our school today sharing the learning environment of our students. Many interesting elements of modern education were showcased in a professional, inclusive manner.

Thank you to Caringbah Baptist Church for providing a sausage sizzle for our lunch today. We appreciate your generosity and fine cooking skills.

My congratulations to all who performed at Westfield Miranda yesterday. Many onlookers commented on the vast array of talent which our students possess.

I would like to publicly acknowledge all the staff, both teaching and administration who do such a wonderful job at our school. This dedicated team ensure that they maximise the learning potential of the students in a caring, professional fashion.



Christopher and Bryce accepted the Short Film Award



Westfield Miranda 2009 Performers

## Human Swine Flu

The H1N1 influenza virus (Human Swine Flu) this week generated new responses by the Department of Education. I have included this information in the newsletter. These exclusions may be broadened to apply to other countries in the future. If you are contemplating travelling in the near future or in the next vacation, it may be advisable to keep these factors in mind.

### H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Flu)

NSW Health has confirmed a small number of schools in Victoria and South Australia have been closed for seven days due to confirmed cases of human swine influenza. These decisions were taken as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the virus.

To limit the potential exposure, NSW Health has advised the department to take steps to exclude staff or students who may have been in countries that have had community or school transmission of the virus.

Currently the countries are Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama. This list will be continually revised. School principals have been advised that, for the time being, any student who travels to, or arrives from, these countries should be excluded from school for seven days after arriving home. This will allow time for any illness related to that travel to develop, and for prompt assessment and treatment to commence. If they remain well after seven days they can return to school.

Human swine influenza is a new strain of flu that has recently been confirmed in 41 countries around the world. This flu virus is a concern because:

- it is new, so there is no vaccine
- it seems to spread more easily than normal, seasonal flu
- while many people who get sick with this virus have a mild illness, some people get very sick and need hospital care, and some have died
- it is affecting mostly young people under the age of 30, which is unusual for flu
- there is potential for the virus to develop into a more dangerous form.

A lot of effort is going into containing the spread of the virus in our community. This is important while we wait for a vaccine to be available. A vaccine is some months away.

At this stage (and this is likely to change over coming weeks) there are five countries where the virus is spreading within the community to an extent that warrants extra precautions. These countries are Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama.

There are grounds for extra precautions to help stop the virus spreading from returned travellers returning from these countries.

The advice from NSW Health is that, for the time being, any student who travels to Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan or Panama should be excluded from school for seven days after arriving home. During these seven days, the student should stay

home whether or not they have flu symptoms. This is because a person infected with flu can spread the virus a whole day before they start to feel unwell. During the seven days that a student is away from school, they should not attend after school activities, community events, sporting events or training, public entertainment facilities, or go to shopping malls/centres. Students should remain at home as much as possible, and away from other people. Please contact your child's school to advise them that you are keeping your child at home for seven days as they have arrived home after travelling to one of the identified countries. The school will arrange for education materials to be available for your child for the time they are excluded from school.

Students will not be recorded as being absent from school for the exclusion period. The attendance register will record them as having an approved exemption from school.

This strategy is important and will help protect the whole community. At this stage the exclusion does not affect children at child care. This decision is based on information available so far about how this virus spreads.

For more information about these arrangements, please contact the school.

If you would like more information about swine influenza, this can be accessed on the NSW Health **website**:

([http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine\\_flu.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp)) or by calling the national information line on 180 2007.

If you have recently returned from overseas and are feeling unwell with any flu-like symptoms or believe you have had contact with someone who has been confirmed as having Human Swine Influenza, please go to your closest hospital Emergency Department for assessment, or ring your general practitioner if you are from a rural area and do not have ready access to a hospital.

## Sport



**PSSA – Soccer**  
**Term 2 Week 4 Round 4**  
Wash-out

**This week – Round 5**  
**Venue – Solander North**  
**Playing – Taren Point PS**

Parents rostered to help we will be leaving at 12.30pm unless you are notified of cancelled matches due to rain.

**Players remember - boots, shin pads, socks, water bottle**



## Socks



Soccer socks are still available for purchase. The new season socks are \$6 a pair and can be purchased from the office.

## 2010

Transition and orientation days have now been organised for our 2010 Kindergarten students. If you have a sibling that will be attending school next year or have a friend with a school aged child, please see the office for the relevant enrolment information.

### Kindergarten 2010

*Taking enrolments for 2010 now.*

*Phone for an appointment with the Principal,  
Mr Peter Banks.*

Cronulla Public School invites parents and children of school age in 2010 to come and take a tour of the school, watch school performances, learn about our outstanding programs and meet the school personnel.

### Whole School Assembly and Welcome-

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 12pm-1pm

### Kindergarten Transition Program and Parent Information Sessions-

\*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm- Parents and children transition play session

\*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2-3pm- Parent information session / transition play session for children

\*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm- Parent information session/ transition play session for children

\*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm-Transition play session for children

\*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm- Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2010

'Mimis' Before and After School Care available on site.



## P&C

The P&C are organising a slice drive to raise money for the school. The slices are delicious and come in a décor container and can be frozen for up to 3 months. You should have received information regarding the different types of slices and cakes and an order form. Could you please show your friends and family so that they can also take part, as it is important that we have enough orders to enable us to make a much needed profit. Please ensure your order forms are in by the 12<sup>th</sup> June. The slices will be received on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

Diana Goodman

## Guitar Lessons

All guitar lessons begin next week.



- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- 8.30am in the hall
- \$5 a lesson per week
- Guitars can be hired for an extra \$2 per week

## Calendar Update

### Week 6

Mon 1 June K – 2 Symbio Excursion 9.15am

Tues – Thurs 2 – 4 June Create South (Fawn, Joshua)

Fri 5 June Inter-School Sport

### Week 7

Mon 8 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 10 June ET Shield 'Rugby League'  
ICAS Science Competition

Thurs 11 June Region Cross Country Carnival

Fri 12 June Inter-School Sport

### Week 9

Tues 23 June ICAS Spelling Competition  
ICAS Writing Competition

### Week 10

Mon 29 June Junior Choir ½ Day Excursion

Tues 30 June Senior Choir ½ Day Excursion

### Week 11

Mon – Fri 6 – 10 July Parent – Teacher Interviews

Thurs 9 July Athletics Carnival



# Core Rules

## Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

### All students in NSW Government Schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

**Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.**

