Orange class has returned to school with lots of enthusiasm! We have all been enjoying reading some new stories about the sea and pirates, which is our topic for this term.

We have already begun to make a pirate ship for sailing across the seas! During our cooking session, we made some little egg boats, which Amy and Hamish thought were delicious.

The students in Orange class have returned to school with their thinking hats on and have all been doing lots of great desk work. Amy has been counting and talking lots, answering questions with her teachers. Hamish has been adding numbers and working hard at holding a pen and following patterns. Edward is working independently on adding sums, completing 7 in a row, all on his own. Bennie seems to have been practising our morning exercise routine over the holidays, as he came back to school and showed the class all of the moves, perfectly. Pulasthi has learnt how to do some adding, too and impressed us all with his participation in painting our pirate ship.

We are looking forward to a busy term, filled with investigations and learning all about pirates and the sea. We’ve been practising for the sports carnival by running up and down the hill every day and are very excited about our special Pirate Day.
Welcome to week 2.

Last week all our students returned happy and enthusiastic to commence learning. Our two new students in rainbow class have settled in well and engaging in all class and school routines. I mentioned last week that term four is traditionally a very busy term and next week on Tuesday October 22nd we are organising a Cromehurst Sport day. This is in lieu of the day we had to postpone last term due to rain so we hope the weather cooperates so we can go ahead this time. A note will be sent home this week with details.

This Thursday, October 17th is National injury free day and our school has registered as a participant. We will be focusing on a “Be Safe” day which is one of our PBEL expectations. Although no additional activities are planned there will be an intensive focus on teaching and rewarding safe behaviours.

The new building continues to progress rapidly as we have had very good weather. Last week we met with the builders and regional asset management staff to discuss the progression and to identify any issues. To date they are still aiming for a mid-March 2014 handover and as of the end of September the building was 40% completed. I have included the September report and updated photos later in the newsletter. We have discussed and chosen fittings and furniture for the new classrooms and we are looking closely at what we may need upon our return as a focus for the 2014 Golf day. Our next committee meeting is tomorrow evening, Tuesday, 15 October at 7:00pm to be held at Roseville Golf Club. Everyone is welcome to attend as we are always looking for new members and ideas. This year’s theme is in regard to making our new school a home and funds raised will go towards both the Foundation’s Living Skills Cottage and resources for our new school with a focus on playground equipment.

A reminder that the last day for students this term is Wednesday, 18 December, 19 and 20 December are gazetted pupil free days for staff professional learning and our staff undertook training on Saturday, 21 September to offset Friday, 20 December. Therefore the last day staff will be present at school is Thursday, 19 December 2013 until the first day of term one, 28 January which is also pupil free. The first day for students next year is Wednesday, 29 January, 2014.

Regards

Christine
Cromehurst P&C
Annual General Meeting 2013
Tuesday 29th October

Time: 7.00pm
Location: Killara Primary School

Cromehurst P&C Meetings have been difficult this year due to the relocation of the school so far from where most families live. However, 2014 is just around the corner and a new P&C Committee is to be elected ready to start in the new year. It will be a very exciting year as the school moves back to the Lindfield site and settles into our brand new buildings.

Some members of the current P&C are able to continue working on the Committee in 2014, however others have children leaving the school in 2013 and are unable to continue in their roles.

If you would like to consider taking on a role with the P&C Committee, the roles are as follows:

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Uniform Coordinator.

Killara Public School kindly offered for us to hold our P&C meetings including the AGM at their school while we are temporarily located in Hornsby. We are very grateful to them for their help and support during this difficult time.

If you would like any further information about any of the Committee roles or the AGM, please contact Gail Falkingham on the email below.

All families are welcome to attend the AGM.

Gail Falkingham
P&C President 2013
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**Project Report**

**Major Capital Works**

**September 2013**

**BER SSP 2013 NORTH SYDNEY REGION at CROMEHURST SSP**

**Contractor**

Michael Croot Construction Pty Ltd

**Scopes of Works**

Construction of a new two-storey building with administration, T-hall, classrooms, and special programs room and associated facilities, new post-rooms, new COA, new lift, new half-rafted gymnasium court, new access road, bus bay and carparking, demolition of buildings A, B, C, D, F, G, and S, road and car park shade structures and covered ways, and associated site works, services and landscaping.

**Progress**

Completion of first floor slab, structural steel wall and roof framing, and lift wall pit, commencement of roof cladding.

**Anticipated Next Report**

Completion of roof cladding, commencement of lift shafts, external carpentry and COA structures.

**Issues**

Nil.

**PROGRESS**

Completion of first floor slab and structural steel wall and roof framing: commencement of roof cladding.

**PROGRESS**

Completion of first floor slab.

**PROGRESS**

Completion of lift wall pit.
The Special Music group will be participating in this annual musical and theatre concert on Tuesday 10th December at The Concourse Theatre at Chatswood from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Willoughby City Council and Lane Cove Council celebrate International Day for People with Disabilities by coordinating this concert.

All Cromehurst parents are invited to attend, especially those of the Special Music group students.

Please put this date in your diary - further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Fruit and Veg: A Numbers Game

To the surprise of many, vegetables and fruit can often be cheaper than typical “convenience” foods such as biscuits, bars, and chips. Many parents claim that they do not purchase more fruit and veg because of the cost, but when you compare fruit and veg to processed foods by the kilogram, fruit and veg are often the cheaper option.

An example of this is chips compared to carrots. Both are crunchy snacks that kids enjoy for flavour and texture, but one is significantly cheaper than the other. Crisps are a less healthy choice than carrots and are more expensive too. Crisps cost $1.44 for a 50g bag compared to a carrot which costs just 20 cents, is much healthier and just as, if not more, satisfying. Try cutting up fruit and vegetables and offer with yoghurt or dips such as hummus.

Planting a garden is an even cheaper way to obtain fresh fruit and vegetables. Growing your own food is a highly economical option and will provide your family with plenty of variety throughout the year so that food options never get boring! What’s better than going for a forage in your edible garden, cooking the produce in your kitchen and sitting down at family mealtime to eat the spoils?!

Keep the Momentum Going: Participate in Crunch&Sip All Year Long!

Eating fruit and veg need not stop at the end of Fruit & Veg Month. Vegetables and fruit are an important part of healthy lifestyles and happy bodies. Encourage your child to consume them everyday by sending them to school with a piece of fruit or vegies and a bottle of water to participate in Crunch&Sip, where they can enjoy a healthy snack everyday with their peers. Continue with a Crunch&Sip break at home over the weekends and during school holidays.
29th Oct—P&C Meeting
4th Dec—Graduation and Secondary Awards
10th Dec—All the Worlds a Stage
11th Dec—Christmas Concert
18th Dec—Last day of Term 4

28th Jan—Staff Development Day
29th Jan—Students Return to School

Building Progress - Week 18