Week 8 25th November 2013

Variety Club Xmas Party

On Thursday, Rainbow, Purple and Orange classes went to the Variety Christmas Party at Darling Harbour. There were lots of fun things to see and do, including Dorothy the Dinosaur, dancing Santa Clauses, a fire truck, a huge slippery dip, a bouncy castle and lots of art and craft activities. We all had a wonderful time. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and staff who helped and Variety for putting on such a great party. Here are some photos of us all.
Welcome to week eight (and hopefully the twelve school week countdown until our new school completion).

We certainly had extreme weather last week particularly on Monday. Luckily for us we are situated low enough that the school escaped the winds of the mini tornado that ripped part of the roof of Westfield Shopping Centre 5 minutes away. We suffered some rain leaks and broken tree branches but overall the temporary buildings held up well. If it is raining in the morning when your children are boarding transport please send them in their raincoats as there is no cover from their buses to the deck and it is difficult to minimise the drenching of their clothes.

Last week the primary students attended the annual Variety Christmas Party at Darling Harbour. Our students attend this event every year and it is always a fun but very tiring day. Many thanks to all the parents who attended as helpers as without your support it would be difficult to support our students in such a crowded area. Thank you also to Lani McAree for coordinating the day. The photos of the party are in the newsletter and reflect the positive experience our students had. Purple class is our featured class this week and they have made amazing progress over the last year. This is our second youngest class but have grown up a lot since term one and are doing some amazing work in class and in the community.

A reminder for families to save the date of our annual golf day and dinner on Wednesday, 2 April 2014. It is always a successful event and raises much appreciated funds for our school and the Cromehurst Foundation. We are always looking for additional members for our planning committee and new ideas they may bring. The next meeting of the Golf Day committee is Tuesday 10 December, 7:00pm at Roseville Golf Club. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder that if you did not received the e-mail with our PBEL spread sheet and would like it sent electronically please e-mail the school to request it. In addition we have also placed the spread sheet on our website. Our website can be accessed at www.cromehurst-s.schools.nsw.edu.au. The spread sheet is under Our School, then PBEL, then how it works at school. There is a tab at the bottom titled home which we would like you to fill in and return to the school so we can assist with resources to implement PBEL at home.

There are now twelve school weeks to go to the current handover date (which hopefully won’t change much due to the recent storms).

Let the countdown continue.

Regards

Christine
Purple Class is having a term full of fun and adventure. The first half of this term we explored the world of pirates. We read lots of pirate stories, did a lot of pirate craft, dressed up like pirates and sang lots of pirate songs. Our favourite pirate adventure was our Pirate Day when we got to dress up with our friends in Rainbow Class and Orange Class, had fun and said “Arrrrrr” a lot. We have enjoyed being pirates so much that we are going to share some of our pirate fun with you at the Christmas Concert. Prepare to be Arrrrmazed.

This term we have welcomed Kai into Purple class. We are having a great deal of fun with him. We are really enjoying his big smiles and great conversation. He has fitted into our class so beautifully, it is like he has always been with us. Welcome Kai!

This term we also enjoyed the Sports Carnival. We were lucky enough to go out onto the big oval in Hornsby South Public School and participated in many exciting activities - obstacle courses, kicking balls into goals, running races, relay races and throwing activities. Lex is very sporty and he participated well and had a go in all the activities. He is a wonderful helper too and helped to pack away the activities when they were completed.

Integration is one of the highlights of our week. Gelo this term has started visiting Mrs Young’s Kindergarten class at Hornsby South Public School once a week. All the students in Mrs Young’s class love seeing Gelo and playing with him. Gelo has fitted right in talking and making new friends. He enjoys many number and reading activities and games in Mrs Young’s class. On Wednesdays Kai, Gelo and Lex visit Killara Public School and have made some good friends in one of the Kindergarten classes. On Thursdays we all visit our Willoughby buddies at Willoughby Public School. We feel so welcomed by our buddies, they are so helpful, cheerful and patient. The end of the year also means that we have to say goodbye to our buddies for a while. We shared cupcakes (thanks for making the yummy cakes Sue) with our Killara friends this week and are looking forward to having a big end of year party with our Willoughby buddies in a few weeks. This will be a great event as we will be able to meet some of their parents and they will be able to meet some of ours. 2013 has certainly been a memorable year for integration for Purple Class.

Every Monday we go to a park for community access and we have been going to a special pirate ship park to go along with our pirate theme. Lizzie loves walking around and is always smiling when she is out at the park. We also enjoy our weekly outings with Rainbow class.

Another big event of the year occurred this week, the Variety Club Christmas Party. Wow, how good was that! We danced until we dropped and we couldn’t stop smiling. We went along with our friends from Rainbow Class and Orange Class. We had encounters with big fluffy dogs, we went for rides on the giant slippery dip, we made royal crowns, played with baby animals, sat in an ambulance, had our photos taken with super heroes and heard and danced to some of our favourite music. Lucy loved seeing The Wiggles so much, she giggled and jigged all the way home. What a great event, The Variety Club are so generous!

Claire, Melinda and Sue
**Work Experience – Term 4**

Paddy, Hikaru and James are continuing to enjoy the variety of work at Sunnyfield at Chatswood. Alex is now travelling with them this term as John had university commitments. The main type of work has been assembling items into different boxes – they have packed Oral B, Curash and Nair products. They all concentrate hard and do their best each week.

It is wonderful to have Bridge attending work each week after his successful School to Work program last term. He travels with Sarah and Xavier to new Horizons at North Ryde with Gary. Their main job is making Canon boxes for computer inks. There are 2 sizes of boxes and all our workers prefer the smaller boxes as they are easier to manage and make. The task is not easy and has to be done precisely so that the box is square and all end tabs are aligned. After practising at school, all three students have mastered the task – well done.
All students participate in in-school work experience throughout the week, practising similar skills they do when at the work site.

Damian and Chris also participate in work experience on Thursdays when the others are at work sites. They help to do jobs which benefit the whole school. They visit each room to collect the recycling and shredding. The vegie garden always needs watering which they both enjoy. We have not bought lettuces for the past 5 weeks for canteen as we are eating our home-grown supply, which everyone agrees tastes a lot better than shop bought ones! They also help to do any washing and fold the tea towels and table cloths from the dryer. They are both good workers and very helpful doing these essential jobs around the school.
Children’s Christmas Party 2013

Single with children invites single parents and their children to join us for a fun day of activities for all the kids.

The kids will have fun with all the animals and farm demonstrations. There is Laser skirmish for the older kids. Then join us for a yummy Christmas lunch

Where: Golden ridge animal farm, Dural
When: Saturday 7th December at 10:45 am
Cost: $35 per adult (non members) $22 for kids
Join SWC and the cost is only $10 per family

For more information on this event contact Leanne on 0410645490

SWC - it’s a great way to meet people in your area

Call us today on 1300 300 496 or check out our web site: www.singlewithchildren.com.au

SAVE THE DATE:

The 19th Annual Cromehurst Charity Golf Day & Dinner will be held at Roseville Golf Club on Wednesday the 2nd April, 2014.

For further information
www.cromehursts.schools.nsw.edu.au
Awards

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PBEL Stars

To create a consistent whole school approach for safe and effective learning*

Our students continue to develop social skills linked to our expectations of

“Be Safe” “Be Friendly” and “Learn Together”.

This week our students of the week are:

Edward — Being Friendly by greeting and talking to people appropriately
Zac—Learning Together Participating in school activities calmly and happily
Events for your Diary

(Please note: Newly added events will be in **bold**)

4th Dec—Graduation and Secondary Awards  
**29th Jan**—Students Return to School

5th Dec—Willoughby Buddies BBQ  
2nd April—Golf Day

11th Dec—Christmas Concert

18th Dec—Last day of Term 4

28th Jan—Staff Development Day

Building Progress - Week 24