With only a few weeks left of the school year, Aqua Class are busy completing different tasks before they leave. They have all been working on their own powerpoint presentation on the computer and will be presenting it to other students in the coming weeks.

Christmas paintings and craft have begun and all students are enthusiastic to work on these activities. Also, practising our item for the concert is soon to become a daily activity.

Everyone continues to enjoy a busy week of many different activities with Fridays being the favourite day when we cook. Chicken nuggets have been easy to make and we are now practising our skills with sushi-making, followed by milk shakes. After cooking, we have visited a variety of parks (Wentworth Common, Willoughby Park, Blenheim Park with scooters, Livvies Playground at Ryde and ESL Hall Park with fitness stations) and have enjoyed using the different equipment. We were looking forward to a bushwalk in the Wildflower Garden last Friday but unfortunately we were washed out.

We are looking forward to the secondary awards and graduation evening on Wednesday 4th December when Sarah, Xavier, James, Hikaru, Paddy and Chris will be graduating. We wish them all good luck in their post school placements in 2014.

Thank you very much to Gary who has been a wonderful SLSO with Aqua Class for the year. He has been a great support to the students in all their activities and especially in driving them to work experience each Thursday in his car.

Claire
Welcome to week seven (and the thirteen school week countdown until our new school completion).

Last week the drought broke in a big way providing more rain than we had seen in several months. It was a welcome change from bushfire threats and temperatures so severe that regular school activities needed to be modified or dropped. Last Friday was so severe that we did not allow the students out of the classrooms for break times due to a combination of high temperatures and the poor air quality due to the surrounding fires. Please be reassured that our students are not exposed to extreme weather or air pollution if we can avoid it. However, despite all precautions poor air quality can still affect those with asthma or other respiratory conditions and allergies. If your child has allergy medication or inhalers please ensure you send them to school and notify your child’s teacher.

Our senior students in Aqua class are working hard this term in preparation for their graduation from our school in five weeks’ time. They have been part of our school for many years and we have watched them grow into young adults having made significant progress towards independence. They are a very busy class and are involved in a range of activities and programs including work experience, community access, travel training, shopping, preparing food for Wednesday’s canteen and of course academic learning. This week’s newsletter features the students from Aqua class for the last time (until graduation).

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 receive 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.

Last week the Lindfield site came to a halt on Monday and Tuesday due to the torrential rain. However as long as it is not an ongoing event it should not impact too much as rain was factored into the projected completion time. I have included some photos taken inside the building last week to show how far the project has come to date. They are still anticipating the scaffolding will be down by Christmas and plan to be working throughout January (weather permitting).

There are now thirteen school weeks to go to the current handover date.

Let the countdown continue.

Regards

Christine
Drumbala Drummers visited last Friday. All students had a wonderful time trying to keep the beat on their own drums. A few students tried drumming on the larger standing drums and were very successful too.

All the photos show everyone had an enjoyable time.
REMINDER

Donations for the Silent Auction and raffles to be held at the Cromehurst Golf Day on 2nd April, 2014 are needed.

If you have any donations could you please bring them into the School Office early in the new year.

Thank you.

Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- play hide and seek
- play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
- have a dance competition or disco at home
- set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

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.cromehurst-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

With a simple swing, you could make a huge difference...
Aqua Class went to the Lidcombe Netball Centre last Thursday for a fun day of netball skills.

We rotated around 5 different stations each concentrating on one skill – throwing, catching, running, balance and agility.

Everyone showed great ball handling skills and enjoyed the throwing and catching ball games we played.

Sarah showed that she knew what to do when playing in a team situation by passing it to her team mates. She wanted to bounce the ball which is not allowed in netball as Sarah plays basketball where you can bounce the ball - very confusing!

Chris showed that he has good ball skills by stretching up high and to the sides to catch the ball in many situations.

Hikaru showed his agility in running activities and his ability to quickly stop and change direction to confuse his opponents.

Paddy demonstrated his lightness on his feet by accurately stepping, running and leaping in and out of hoops.

James showed us all that he can move just as fast as anybody else and enjoyed the tunnel ball relays.

Unfortunately Xavier was sick for the day and was unable to come and participate.
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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:

Gelo — Learning Together at school, Killara & Hornsby integration
Jedd—Learning Together Staying with the group when going out on community access
(Please note: Newly added events will be in bold)

21st Nov— Variety Club Xmas Party
4th Dec— Graduation and Secondary Awards
5th Dec— Willoughby Buddies BBQ
11th Dec— Christmas Concert
18th Dec— Last day of Term 4

28th Jan— Staff Development Day
29th Jan— Students Return to School
2nd April— Golf Day

Building Progress - Week 23