Our New School Leaders

After the votes were counted our new School Captains are Bridge and Aidan and our Vice Captain is Jedd.

Jedd giving his Speech

The students listened

And then voted

Our Leaders

Bridge

Aidan

Jedd
Welcome to week 8 (and 18 school days until we move to back to Lindfield)

Last week we announced our school leaders for 2014 at a special assembly. Five students ran for election to these positions giving speeches to outline why they wanted to be a school leader. The students did this three times using visual supports and iPads and they did a wonderful job. It was the closest election we have had in recent years and every student and every staff member voted. The students then used an iPad to assist them in reciting their pledge to be a good leader. Thank you to our leader’s families who came to celebrate with their children, they were very pleased to see you on the day. Also, a very big thank you to Yolanda who did a wonderful job supporting the students to practice their speeches and understand the process.

I mentioned last week that we have had an incidence of head lice in our school. Head lice spread quickly among students and are difficult to avoid. Although head lice are annoying and uncomfortable they are not dangerous however if left untreated they can cause severe irritation to infected scalps. Please check your children’s hair for eggs (which look like dandruff but are stuck to the hair shaft) and if eggs or lice are present treat with either a commercial product or the tried and tested white conditioner treatment. This treatment option along with additional information on head lice can be found on the school A-Z website at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Last Tuesday we attended a meeting regarding our new building and I am very pleased to say that the planned move on April 10 and 11 will go ahead. Our PBEL team has begun to plan resources to assist students and their families in regard to the move as we did in preparation for the move to Ronald Street. This week we will begin developing the social stories and countdown calendar for use at school and at home. We will be placing these on our website and on to our iPads. The handover date has been split into 2 dates with the handover for the internal spaces occurring on March 24 and the handover for external features such as gates and playground occurring on April 1. We may be able to commence transition visits following the internal handover but will not be able to access the playground until after April 1. We have commenced devising information books for drivers and parents for the Lindfield site but will need to spend some time there following handover before they can be completed. Once we return and additional students are placed it may be necessary to rearrange some of our classes. If this is the case and your child is affected you will be contacted by the school, please be assured that decisions will be made in the best interest of your child and that all our classes provide quality individual programs.

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. The invitation is included in this week’s newsletter and the event is now less than two months away. 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 11 March, 7:00-8:00pm pm at Roseville Golf Club. All are welcome to attend.

Fingers remain crossed for a 23 school day countdown until we load the moving trucks.

Regards Christine
Red class has had a terrific start to the school year. Dom, Maddy, James, Alan and Daniel have all been working hard on their communication skills using photos, PECS symbols, Big Macs and iPads. They have also been improving their independent living skills and social skills with our focus on “Learning Together”, “Being Friendly” and “Being Safe”.

Although our classroom is located at Clarke Road School, we walk over to be with the rest of our friends at Cromehurst almost every day for either morning tea or lunch and break times. We also always join them for Assembly, Line Dancing and Special Olympics. Four of Red class students participated in the special swim scheme which was held at Clarke Road pool so we didn’t have to travel far to get there. James and Alan showed improvement in their showering and dressing skills as well as learning safety in the water.

Dom and Maddy loved being in the pool and were able to move around comfortably in the water. A highlight of each week is travelling by bus driven by Joseph to Bobbin Head on Mondays. We have our morning tea on arrival followed by a walk together on the “boardwalk”. Dom and Maddy then continue exploring around the park while the boys go on a bushwalk toward the rainforest area. All of these activities help to keep us fit (including Kerri and I) and the boys are able to work on their travel training skills. We are very much looking forward to returning to our new school in term two where we will continue to remain active by using the pool, going for walks in Lindfield and adding train trips to Chatswood for further Community Access.

In the Classroom

In the pool

In the Park
2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school has once again registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March. Cromehurst School is dedicated to creating a supportive school environment, free from bullying, harassment and violence. Our teaching programs are designed to send a clear message to our students that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time. Programs such as PBEL, So Safe and social skills programs reinforce the appropriate behaviours we expect of our students.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian Education Minister’s and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities. The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying, No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence. Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years. Download these free apps now in the Student’s section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

On Friday, 21 March 2014 we will have an intensive focus on our PBEL expectations particularly “Be Safe” and “Be Friendly” in all class and community activities. 21 March is officially Harmony day which we will be celebrating next Tuesday, 25 March, a reminder note about our Harmony Day activities will be sent home this week.

Golf Day Raffle Tickets

Please return all the Golf Day Raffle tickets SOLD and UNSOLD by Monday 31st March. If you would like more tickets please call the school office

Thank You
Week 7 Term 1
10th Mar—14th March 2014

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Awards

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<td>Yellow</td>
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<td>Charleen</td>
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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:

Shuaib – Learn Together – Snipping paper independently
Charleen – Learning Together – Participating in all activities
Events for your Diary

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

- 25th March—Harmony Day
- 2nd April—Golf Day
- 10th & 11th March—Move back to Lindfield
  (Please keep your children home if possible)
- 11th April—Last Day of Term
- 28th April—Staff Development Day
- 29th April—Students Return to School
- 30th April—Post School Options Expo
- 16th May—Vaccinations
- 27th June—Last Day of Term
- 11th Aug—School Photos

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