We are pleased to welcome two new boys and their families to our class and school this term. Stevie and Thomas are both happy, active boys and are a great addition to the class with Elyace, Shuaib and Mahi.

Well, we made the big move back to Lindfield and for Rainbow Class it was a fairly smooth transition. The boys were initially overwhelmed by all the space in the playground and the classroom, but being little boys they have taken it in stride and are making the school their own. We walk up and down the stairs to our class in a single line holding on to the rail which is a wonderful opportunity to teach moving about our new school together and being safe. The boys each have definite favourite activities at the new setting with Shuaib being ecstatic with the pool and is now impatient for Thursdays and swimming time. Stevie and Thomas are the first ones on the bikes during recess and have a great time playing together in the big playground. Elyace enjoys exploring the room and all the different learning areas and can usually be found near the musical instruments. Mahi will be back this week and I am sure he will have fun exploring the school. As for Nimali and I, we love being back at our school and the big new class with the great learning spaces is a pleasure to work in. A definite winner for Rainbow Class!
Our new school is coming together nicely with continual tweaking of some minor issues which are being addressed as we raise them. Last Thursday we were visited by several senior officers from Bridge Street who had been involved in the planning of our school in one way or another. They were very impressed with the facilities and the smooth way our students had transitioned to a new environment. When I think about just how much we have achieved over the last 12 months it is truly amazing.

This week we feature our youngest students in Rainbow class who have settled in well to their new classroom and are learning about “under the sea”. We also had our “welcome back” assembly this week and have included photos of the first assembly at our new school. Our new outdoor spaces are fabulous and very popular with our students both in break times and structured activities such as line dancing and structured play sessions. Our P&C has set the date for a welcome barbeque for families on Sunday, 25 May from 11:00am-2:00pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to connect with each other and to view our new facilities. A note regarding this will go home this week.

I have included a flyer regarding an information forum on Financial Planning for children with disabilities conducted by Warringah Council on June 19 at Warringah Mall Library 6:30-8:30 pm. Topics covered include powers of attorney, guardianship, superannuation issues, special disability and testamentary trusts. Eileen Lyons, our Support Teacher Transition has attended this at another venue and highly recommend it to all parents as it raised issues which many of the attendees were unaware of.

On a final note as the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. Our students are particularly susceptible to infection and a single sick student can result in many sick students very quickly. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

This can be accessed by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hyfn2E

Regards

Christine
Friday 16th May will be Food Revolution Day. This is a day Jamie Oliver has instigated to focus on educating children, worldwide, about the source of food, healthy eating, and to get them excited about creating healthy meals.

In preparation for this Friday, lots of Cromehurst classes prepared a Rainbow Salad wrap. It was filled with delicious fresh vegetables, and even a pear.

Lots of classes made it, all the students in those classes participated in preparing it, almost all of the students had a little taste and many of the students gobbled up a whole wrap!

If you would like to try making the wrap at home with your children next Friday, you can find the recipe at www.foodrevolutionday.com.

Here are some photos of some of the students getting involved in making this delicious and nutritious meal.
Warringah Council presents

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Solicitor Jonathan Harris will discuss powers of attorney, guardianship, superannuation issues, special disability and testamentary trusts. Jonathan is an expert in estate planning, the chairman of Woodbury School, on the board of Aspect, and has a son with autism.

Thu 19 Jun
6.30 - 8.30pm
Warringah Mall Library

FREE, but bookings essential at Jessica.hagen@warringah.nsw.gov.au or 9942 2354

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St Ignatius’ Children’s Holiday Camp

St Ignatius Riverview will be holding an annual four day holiday camp for children with physical and intellectual disabilities at St Ignatius College Riverview in Lane Cove from 11th to 14th Dec 2014.

The camp provides four days of care, friendship, and entertainment for the children it also provides some respite for families as our senior students volunteer to take on the role of carers for the duration of the camp. Each child has a full time carer who is in turn supported by a team of Riverview staff, volunteers, and medical facilitators.

The camp is one of fun, with ferry rides, swimming, picnics, parties and games. There is no cost involved. If you would like more information please go to ichc.riverview.nsw.edu.au application forms

Post School Options Bus Trip

This year the Post School Options bus trip will be held on Tuesday 27th May 2014.

We will be visiting three sites:
- Studio Artes
- New Horizons
- Sunshine Pymble

We will be sending a note home soon. The trip is a great way to see some different settings.

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:

Lex – Being Friendly, Trying Hard
Scott – Being Safe in our new school
14th May—Gym Excursion

16th May—Vaccinations

25th May—P&C Welcome BBQ

27th May—Post School Options Bus Trip

27th June—Last Day of Term

11th Aug—School Photos

10th Sept—Vaccinations