This term White Class has been studying ‘Community Workers I don’t know’ focusing on Fire Fighters, Police, Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance Officers and the Armed Forces. We were lucky to be visited by the Willoughby Firemen, but unfortunately they were called to an emergency before the seniors could meet them. Last Monday the Australian Federal Police came and introduced us to some hardworking Police Dogs. Scott loved walking one of the dogs around and Hannah was very gently when patting them. We are learning about what to expect when a Doctor, Nurse or Ambulance Officer examines or checks our bodies and what equipment or instruments they may use, so we are looking forward to meeting a Doctor and a Nurse soon.

White Class loves getting out into the community and recently we had an outing to a local park. The students all deserve taking a break from their busy schedules now and then, and enjoyed playing on the equipment. Everyone explored the different swings which Sam liked the best while Oliver proved to be a great shopkeeper during some pretend play.

Over the past few months Cromehurst and White Class have been extremely privileged to have had the company of four fantastic overseas student interns. With the help of Sarah, Sara, Samantha and Brittany, our students have benefited from their support during school and community access programs. Also, we had the pleasure of 2 year 10 Riverview students who completed a week each of community service in White Class. The two boys were a great help - Connor engaged well with the students during class work, helping Oliver with his map work and Jack played basketball and soccer with the students during play times.

In class, the students all follow their individual work schedules. Jodi is progressing in all areas including learning to extend the difficulty and length of Work Skills. The class also participates in a variety of other activities such as Science, Sport, Community Access, Swimming, Aqua Aerobics, Music & Art and our Breakfast Program where Edward is mastering his spreading skills and is learning to be safe and hygienic during food preparation and eating times.

Most importantly, well done to White Class for doing their best to remember to ‘think first’, to be Safe, to be Friendly and to Learn Together.

Nicola & Cheryl.
Welcome to week five.

Last week we had a visit from the Australian Federal police based at Mascot airport. Adam, Eric and Josh brought with them two trained working dogs whose job it is to locate prohibited items in luggage and vehicles. The dogs gave us a demonstration of their skills and the students really enjoyed it as well as interacting with the dogs. Many of our students took turns in police hats, jackets and vests and had their photos taken with the police officers and dogs. They brought with them some items for the students (hats, coloured pencils and activity sheets) and did a fabulous job interacting with our students. We have included photos of the session in this week’s newsletter and a big thank you to Adam for taking the time to bring his team to our school.

Thank you to all the parents who sent their children in coloured clothes. Unfortunately due to the weather we have had to postpone the carnival to 19th Aug 2014.

The season of illness has definitely arrived with many staff and students succumbing to bugs. If your child is unwell with a persistent cough, fever, vomiting or diarrhoea it is best they remain at home in order to recover. Illnesses transfer very quickly in our environment and your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated. The current flu season is particularly severe with many schools reporting huge numbers of students and staff affected. Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. The health department has issued the following advice regarding influenza:

Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

Parents should have received a note last week regarding our school’s variation to the staff development day scheduled in December. Staff will be working on Saturday 20 September in lieu of attending school on Friday 19 December. At this time pupil free it does not impact on students or families but please note staff will only be able to be contacted up to 18 December. We are planning on revamping our behaviour support programs to further enhance PBEL and more effectively support students mental health and well-being. If you have any question regarding this please contact me at school.

Christine
On Monday 14th August, Policeman Adam, Eric and Josh came to visit us at Cromehurst school. Everyone had such a great time. We tried on their police hats, we tried on the police vests, we looked in the police cars, we were patting the special police dogs. The dogs also put on a performance for us showing us how clever they are at their job. We also were given some great stickers, pencils and colouring in from the policeman. Thank you so much for coming to visit us and helping us learn more on how police helps us in the community.
Northcott Northern Sydney is holding their annual open day to showcase our program for 2015 and you are cordially invited.

- Will you be leaving school soon?

- Would you like a great program that will support you with the transition from school to successful employment?

- Would you like to meet students currently completing the program and find out if this program will suit you?

If you answered yes, then come along to one of our information sessions being held for students, teachers and parents. You will be able to meet and discuss the program with both staff and young people enrolled in the program this year.

When: Tuesday 19th August 2014
2 Session times available at 11.00am or 2.00pm
Light refreshments provided

Where: Northcott Hornsby Office
Suite 719 | Level 7 | 1C Burdett Street, Hornsby

RSVP TO: Bron Ringrose, Transition to Work Coordinator
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RSVP BY: Close of Business Thursday 14th August 2014

Northcott Disability Services - Transition to Work Program, Hornsby proudly offers school leavers with a disability a flexible, innovative and individualised service. The program’s structure and activities are particularly suited to young people with a Physical Disability, Aspergers, High Functioning Autism, Learning Difficulties, some vision or hearing impairment etc. (Northcott staff are happy to discuss the nature of our program and whether it meets the support needs of the young person)
Free Parent Workshop
Parents As Career Transition Support

PACTS—Disability Program

Part 1
Beginning to Explore

Part 2
Training and Further Education Options

Part 3
World of Work

Part 4
Resources

What is PACTS—Disability?
This 2 hour Express Workshop is an opportunity to get together with other parents to learn about study and work options for young people with a disability.

Term 3 Workshop details:
Who: Parents of year 11-12 students
When: Thursday 14 August, 10am to 12 noon OR 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Where: Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor St. Chatswood

Interested in attending a workshop?
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19th Aug — Rescheduled Sports Day
22nd Aug — Daffodil Day — Wear Yellow
30th Aug — Bunnings BBQ
10th Sept — Vaccinations
19th Sept — Last day of Term

6th Oct — Public Holiday
7th Oct — Staff & Students return to school
27th Oct — Dentist Visit
3rd Dec — Graduation
17th Dec — Last day Term 4