Important Dates

- 10th Feb — Parent Information Evening
- 16th Mar — Charity Golf Day & Dinner
- 15th-26 Feb — Swim Scheme
- 25th Mar — Good Friday
- 28th Mar — Easter Monday
- 29th Mar — Year 7 Vaccinations
- 8th Apr — Last Day Term 1
- 26th Apr — Staff Developments Day
- 27th Apr — Students return
- 25th May — School Leavers Expo

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Principal’s Message

Welcome to the 2016 school year.

I hope all of our families had a relaxing and enjoyable break from school routines. All of our students returned happily to school and transitioned to their new classes well. We welcome eight new families to Cromehurst this year and due to the establishment of an additional class for 2016, I am sure we will be welcoming more students to our school this term. We currently have lower class sizes across the school to enable the placement of new students as they enrol with hopefully little or no changes to current students’ classes. However depending on the ages of students placed it may become necessary to make changes. You will be informed if there is a need to change your child’s class and understand that any changes will be made to best meet your child’s educational needs.

I am pleased to announce that one of our temporary teachers, Rebecca Sgroi, was successful at interview in term four last year and is now a permanent member of our staff. In addition, Kim Smith, School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) has been appointed permanently by staffing as an SLSO at our school. We welcome them both to our staff as well as Sarah Davidge, who is teaching Pink Class this year.

We will be sending out invitations for our Parent Information Evening this week which will be held in week three on Wednesday, 10 February in the early evening. As well as a general outline of our programs we will be conducting a short information session regarding the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) which is currently due to commence in the middle of 2016. The session will focus on eligibility and the steps required by families to register. We look forward to seeing as many of our parents on this night and it is also a good opportunity for parents to meet other parents as well as staff working with their children this year. This is a general information session, specific individual planning meetings for each student will be arranged in consultation with class teachers and families.

I have included some information regarding the Assisted School Travel Program which provides transport to school for many of our students. They have produced two fact sheets which outline the process for applications for transport or changes to current arrangements. Please take the time to read these sheets as, due to the increasing numbers of students and schools they are dealing with, they are adhering strongly to the time frame for processing applications or variations to transport runs and schools are unable to circumvent these existing processes.

Finally, we are all looking forward to another fantastic and productive year at Cromehurst School. A range of notes will be going out soon as we need to update a range of general permissions and medication administration forms. Please return these as soon as possible and ensure all of your contact details are up to date including your email addresses to enable us to communicate with you efficiently and easily and, as always, please feel free to contact the school if at any time you have questions or concerns.

Christine
GOLF DAY & DINNER

We need your help. To raise money for the Cromehurst School and Cottage we would like to assemble “Themed” Hampers to sell at the silent auction. We would love families to help our cause by donating items over 3 weeks.

OUR THEMES

Week 1. Monday 8th – Friday 12th Feb.

A Gardening Hamper – products such as gardening gloves, up-to-date garden magazines, packets of flower/vegetable seeds, snail bait, osmcote, sprinklers etc.


A Pamper Hamper – products such as facial wipes, cleansing lotion, body lotion, sunscreen, hand cream, moisturising cream, hair care etc.

Week 3 Monday – 22nd – Friday 26th Feb.

A Tea and Coffee Hamper – products such as an assortment of teas, jars of coffee, packets of coffee beans, vouchers for coffee, new coffee mugs, biscuits to have with coffee.

All donations will be greatly appreciated – even unwanted Christmas items! Please give generously and send to school via your child or leave at the office.

Any queries contact Jill Henriks      Phone:- 04190 15 721

or email:-  cromehurstgolf@gmail.com

Golf Day Committee
Canteen will commence this Wednesday, 3 February 2016.

Canteen List

Canteen is held each Wednesday providing lunch for students and staff

Canteen is an integral part of the in-school work experience program for our older secondary students and its success is dependent on your support.

Orders need to be written clearly on a brown paper lunch bag with the student’s name and class as well as what they are ordering for lunch.

Please also write on the bag the amount of money that you have enclosed in the bag.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sunday, March 20th, 2016

IT’S ON AGAIN...

THE 5TH ANNUAL BOBBIN HEAD CYCLE CLASSIC

We are once again revving up for the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic.

On Sunday 18th October our Early Bird bookings opened, so the countdown to the 2016 Bobbo has well and truly begun!

Sunday, 20th March may still seem like a long way away, but there is a lot of be done to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely. Which, with the help of our volunteers, it will!

2015 success

In case you missed the key stats in the wash-up from this year’s event, we are thrilled to be able to tell you that we had more than 2,600 riders, no serious injuries, and raised over $230,000 for our charity partner Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury and our 4 nominated Rotary charities. None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers!

We’ve raised the bar yet again for our 2016 event and have space for up to 3,500 riders, which will mean even more money for our supported charities.
Our Charities

The Rotary Clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives, Turramurra and Wahroonga jointly conduct the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic to raise funds for a number of local charity organisations. 50% of all funds raised by our fundraisers and their sponsors goes to Lifeline. In addition to Lifeline, funds raised go to the following charity beneficiaries: Bo Children’s Hospital, Cromehurst School, Eagles RAPS, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women’s Shelter, and Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Services (KYDS).

Praise for our volunteers

This year’s rider feedback survey was full of praise for our wonderful, friendly, encouraging volunteers. So we really hope you enjoyed being part of the BHCC, and are interested in taking part again.

Volunteer with your colleagues

One of the exciting new things we’ve been working on since this year’s event is our online volunteer register. You can access this to update your details, including registering to be involved in 2016, by clicking here.

Please make sure you select your organisation, (if you are affiliated with one), so that we can roster you with people you may know.

We’re looking forward to another safe and happy event!

BOBBIN HEAD CYCLE CLASSIC

Sunday 20 March 2016

Bobbin Head Cycle Classic organised by

The Rotary Clubs of Ku-ring-gai, St Ives, Turramurra & Wahroonga
If you are able to volunteer to assist with this year’s Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, please complete the form below and return it to the Cromehurst P&C at cromehurstpandc@gmail.com

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Transport

Assisted School Travel Program

PARENT FACT SHEET #1
Eligibility

Parents play an important role in supporting the safe travel needs of their child to and from school.

Assisted School Travel Program
All families are responsible for the transport of their children to and from school. Families who have a child with a disability may be eligible for transport through the Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP).

The program supports those eligible students who need transport assistance in order to attend school where it is necessitated by the nature of the student's disability and the circumstances of the family.

Families and schools need to assess a student's travel support needs and explore the suitability of all forms of travel to and from school including the School Student Transport Scheme and the Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy. Both schemes are managed by Transport for NSW. Your child's school will provide information for you on these schemes.

Eligibility criteria for ASTP
To be eligible to apply for ASTP a student must be:

- assessed as having an identified disability according to the Department of Education's Disability Criteria May 2003; and
- a NSW resident and enrolled in the closest appropriate NSW government or non-government school; and
- enrolled in a special school or support class or an early intervention program or require high level of assistance for mobility purposes if enrolled in mainstream; and
- assessed as unable to travel independently.

In addition, a student must have parents who are unable to provide transport to and from school either fully or in part.

For a complete guide to the eligibility criteria for the program go to the ASTP website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/astp

* Reference in this document to 'parent' includes a guardian, carer or other person having the parental responsibility or care of the student

NSW Department of Education | Parent Fact Sheet #1

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www.schools.nsw.edu.au/astp
Assisted School Travel Program

PARENT FACT SHEET #2
Starting Transport

Parents are key partners in the safe transport of children with disability to and from school.

Welcome to the Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP)

This fact sheet provides essential information for families accessing ASTP.

The program provides a transport service to over 10,500 eligible students with disability across government and non-government schools in NSW.

The success of this program depends upon the active cooperation of all parties concerned; parents, school, contractors/drivers and ASTP, to ensure the best possible service for students.

All travel staff (drivers and Assisted Travel Support Officers) meet child protection requirements and are screened prior to employment. Vehicles must meet safety standards set by law and quality standards as mandated by ASTP.

How does transport work?
- ASTP will send you a letter with details about travel arrangements
- The contractor/driver will contact you with a pick-up and drop-off time/place prior to transport starting.
- You may wish to prepare your child with social stories/rehearsal for travel
- Make sure you have the necessary equipment for safe travel such as a child booster seat
- Be ready for transport and wait outside the house at a safe spot for pick up and drop off.
- Place your child in the vehicle with the seat belt fastened

What supports are available on transport?
Sometimes children with behavioural and/or medical concerns require additional supports to travel safely. In these cases schools may work with you to provide plans and travel aids such as books, soft toys, pictures, tablets or music players to make the journey to and from school calm and safe.

In some circumstances schools may assess the concerns and apply for an Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) to provide additional supervision.
What’s On

Do you have a child (up to 13 years old) with an intellectual disability?

Are you feeling overwhelmed and under stress?

Northern Intellectual Disability Health and the University of Technology Sydney are inviting parents with a child with an intellectual disability, who are experiencing stress to attend one of two different 8-week support groups. Come along to:

- Examine ways of overcoming stress
- Develop skills and implement strategies to reduce stress and its impact on the family
- Improve the well-being of yourself and your family

The groups will be run at Northern Intellectual Disability Health in Cremorne by provisionally registered Psychologists under supervision. There is no cost for attending this group. Groups will be evaluated by questionnaires completed by participants online weekly, and at the beginning and end of the study.

If you would like further information, or to be involved in this research study, please contact us at MHITpsych@gmail.com.

This study has been approved by the Northern Sydney Health District Human Research Ethics Committee, Reference: LNR/15/HAWKE/263, ratified by the UTS HREC, Reference: 2015000670.

Flyer: V4, 6/12/15
Save the Date

2016 School Leavers Expo for students with (dis)Ability

Wednesday 25th May 2016
11am – 6pm
The Concourse
409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

For any enquiries please contact
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