Purple Class

Purple class have been very busy this term! Our swimming program started earlier in the term with swim scheme and the students have continued to develop their water safety skills with Rainbow class each Thursday. We love swimming!

In class, Tara, Olivia, Kieran, Shuaib and Ryan have been working enthusiastically. Purple class have shown a particular interest in developing their writing skills using a range of media including pencils, crayons, paint, shaving cream, play-dough and on the computer. Purple class have also started telling news during group time. Students stand in front of their peers and talk about an item using the iPad application Proloquo2go to support their speech. They are then invited to share the item with the class, encouraging turn taking and encouraging their peers to make comments on the item.

Our topic, My Family and Me has also been gaining momentum. In preparation for our Family and Friends Day, this Friday the 18th of March, Purple class have been exploring who lives in their house, what type of residence they live in and how they fit within their family. The students have taken a close look at themselves through experiences including drawing self portraits, talking about likes and dislikes and making pictorial charts representing our height and eye colour.

We look forward to seeing all our families on Friday!
Welcome to week eight

It is good to be back at Cromehurst following my recent absence. Everything continued to run smoothly due to the teamwork of our excellent staff and executive. The next four weeks are very busy with a range of upcoming events and a four day weekend for Easter at the end of week nine. This Wednesday is the annual Golf Day and fundraising dinner which is always a major event which is enjoyed by all who attend. I would like to thank the members of the Golf Committee who have worked extensively to organise this and given up a huge amount of their own time. In addition to this, on Friday we have our primary family fun day. We hope to see as many of our primary parents as possible on that day to join their children in a range of fun activities.

The roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is fast approaching. As information is provided to our school I will be including it in our weekly newsletters. This week I received notification that a fact sheet re the NDIS, Information for Schools is now available on the NSW Public Schools site. It can be accessed at the following link.


The Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Special Care Dental Unit is introducing a program that focuses on the oral health of young people attending special schools. Smiles for Life: Oral Health Matters is an education seminar aimed at families and support personnel who provide care to young people with special needs and challenging behaviours. The program includes presentations from a Paediatric Dentist and a dietician with practical advice and resources to support oral health for young people with special needs. I have included the full information and enrolment forms in this newsletter. This program is free, if you wish to participate please return the enrolment page directly to the address or fax number on the form provided.

The last day of the school year for students is Friday, 16 December. The Department of Education and Communities requires that staff be engaged in professional learning and planning activities for the remaining two days of the term which this year is Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December. There is an opportunity for schools to engage in one or two days of professional learning outside of school time on weekends or school vacations in lieu of one or two of the end of term pupil free days. This year the staff have elected to attend school on Saturday 9 April and Saturday 2 July for planned professional learning in lieu of attending on 19 December and 20 December. I have included a letter with more information regarding this in this newsletter but if you have any questions regarding this please contact me directly at school to discuss.

Regards

Christine
Golf Day & Dinner

It’s your last chance to book tickets for the 21st Annual Cromehurst Charity Golf Day. Tickets can only be booked today until 10.30pm tonight (Monday, 14 March).

Please visit www.trybooking.com/170618 to lock in your spot.

If you are unable to attend the Golf Day and/or the Dinner, you can still make a contribution by either participating in the silent auctions which will be hotly contested and will close on the night, purchasing an item from the wish list or simply making a donation—all of which is this year being conducted online at www.galabid.com/Cromehurst. The site is live and ready for you to register and start bidding!

BID EARLY AND BID OFTEN!!

Golf Day Raffle Tickets

If you are still in possession of any golf day raffle tickets, please return them to school tomorrow, 15 March 2016.

Harmony Day

Cromehurst School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday, 30 March 2016.

Please see the Harmony Day flyer on the following pages of this newsletter for the details of this special day.
What’s On

Harmony Day Celebration

Our diversity is our strength, because together we....

When: Wednesday 30th March
Who: All students and staff wearing national dress!
What: Shared International Picnic

One of the great things that we notice at Cromehurst is the wonderful varieties of food that students enjoy. We would like to celebrate this diversity by sharing some home-cooked creations with our friends and creating a ‘Harmony Day Cookbook’, filled with recipes of these delicious dishes.

Please prepare a simple dish with your child that we can share on Wednesday 30th for morning tea. It would be wonderful if you could include photos of you and your child preparing the dish, together. These will then be compiled to create a ‘Harmony Day Cookbook’.

*Please note: Please send in normal morning tea if your child has any specific dietary requirements.
Name of dish
Made by
Country of origin of dish
Ingredients

Method
Step 1
Step 2
eetc....
9th March 2018

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Westmead Centre for Oral Health - Special Care Dental Unit has a strong focus on the oral health of young people attending special schools and also believe that parents and caregivers are important partners for oral health. Therefore, we would like to invite all parents/caregivers to our oral health education seminar called “Smiles for Life - Oral Health Matters”

The program includes interactive presentations on:
- Oral hygiene instruction and dietary advice
- How to recognise common dental conditions
- Practical advice for providing oral care for young people
- Tour of Westmead Centre for Oral Health (including Special Care Unit, Paediatrics Department, Emergency/Acute, Clinical Support Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Unit and Radiology)

Location: Westmead Educational Block – Seminar Room 3, (Main Hospital Entrance) Corner of Darcy Road and Hawkesbury Road, Westmead.

Date: Monday, 2nd May

Time: Registration from 10am. Program runs to 2pm - Morning tea and drinks will be provided.

Please note that the program is free!

Please fill in the attached form and return by email, post or fax marked-

Attention to: Special Care Dental Unit
The Smiles for Life Team
Westmead Centre for Oral Health
PO Box 533, Wentworthville, NSW 2145.
Fax to: 9845 5740

RSVP by 22nd April 2018

Please note that this seminar is aimed at parents and caregivers and is not appropriate for children to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and if you have any queries please contact 8865 7426 or by email at WSLHD-SmilesForLife@health.nsw.gov.au

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
The Smiles for Life Team
Enrolment Form

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Yes, I / We ____________________________________________
will be attending the Smiles for Life
Program on 2nd May 2016.

Telephone No:_________________ Mobile No:_________________
Email:__________________________

Name of School your child attends: __________________________
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This year the staff are continuing to work on our maths curriculum and developing a working support document having received additional funds to enhance our project. This is due for completion at the end of 2016 so varying professional working days from December will allow us to complete the project within the required timeframe and enable us to commence the 2017 school year with this resource complete. We will also be engaging in training of manual handling and key word signing on these days.

This will not affect our students in any way as 19 December and 20 December are pupil free. However, it will mean staff will not be able to be contacted at school after 16 December. If you would like any further information please contact me at school on 9416 9281.

Yours sincerely

Christine Moulds
Principal
11 March, 2016
NDIS Information Session
National Disability Insurance Scheme
"What you need to know, a practical insight into the NDIS"
Information Session for Consumers and Carers
in the Northern Sydney Region

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is rolling out in our region from July 2016—
What does this mean?
What do you need to know?
What do you need to do to prepare?

Clark Road School, Hornsby 5th April 10-12am
also
Dougherty Community Centre, Victor Avenue, Chatswood
12 April from 5-7pm

Mona Vale Hospital 29th April—10-12am
Community Health Building—Mona Vale Hospital

The sessions will be kept practical, the information will be up to date.
Presenters are experienced staff from FACS and the Carer Support Service together with Non Government Organisations.

RSVP Carer Support 9462 9488
(Please leave a message with your name, we wont return your call unless you ask us to) or email NSLHD-Carers@health.nsw.gov.au

Carer Support Service provides Information, guidance and access to support and services for Carers.
Visit our Internet site: www.nscarerssupport.com.au
for the latest information on all topics for Carers
Other NDIS or related information sessions being held in the Northern Sydney region:

Supported Decision Making for young people with a disability aged 14-18 years and their families.
Contact Carers NSW 9280 4744 or register online https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/decisionsnsw

30 March 4-7pm  RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Tucker St or Argle St Top Ryde.  C Block
Expo and information sessions on NDIS
Register 9952 8302 or www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/socialinclusion

CARERS NSW workshops
Carers and the NDIS is a half-day workshop for family members and friends (carers) of people with disability. It aims to provide carers with a general introduction to the NDIS.
Contact Carers NSW on 9280 4744 or email education@carersnsw.org.au
Workshops will be held in Manly on 17 June and Ryde on 3 June, venue to be advised when you register.