



CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Term 2 Newsletter

Friday 3 May 2024

Welcome back to Term 2 of Kindergarten at Cromer!

The Kindergarten teachers and I hope you have all had a wonderful break, enjoying some quality time with your family. We are looking forward to a fantastic 10 weeks ahead.....Term 2.

Congratulations to Miss Laura Edwards (KE) who was married in the holidays!

Below are some important Term 2 reminders regarding our routines and procedures at Cromer Public School

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first full-time year of school. During May, teachers will complete the census for their class. No names or individual details are recorded. Please see the poster on classroom doors or in next week's School Newsletter.



MORNING ROUTINE

To assist the children in becoming more independent and responsible for their belongings, they are asked to place their bags on assigned **hooks near their classroom**. They are then to leave the verandah area and play in the Kindergarten playground area until the bell rings at **8:50am**. A teacher is always on duty in this area from 8:20am.

FRUIT BREAK, RECESS AND LUNCH REMINDERS

Fruit Break is to promote healthy eating and provide a mid-morning snack between 9:30-10am daily. Students are only permitted to eat fresh fruit and vegetables and drink water at this time.

Recess and lunch is eaten on the Kindergarten verandah with their class teacher for 10 minutes before going out to play. Again, eating a balanced healthy meal at lunch is encouraged and we try to ensure that students save any treats until their lunch has been eaten. If you find that their food is being taken home, it may mean that they don't like it or the quantity is too much.



CANTEEN

Students are able to order their lunch from the canteen throughout the year. These lunch orders are delivered to the classroom. In Term 2 students can buy food themselves from the **canteen at lunch time only**.

CROSSING THE YELLOW LINE!

The Kindergarten children have used all of Term One to cement some great friendships (new and old) by solely playing in the Kindergarten playground. They are able to now move freely throughout the school, across the 'Yellow Line'! This is always an exciting time to explore the rest of our school play areas ~ shaded common, basketball court, sensory garden, oval, futsal court and COLA. Teachers are always on duty in each of these areas. We start by exploring the school together at 2nd half lunch time only.

EARLY DEPARTURE/ LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

If you need to pick up your child early from school or are late arriving to class, you will need to obtain a **leave note from the front office**. This note is then handed to the class teacher by the office staff.

ABSENT NOTES

Absent notes for sickness or holidays etc need to be completed either **online via the Cromer Public School Parent Portal**, or in a written note/email and is to be submitted to the teacher *within seven days*. If your child is going to be away for more than 1 week (5 days) of school you will need to get permission from the school office through an **Extended Leave Form**, found on the Cromer Public School Website: <https://cromer-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes-and-forms/absent.html>

KEY LEARNING AREAS IN KINDERGARTEN

The Key Learning areas covered are **English, Mathematics, HSIE: History/Geography, Science, Personal Development/ Physical Education & Health** as well as **Creative Arts**. Technology is embedded into all our subjects.

The programs taught weekly by specialist teachers throughout our school are:

Library – Mrs Debbie Haddrick (bring in a Library Bag)

Music – Matthew O'Brien

PE – Mr David Frazer (wear Sports Uniform: Mon KE, KP/ Tues KH)

FLIP SPORT

The Kindergarten children will be participating in our K-6 Flip Sport gymnastics program this term. This will occur in class groups each Monday in the Hall. Flip Sport is a professional external provider who works with all the students of our school in a dynamic, engaging and safe environment!

SECOND STEPS: WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING PROGRAM

Our school will be using a new Wellbeing Program that will be taught in all classes K-6. This program focuses on supporting children's social-emotional skill-building throughout the day. The **Website: www.secondsteps.org** is excellent!

HOMEWORK

Kindergarten homework will continue this term as a Literacy-based activity. It consists of **1-2x Home Reading Books** that are read at home as well as a **Tricky Word** sheet. The **parent log book** should be filled out by you each time your child reads. Children will receive a gold sticker after 10 nights of reading. Children will bring home their booklet in a plastic envelope that needs to be returned **each Thursday (KP and KH) and Friday (KE)** and their book will be changed during class time when they are ready to move on.

Fast Phonics (Pink Tile) is an online program that can also be done as homework at the students' own pace. A username and password has been provided by the teacher. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any login issues.



PARENT HELPERS

We always love parents as helpersthis will begin in Term 2 with the children now settled into school and their classroom routines. A Parent Helpers Information afternoon session will be scheduled to support parents before class helpers begin later this term. More information will follow.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

Students, parents and siblings are **not** to be in any classroom without a classroom teacher. Please be respectful of class preparation and organisation time. Meetings between parents and teachers can always be organised at a mutually convenient time, before or after school.

OOSH (Out of School Hours) CARE

OOSH educators will continue to meet the Kindergarten students going to after school care on the silver seats and walk them down to the centre each day. Please let OOSH know if your child is not attending on their enrolled day due to sickness or cancellation.

SPARE CLOTHES

Little accidents may happen from time to time, especially at the beginning of the year. Please pop a spare pair of underpants into your child's bag, just in case!

FURTHER CALENDAR INFORMATION

Our school Website is always a great source of information for whole school and grade up to date events. The Sentral Parent Portal is also a wealth of information!

[Cromer Public School](#) (*website*)

We look forward to continuing our wonderful partnership with you and your child throughout 2024! A Newsletter will continue to be sent out to all Kindergarten families next term for up-to-date Term 3 information.

What a fantastic start to the year we have already had!
Thank you for all your support!
Our kindest regards...

The Kindergarten Team

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