



# CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## K6G Term 2 Newsletter

Thursday 9 May 2024

Welcome back to Term 2 of K6G at Cromer!

The SLSOs 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.

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

### **MORNING ROUTINE**

When the weather is unpredictable regarding rain, please make sure to send them in Transport with their raincoat/jacket on as it's tricky if they arrive without it on and it's raining. We appreciate if you could also use the following learning sequence we are using so you can assist us in teaching them how to remove jackets or raincoat –

- Grab near the top at the front
- Remove the jacket from shoulders
- Let go and grab one sleeve near the hand
- Pull that arm out of the sleeve
- Now grab other sleeve and pull out the final arm
- The sleeves should now be the right way around!

### **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, vegetables or yoghurt and drink water at this time.

**Recess and lunch** is eaten at the group table inside or outside (weather dependent) with their class teacher or SLSO and are encouraged to eat a reasonable amount 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**

You are able to order their lunch from the canteen via Flexischools throughout the year. These lunch orders are collected from the canteen. In Term 2 students can buy a treat for themselves from the **canteen at lunch time only on Thursdays**.

### **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.

### **ABSENCE 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/text and is to be submitted to the teacher **within seven days**. As K6G has a lot of other people involved (ST, OT, Transport), the class teacher appreciates a quick update text on a regular basis when there are periods of prolonged illness.

If your child is going to be away for a planned absence (holiday) 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 K6G**

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 on Mondays)

**Music** – Mrs Jill Bradford

**PE** – Mr David Frazer (wear Sports Uniform on Thursdays)

## **FLIP SPORT**

The class 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! Sports uniform is a must!

## **SECOND STEPS: WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING PROGRAM**

Our school is continuing to use the Wellbeing Program that is 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](http://www.secondsteps.org)** is excellent!

## **COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHING STAFF**

### ***(reminder from wk 10, term 1 school newsletter)***

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We know that you play a crucial role in helping your child become a motivated learner. Communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together.

Good communication between home and school is vital, so we encourage you to contact your teacher if you have a question or concern. Please use Gail's email address [gail.vanzwieten@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gail.vanzwieten@det.nsw.edu.au) or Stile for non-emergencies in the first instance. Our staff will respond to your queries within 2 school days under normal circumstances within school operating hours. For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone. For emergencies, please contact the school directly on 9971 0499 or Gail directly. Emergencies include serious student health, safety and wellbeing issues.

We encourage staff to maintain a healthy work/life balance and ask that they not respond to emails after 5pm – being always 'on call' is not a recipe for longevity in any workplace or career, as we're sure you would agree. To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they respond to communication outside school operating hours. This means teachers may not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours. The nominal "standard" operating hours for primary schools at this present time are 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Living in an 'always on', highly connected internet world, some people have come to expect instant responses. However, school is very different. Teaching staff are in class all day, so their opportunities to check email are very limited. Taking into account whole staff, grade, stage, and professional learning meetings, not to mention 3-4 recess or lunch duties per week, and extra-curricular activities such as sport, choir, drama and dance, teachers should usually reply within 48 hours of receiving your email.

Our dedicated teachers want to help our students achieve their best. Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

## **SPARE CLOTHES**

Little accidents may happen from time to time. Please pop a spare pair of underpants and possibly shorts/bike pants 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 K6G 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 K6G Team***

Ms. Gail Kirby (**class teacher**)  
Mrs. Mary Buccheri (**SLSO – Mon, Thurs, Fri**)  
Ms. Lisa McCallum (**SLSO – Tues, Wed**)

### ***Ms. Rebecca Tompson***

Assistant Principal  
K6G Supervisor



