



CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Term 3 Newsletter

Friday 26 July 2024

Dear Kindergarten Families
Welcome back to Term 3 of Kindergarten at Cromer!

The Kindergarten Team hope you have all had a wonderful Winter's break, enjoying some down-time with your family and friends. We look forward to a great 10 weeks ahead.....Term 3. We hope you enjoyed reading your child's first school report and meeting with your child's teacher at the end of Term 2 (KE in Week 2). We are so proud of each student as they begin to master their new learning skills and continue to improve in all areas, each and every day!

Below are some important Term 3 reminders and information regarding our routines and procedures for Term 3 Kindergarten at Cromer Public School

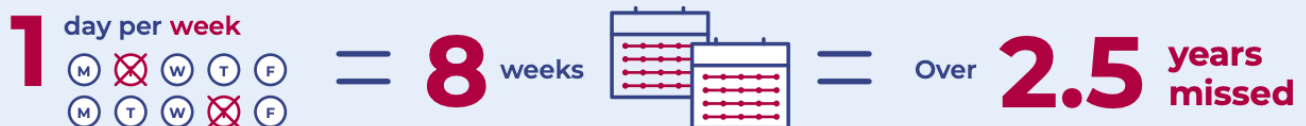
SEMESTER TWO (Term 3 and 4) ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Everyday in Kindergarten is vitally important for your child's social, emotional and academic development! Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- give students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence.

Days missed = years lost! A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life



SEMESTER TWO (TERM 3) KEY LEARNING AREAS OVERVIEW

During this Term we will be working hard in our classrooms to cover the following learning areas...

ENGLISH ~ Oral language & communication, vocabulary, phonological awareness, print conventions, phonic knowledge, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating & writing texts, spelling, handwriting, understanding & responding to literature, and Library with Mrs Haddrick

MATHEMATICS ~ Representing whole numbers, combining & separating quantities, forming groups, geometric measure, 2D/ 3D spatial structure, non-spatial measure, and data

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ~ Living World unit

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT/ HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION ~ Child Protection and Life Education, as well as continued PE with Mr Frazer

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS ~ integrated into all learning areas. Music with Mr O'Brien

(NB: PE, Music and Library continue to be taught by our specialist teachers)

FUN WITH OUR BUDDIES



Every fortnight, our Kindergarten children read with their Yr 6 buddy. This is reading with a purpose! It assists the children with their reading development and habits; including fluency, self-correcting and comprehension. Our Kindergarten children read every day ~ with their teacher, in pairs, to parent helpers and at the end of the week with their buddy. Literacy is used in everything we do and early strategies building confidence are paramount!

MORNING ROUTINE REMINDERS

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 class 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.

Only small 'handballs' are used on the playground before and after school due to the number of people and toddlers in the Kindergarten area. Thank you!

FRUIT BREAK, RECESS AND LUNCH REMINDERS

Fruit break, recess and lunch is eaten with their class teacher for 10 minutes before going out to play. All children will stay in the Kinder Playground for all of recess and 1st lunch before playing in the rest of the school during 2nd lunch. Please also pack a water bottle, this can be filled up during the day at our Water Stations..

CRUNCH @ CROMER CANTEEN

Students are able to order their lunch from the canteen throughout the year. These lunch orders are delivered to the classroom. In Term 3 students can buy food themselves from the **canteen at 2nd lunch only**.

ABSENT NOTES

Absent notes for sickness or holidays etc need to be completed either **online via the Cromer Public School SENTRAL 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 through an **Extended Leave Form**, found on the Cromer Public School Website. [Extended leave - Cromer Public School](#)

SECOND STEPS: WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING PROGRAM

We will continue to be engaging in our K-6 Wellbeing program throughout this term. Please take a look at **Website: www.secondsteps.org** ~ the program is excellent!

HOMEWORK CONTINUES

Reading homework and reinforcement of classroom learning is of vital importance in Kindergarten. It sets the strong foundation of Literacy learning and development throughout the early years. 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 book in a plastic envelope that needs to be returned **each Thursday for KH & KP and Friday for KE** and their book/s will be changed during class time when they are ready to move on.

Tricky Words are words that cannot easily be decoded and require children to memorise the whole word. Coloured sheets with these words will be sent home in the homework pack. Teachers will continue to check and give a new set of words when these words have been memorised.

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



LIFE EDUCATION (Personal Development & Health)

This Term we will have a visit from the Life Education Van and 'Healthy Harrold' the giraffe. Each class will visit the van once over a 2 week period. The Kindergarten topic of learning is all about Friendship ~ keeping and making friends and healthy eating. Class visits are on:

KE ~ Monday 19th August

KH ~ Thursday 29th August

KP ~ Tuesday 20th August

PARENT HELPERS

We always love parents as helpersthis will begin again in Term 3. If you are interested in helping out in your child's class, please add your name to the class timetable on the front door of each Kinder classroom. Attached is the **Cromer Public School Parent Helpers Handbook**.

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.

TERM THREE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see our school Website and **SENTRAL** Parent Portal as a great source of information for the whole school and grade up to date information. [Cromer Public School](#)

TERM 4 EXCURSION

As part of our English and Drama program for Semester Two, we will be taking the children to the live performance of The Gruffalo at the Glen Street Theatre. Separate information and permission will follow later this term.

We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with you and your child in the second half of the year! Thank you and our kindest regards...

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