Stage 3 Newsletter

Term 1

# **STAGE 3 – YEARS 5 & 6 CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Welcome**

Welcome to the start of a new year of learning. We hope you had a restful summer and are all ready for an exciting year ahead.

**Stage 3 Team**

**5M** Mr Dan Morton (Assistant Principal, Stage 3) (Mon-Thurs), Mrs Sarah Riddington (Fri)

**5R** Mr Matthew Richards

**5B** Ms Kate Bayliss

**6G** Ms Kassy Gallie

**6L** Mrs Sharyn Lawler

**6W** Mrs Suzie Witts

**School Times** Classes start 8.50am, finish 2.50pm. Children are supervised in the morning from 8.20am onwards. The Department of Education requests that children are not to be at school before this time. Before school care is available through Cromer Kids Club. Students who arrive after 8.50am need to go to the office for a late slip. If leaving school early, parents must sign their children out at the office.

**Parent Information** School events are communicated to parents and guardians through the School Newsletter. The newsletter is posted on the Cromer School (Sentral) App each fortnight. Hard copies are available, when requested, at the office. Absences may also be done through the app.

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.

**Assessment & Reporting** Student progress interviews will be held to discuss your child’s progress. There will be a teacher/ parent/ student meeting in Term 1, to discuss any student information that will be relevant for the year and also in Term 3, to discuss how the students can be supported in working towards their learning goals. Written reports are sent home twice a year in Terms 2 and 4.

Parents are welcome to seek an interview at any stage throughout the year by making an appointment with the teacher.

[NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Language and Numeracy)](https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan) will take place for Year 5 between the 13th – 25th Mar.

Optional External Test:

Selective High Schools Test (9th May)

**Cyber safety** All students are encouraged to use the student portal to access information on the Internet. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> provides advice on keeping your child safe in the online world.

**Welfare – Second Steps** Second Steps is a program at Cromer where students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork. They will learn to identify and understand their own and others’ feelings. Students also learn how to take another’s perspective and how to show compassion. They will learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger and a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

**Amazing me** Amazing me is a great program titled ‘Bodies, Babies and Puberty’. Topics for this program include: The correct names of genitals, child safety with a brief focus on consent and having a safety network, reproduction, pregnancy and birth. What is puberty? Why do we need to go through puberty? When does it start? How long does it take? There will be an evening session targeted at Year 5 students and their parents. Year 6 students and families are welcome to attend, but it will be the same information as last year’s presentation. Some year 4 students and families will also be in attendance.

**Additional Programs PE**  **Music Library**

PE with Mr David Frazer

Music with Mrs Jill Bradford and Mr Matthew O’Brien

Library with Ms Sarah Riddington and Mrs Debbie Haddrick

**Enrichment Activities** There are opportunities to join band, string, choir, dance and drama groups.

Clubs include art, chess and environment.

**Support Teachers** Mrs Sharon Lawson

**Homework** Class homework is set by the classroom teacher and will be completed on Stile, our online learning platform. Please encourage your child to do his/her homework each week. If you have any concerns about the homework, please see the teacher. Home work will involve reading, Mathletics tasks and project work. Homework will commence in Week 4.

**Equipment** Please make sure your child has all the required equipment as per the list sent out at the end of last year.

**Events** All stage 3 students will be travelling to Canberra in Term 3 on a three day camp as part of our learning about Federation in Australia. This will be invaluable in allowing them to develop their knowledge on our government system.

**Useful Websites**

<http://www.cromer-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> School Website

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> - Cyber safety information

https://education.nsw.gov.au/ – Student portal

<https://stileapp.com/login> - Stile login

<https://mathletics.com.au> - Mathletics

**Term 1 Dates for your Diary**

9th Feb – P and C Welcome BBQ at Dee Why Bowling Club

16th and 23rd Feb – Summer PSSA Trials

19th Feb – Amazing me evening

27th Feb – 3 – 6 Awards assembly

27th and 29th Feb – K-6 Parent/Teacher Social Interviews

4th Mar – Halogen Leaders Conference

5th Mar – School Photos

8th Mar – Stage 3 P and C Welcome BBQ

11th – 15th Mar – Wellbeing week

13th Mar – Zone Swimming

21st Mar – Harmony Day

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Camp to Canberra – 19th – 24th August (Year 6)

Camp to Canberra – 2nd – 4th September (Year 5)

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

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| 5M | 5R | 5B |
| **Wednesday**  PE  Library  **Thursday**  Music  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) | **Tuesday**  PE  **Wednesday**  Music  Library  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) | **Wednesday**  PE  Music  **Thursday**  Library  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) |

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| 6G | 6L | 6W |
| **Monday**  PE  Library  **Tuesday**  Music  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) | **Monday**  Music  Library  **Tuesday**  PE  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) | **Monday**  PE  Music  **Tuesday**  Library  **Friday**  PSSA/Sport (please wear sports uniform) |

We are very excited about the programs and adventures awaiting us and look forward to an exciting and engaging year ahead.

Stage 3 Teachers