



CROMER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Newsletter 2024

Friday 9 February

Welcome to Kindergarten and our wonderful Cromer Public School community!

The Kindergarten teachers are really looking forward to getting to know all the students and families, and helping everyone settle into school-life, learn and grow.

THE 2024 KINDERGARTEN TEAM

KE - Miss Laura Edwards

KH - Mrs Sylvia Hardcastle

KP - Mrs Rhianne Pervan



KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS PER CLASS

Please join us in **Week 3 Tuesday 13 February (5:30-6:30pm)** in the Old Music Room in the Kinder Playground, and then your child's classroom to hear more information regarding the school, class teachers, expectations and routines as well as information for the year ahead.

We will also hold **individual 'Social Interviews' this term** regarding your child's settling into school and social progress during **Week 5 on Tuesday 27 February and Thursday 26 February** (more information to come).

Below is some general information regarding our routines and procedures at Cromer Public School to answer some of your possible initial questions.....

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.



Once the bell rings, the children then line up outside their classrooms and wait for their teacher. The class **roll** is marked online at **8:50am**, so if you are late you'll need to obtain a **late note** from the front office.

FRUIT BREAK, RECESS AND LUNCH

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.

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.

These 3 eating times should have their food in three separate containers to help the children know what to eat and when!

CANTEEN

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

LATE PICK-UPS

Please **contact the office on 9971 0499** if you are running late to pick up your child. The message will be passed onto the class teacher who will wait with them if it is a short time or will send them to the office to wait for you.

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 you will need to get permission from the school office through an Extended Leave Form....link: [Application for extended leave - travel | Cromer Public School](#)

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

Music – Mrs Jill Bradford and Mr Matthew O'Brien

PDHPE – Mr David Fraser

More will be explained at our Parent Information Meeting next week, 13 February.



SECOND STEPS: WHOLE SCHOOL WELLBEING PROGRAM

Our school will be using the Second Steps Wellbeing Program that is taught in all classes K-6. This program focuses on supporting kids' social-emotional skill-building throughout the day. The **Website: secondsteps.org** is well worth a look!

HOMEWORK

Kindergarten homework is Literacy-based. It consists of **1-2 x 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 Friday and their book will be changed during class time when they are ready to move on.

These little first 'reading' books are called **Decodable Readers**. They consist of words and sounds that the children are learning in class.

Tricky Words are words that cannot 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 check and give a new set of words when these words have been memorised.



Reading Eggs (Fast Phonics) is an online program that can also be done as homework at the students' own pace. A username and password will be provided by the teacher shortly.

MEDICATION

If your child needs medication, it will need to be given to the **office to store** and **administered** on your behalf with a permission note. Forms to be filled out are from the front office.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays can be celebrated in the classroom and if your child would like to share their celebration with their class peers, you can provide **special treats**. Please NO candles. If your child isn't able to eat particular foods you might like to supply a small box of treats they can have instead of cake etc to be left in the classroom. The class teacher is aware of any children with allergies in the class, so please check in with the teacher before sending birthday treats in.

PARENT HELPERS

We always love parents as helpers within the class.....however, this will begin in Term 2 once the children have settled into school and their classroom routines.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

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)

We are lucky to have an amazing before and after school care onsite at Cromer. Laura manages the centre and is more than happy to chat with and support all our new families. OOSH educators will meet the Kindergarten students going to after school care on the silver seats and walk them down to the centre each day.

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!

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....so far

Term One first and last date for Kindergarten: Tuesday 6 February ~ Friday 12 April 2024

5 Feb ~ Whole school 'Healthy Lunchbox Week'

6 Feb ~ Kindergarten begin!

11 Feb ~ P&C Welcome family event at Dee Why Bowling Club!

12 Feb ~ Best Start Assessment Report sent home

****13 Feb** ~ Kindergarten **Parent Information Meeting at 6pm** in the Hall, then your child's classroom

20 Feb ~ P&C Meeting 7pm. All welcome!

****27 Feb and 29 Feb** ~ **Individual Parent/ Teacher Social Interview discussions**

2 March ~ Clean Up Australia Day at Cromer

5 March ~ Wellbeing Week at Cromer

5 March ~ School Photo Day (more details to come)

8 March ~ P&C Welcome BBQ (Kindergarten families)

19 March ~ Harmony Week at Cromer

28 March ~ K-2 Easter Hat Parade under our COLA

12 April ~ Last day of Term One! School Holidays begin....

30 April ~ Students return to school for Term Two!



Our school Website is always a great source of information for whole school and grade information

[Cromer Public School](#)

We look forward to a wonderful partnership with you and beginning this journey with you and your child throughout 2024! A Newsletter will be sent out to all Kindergarten families each term for up to date information.

Thank you and our kindest regards...

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