

Week 5 4th November 2013

# **Red Class**

Class Red have had visits from Blue, Yellow and Orange classes this semester. Orange and Yellow classes enjoyed playing with Minty, the pets for therapy dog who comes to our class every Tuesday and Thursday. Minty is a very placid Labrador that loves being patted by all the students and receiving special treats for being such a good dog.



Students in red class have been involved in community leisure skills every Friday. We all go over to Cromehurst School to participate in activities such as walks in the community, makeup and fashion sessions.



Wednesdays are always busy for Red class. We are involved in assembly and line dancing. Dom, Maddy and Kalim have so much fun at line dancing with all the other students at Cromehurst.

Blue class visit us to play Bocce every Thursday. It is very exciting that we have now a new bocce set for the school. All the teachers and students can't wait to try it out on our next visit.











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Welcome to week five (and the fifteen school week countdown until our new school completion).

Last Friday our Primary section morphed into pirates for a very successful "pirate day". The students looked fantastic (as did the staff) and our deck was transformed into a fun park. The students loved it and a great time was had by all as you will see from the photos later on. Thank you to the staff for organising such as great day and our families for entering into the spirit of the day by dressing their children so beautifully.

This week we feature the students of Red and Blue class and the programs and activities this middle years class engage in. The use of iPads in our school continues to grow across the school and the use of this form of technology in assisting our students to communicate and understand a range concepts such as time, money and feelings has been successful. Melinda Ritisinias has been increasing her skills and knowledge of iPads and the Proloquo2go program and transferring this to our entire staff. She is also offering to send instructions home for the use of our apps if parents would like them.

Last week we the P&C discussed the best way for us to move forward with PBEL into homes. We will be sending home an enlarged version of our expectations for families to consider what behaviours they would like to reinforce at home that fit in with our expectations of Learn Together, Be Friendly and Be Safe for the PBEL team to collate and consider ways to provide resources to support you. The consensus of the P&C was that as well as sending the single sheet home we should e-mail the entire spread sheet to families that have provided their e-mail addresses so families can view the expectations taught across environments at school whilst considering what to identify for home. In addition we will also place the spread sheet on our website. Our website can be accessed at <u>www.cromehurst-s.schools.nsw.edu.au</u> The spread sheet will be under Our School, then PBEL then How it works at school.

This spring has seen temperatures soar to very uncomfortable levels. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents at the following web address. <u>http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php</u>In addition our school has developed a sun safety action plan which is available on our website under Our School then Policy and procedures.

The building at Lindfield continues to move along at an amazing pace. The next meeting on the Lindfield site is tomorrow Tuesday, November 5 where we will receive the latest progress report. Up until now no issues have been identified and they have not been slowed down by rain although there was some last week with very high winds. Items raised and discussed at tomorrow's meeting will be posted in next week's newsletter.

There are now fifteen school weeks to go let the countdown continue.

Regards

Christine

### <u>iPads</u>

All students at Cromehurst school love using the iPads for communication and leisure. Staff are currently having time to receive some professional learning on using and programming on the Proloquo2go app. They are also looking at designing social skills stories on a variety of apps to help students to learn new skills or to decrease anxiety about a new activity.

At school, we have an iPad information folder with simple instructions on how to use Proloquo2go or Book creator or iMovie.

If you would like to use these apps on your iPad at home but need the instructions please write in your communication book and I will send the instructions home to you.

The teachers are also busy preparing for their Christmas song and have used the iPad to download Youtube video of their Christmas song and transfer it across to the whiteboard so we can practice easily using the whiteboard.

Here are some photos of students enjoying using the iPads in their classrooms.









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We look forward to welcoming you on board and sharing our passion for sailing...



Image of the Yacht "Kayle" (above)

#### Lion King Dims roar to become autism-friendly

#### Tim Douglas The Australian October 22 2013

The Lion King will become the first mainstage production in Australia to give autism friendly performances when a bespoke rendering of the Disney classic opens next year.

The Julie Taymor– directed production which open at Sydney Capital Theatre on December 12, will stage "specially adapted" performances on June 14 2014 for children on the spectrum and their families.

Launched in association with Autism Awareness Australia, the musical will alter its production designs including lowering —not shutting Off— of house lights, removal of strobe lighting, decreasing house volume and "chillout" and activity sites stationed around the theatre.

There will be no lockout periods, children will be free to bring food and drink into the theatre and the actors in character — will stage a "get to know you" session with audience members before the production begins. "this is so special"' said Autism Australia spokeswoman Elizabeth Sarian.

"The show doesn't change: the storyline, characters, music are all the same. Importantly, however, the volume will be lower. Some children find loud noises very alarming. And the house will be just slightly lilt so kids don't feel too overwhelmed"

Months of planning has gone into the performance, for which tickets go on sale Thursday 24th October

Australian cinemas have held "sensory screenings" of major films for people with autism, but Ms Sarian said this was the first time a major theatrical production had held and autism-friendly performance, and it was a positive step.



## All the World's a Stage - 2013 -

### Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability

1pm – 2.30pm, Tuesday 10 December 2013

The Concourse Theatre 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

Willoughby City and Lane Cove Councils will celebrate International Day for People with Disability with a delightful sequence of theatre and musical performance at The Concourse.

Tickets \$5.00 available from The Concourse Box Office. 409 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood

#### **FEATURING:**

Marion Street Theatre Can You See Me? Theatre KICK Performance Group Glee Club Different Degrees Theatre Ensemble The Cromehurst School St Lucy's All Abilities Theatre Project

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## **Blue Class Term 4**

It is hard to believe that we are into our final term for 2013. Lots of activities are ahead before we finish for this school year. We have been working on our item for the Christmas Concert including some great artwork which will help to make the backdrop for our musical item. The class have also been practicing ball skills as well as working well on desk work. big thank you to all parents who have worked with us to make this year in a different space as easy as possible for their boys. It really has been a good one for them all! Janice

Whole school activities have seen the Blue class





students participating and enjoying being part of the bigger group. Special Olympics line dancing, bike day and our sports carnival were enjoyed and our class have been stars. Three students from our class will be joining others to go to a Special Olympics sports day at Clarke Road. As our wonderful SLSO, Liz has been away, we have had Jessica and Karen to help and they have done a fabulous job. Liz will return next week.

Thank you also to Verney for working with our class this term and last on Tuesdays and Wednesdays while I fulfil whole school duties. Also a great









Week 4 Term 4

28th—1st November 2013



# cromehurst Awards

Name	Class	Awarded For:
James M	Rainbow	Improved work in collecting the roll
Lucy	Purple	Waiting to her destination by herself
Amy	Orange	Painting
April	White	Listening and working well in class
Aidan	Yellow	Having personal space in the playground
Damian	Aqua	Having a successful day at the community college
Xavier	Aqua	Good swimming and listening at Abbotsleigh Pool



To create a consistent whole school approach for safe and effective learning"

Our students continue to develop social skills linked to our expectations of

"Be Safe" "Be Friendly" and "Learn Together".

This week our students of the week are:

Bennie — Learning Together participating in all activities at the Sports Carnival

James A—Learning Together participating in all activities at the Sports Carnival



## **Events for your Diary**

(Please note: Newly added events will be in **bold**)

6th Nov—Immunisation Yr 7 Boys & Girls Yr 9 Boys 4th Dec—Graduation and Secondary Awards 11th Dec—Christmas Concert 18th Dec—Last day of Term 4 28th Jan—Staff Development Day 29th Jan—Students Return to School 2nd April—Golf Day

## **Building Progress - Week 21**





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