# Cromehurst

#### **Cromehurst News**

Term 4 Week 9

- 8 Dec—Graduation Dinner
  & Secondary Social Event
- 9 Dec—Student Awards Assembly, I.30pm
- 13 Dec—Christmas Concert , 12-1pm
- 16 Dec-Last Day Term 4
- 30 Jan 2017—First Day Term I
- 7 Apr 2017—Last Day Term I
- 29 Mar 2017—Golf Day & Dinner

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#### Purple Class

December is here and Purple Class has certainly embraced the Christmas spirit. Christmas Concert preparation is well underway and we continue to join Rainbow Class in Christmas themed group games and fine motor activities each week.

Earlier in the term, Purple Class explored the Circus and the people we find there. Each week we explored a different circus performer including jugglers. acrobats and the Ringmaster and learned about their role in the big show. In connection with our exploration of the performers, the students practiced several fundamental movement skills, over the term, through fun circus themed games and activities. These skills included balancing, juggling, throwing and catching, dancing, jumping and rolling.

Purple Class continues to work diligently in class. Of particular focus has been the concept of measurement. The students have been using a range of techniques including visual comparisons and informal measuring units to establish the length of various classroom

items. The students have also been focusing on their reading and writing skills including their names, simple sight words and key circus and Christmas words.

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Finally, Purple Class have enjoyed their outings within the community including their excursions to the Softball Gala Day and The Multi-Disability Sports Day. It was great fun catching the train and the bus to our venues and showing off our excellent skills and positive attitude towards sport.

What a busy term!

Bec and Deng











### Principal's Message

Welcome to week 9 (and the 2 week countdown until the end of the school year).

Despite there being only two weeks left of the 2016 school vear the final days are extremely busy with no wind down in sight until 16 December. Tomorrow is the Variety Xmas party for our primary students which is always an enjoyable albeit exhausting event for students, staff and volunteer parents. On Thursday evening we are holding our annual Graduation & Secondary Social Event at Roseville Golf Club. Final preparations for this are almost complete and it promises to be a wonderful celebration of our vear 12 students' education and their transition to adult post school life. Our whole school end of year awards ceremony is this Friday. 9 December at 1.30pm and I have included another copy of the invitation and details later in this newsletter. Please also remember to save the date for next week's Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 13 December at 12.00pm as it, as usual, will be a fantastic and fun celebration for our entire school community.

Last week was also eventful. On Thursday due to the plumbing disaster of the unit block next door and the resulting lack of water in the street we were forced to temporarily cease operations at school for the health and safety of our students. Due to the patch provided by emergency services we were provided with a limited supply of water enabling us to reopen for as long as the patch held (which thankfully was for the duration

of the mains supply interruption as this was not guaranteed). Thank you to the parents who were able to make alternative arrangements for their children on this day thereby reducing the pressure on the demand for water. The end of year picnic with our Willoughby buddies therefore went ahead and the students presented us with a cheque for \$1,364.10. This was the proceeds for the crazy hair fundraiser they held several weeks ago which was featured in the week 6 newsletter. We are very grateful to the Willoughby School community for their efforts in this and the relationship between our schools which is an important feature of our Primary school programs.

Continuing the topic of fundraising, on Friday afternoon representatives from our school attended a ceremony at Roseville Golf club in which our school was presented with a cheque for \$6,000 being the proceeds raised for us by the ProAm golfers. This is the second year we have benefited from the fundraising efforts of this team and we are very grateful as these funds will give our fundraising target for the senior playground a very welcome boost.

School reports will be sent home early next week along with the tentative 2017 class placements for our students. The classes are very tentative this year as we have yet to receive final confirmation of all student placements and there may be necessary changes made before and during term one. As always we will do our best to keep disruption and changes to a minimum and due to the groupings of students for targeted subject areas our



students are familiar with students beyond their class group and with all staff so home class changes are usually very seamless.

Finally, next week's Cromehurst News will be a bumper photo issue with a gallery of Variety Xmas party, graduation and presentation day shots as well as images and reports from our Christmas Concert on Tuesday. Therefore the final newsletter for the year will be later in the week on Wednesday or Thursday of week 10. I would like to remind parents that the staff of Cromehurst attended professional learning days on two Saturdays this year and therefore the last day for teaching staff will be the same as that for students, Friday 16 December so please ensure all requests for information or variations for transport applications are lodged with the school by 3.00pm on this date.

I wish all of our families a wonderful festive season and look forward to another productive year in 2017.

Regards.

Christine

#### Pink Class

This term Pink Class has been investigating Living and Non Living Things and Processes during Science and Geography lessons. An integral part of this is growing seeds using the following six step process:

- 1. First, label bag with your name, date and seed name.
- 2. Next, fold a paper towel so that it just fits inside the bag.
- 3. Take a ruler and measure 7 cm from the top of the bag and staple a row of staples from one edge to the other to create a mini-pocket, 7 cm deep. This is where the seeds are going to sit.
- 4. Next carefully pour enough water into the bag so that it will soak up through the paper towel but leave a small reservoir of water at the bottom of the plastic bag [about 2-3 cm].
- 5. Then, take the seeds and put them in the mini pocket so they are sitting on top of the line of staples.
- 6. Seal up the seed bag so no air can escape or get into it. Tape it to a window or peg to a washing line strung across the classroom.

Over the term we have been recording our observations, comparing and measuring the growth of a variety of different seeds. It has been interesting to see the differences in speed and type of growth between the various types.

This term has certainly flown by! We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season over the last couple of weeks.

Sarah, Zahra, Caelan, Ben, Edward, Karen, Jodi, Robyn and Yuumi











#### "Hey There - Hoop-la - The Circus Was in Town"



On Tuesday, 15th November, the Primary students participated in a "CIRCUS FUN DAY" at school, to end our circus topic.

What fun we all had! We had a visiting "Circus Troupe" of gymnasts and skippers from Willoughby Public School and Roseville College, who gave incredible performances. Our students were mesmerized by their fabulous routines, catchy music and beautiful costumes.

We then participated in fun circus activities such as balancing and climbing circuits, dancing with ribbons, juggling, tumbling and a jumping castle.

The students all dressed up as acrobats, clowns, dancers and ring masters, which made it a very colourful and happy day, as you will see from the photos.

A huge thank you to the Willoughby and Roseville students and their teachers and to the Willoughby parent helpers who made this day possible.



















## "The Circus Was in Town" (continued)



























#### General News

#### **Cromehurst Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased and sold tickets for the Cromehurst Christmas Hamper Raffle.

The hamper includes Moet Champagne, a \$50 iTunes Voucher, red wine, white wine, gourmet Christmas food and much more.

If you would like more raffle tickets sent home, please let your class teacher know or contact the school office on 9416 9293 or at cromehurst-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All tickets should be returned to school by Monday, 12 December 2016. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 13 December 2016.





#### **World Festival of Magic**

We still have tickets available for the 'World Festival of Magic' show at the Hordern Pavilion on Monday, 19 December. Tickets (which were kindly given to us by The Lions Club of Bondi) are available for either the 11.00am, 1.30pm or 4.00pm performance times. Further details can be obtained at www.wfom.com.au.

Please contact the school office on 9416 9293 or at cromehurst-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you would like to obtain tickets.



## General News (continued)



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5 December 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you may be aware, the NSW Teachers Federation has called for Industrial Action from 9:00am to 10:00am on Thursday, 8 December 2016. Due to the short notice and a range of pre-arranged activities and commitments the <u>staff</u> has elected to send one or two representatives only to this meeting. As a result there will be adequate supervision to ensure the safety of students and staff and the school will be open for business as usual on the morning of 8 December.

Some regular class programs may be affected between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 but adequate staffing levels will be maintained

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9416 9281.

Yours sincerely

Christine Moulds Principal

## General News (continued)

#### **Cromehurst Cooks Recipe Book**

Available now!

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Need some interesting and unique food inspiration? Look no further! Order your 'Cromehurst Cooks: Recipes from Harmony Day 2016' recipe book. Just in time for Christmas for \$15 each. All proceeds go towards fundraising for fitness equipment in the Senior Playground

Thank you for supporting Cromehurst School.







I would like to order 'Cromehurst Cooks':

Name:	
Number of recipe books required: \$15	each
Total:	

## General News (continued)



Please join us at Cromehurst School on Friday, 9 December 2016 at 1.30pm for our

Student Awards Assembly

Both Primary and Secondary students will be coming together to celebrate each others' achievements

We would be delighted if family and friends could join us.



## **CROMEHURST SCHOOL**

Term 4 Week 8

5-9 Dec 2016

## **Assembly Awards**

Name	Class	Awarded For:
Henry	Rainbow	Making more eye contact during morning activities
Shertam	Purple	Asking for a break during group times and rejoining the group calmly
Kai	Blue	For being a great helper in Blue class
Millie	White	Participating in morning circle
Lucy	Red	Participating happily during Christmas art
Claudia	Yellow	Staying with the group and being very patient
Guy	Green	Walking safely in the community with Pulasthi
Karen	Pink	Focus and determination with work skills
April	Orange	Showing initiation in watering our growing plants in class
Oliver	Music	Being a fantastic participant in the rehearsals for the Christmas concert
Lucy	Art	Being a keen assistant in preparing the backdrop for the Christmas concert









## Stars of the Week

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

This week our students of the week are:

Rachael—Learn Together Zac P—Learn Together

#### Foundation News

## The Cromehurst Foundation & Catholic Care September Holiday Camp Trial was a great success!

We had 8 Cromehurst primary students participate in the camp for one week from 9-3pm in the Primary playground and library. There was a team leader and 2 disability support workers on site resulting in a 1:1 ratio per child on most days.

The program was specifically designed for our kids and included:

- Sensory art incursion with "Art Express" (hand and feet painting, shaving cream play and sculpture making.
- Clown visit with balloon animal making and face painting.
- Music and signing with Davina.

The daily fees were reduced to \$50 per day to include more kids. Ideally we would like to have 5-6 students per day so more participation in encouraged if we are able to repeat the camp. The Foundation subsidized the program with \$4,250. A massive hank you to them for a great week and program!

All of the kids and parents were happy with the program and, for those parents who have asked if we will be running it again, we will be looking at offering the camp in the April school holidays.











## Foundation News (continued)

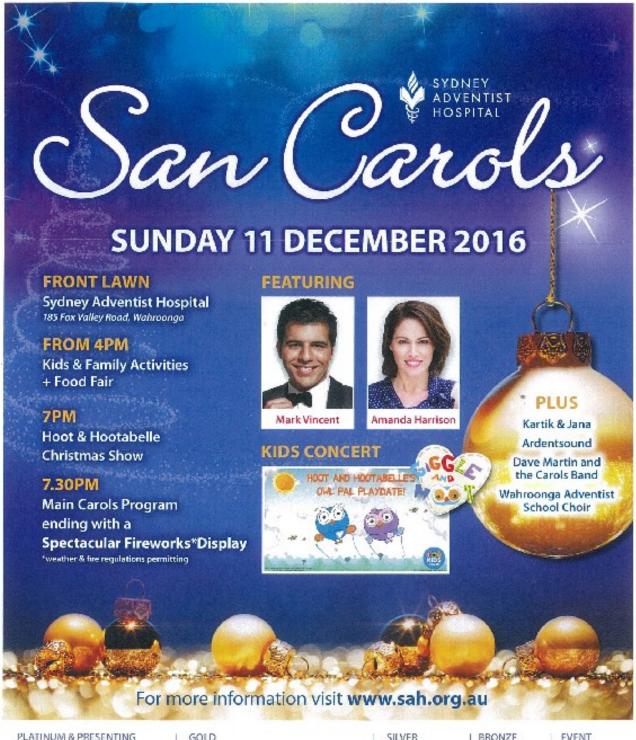


Please note in your diary for next year the **Annual Cromehurst Foundation & School Golf Day & Dinner** on **WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017** at the Roseville Golf Club, 4 Links Avenue, Roseville.

Plan to come and join others or organise a group table to have a fun day or just a lovely dinner.

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or gift boxes / baskets for the packaging of hampers the Golf Committee would love to receive them. Please send them into Cromehurst School with your child.

#### What's On





GOLD SEGNSOES









SILVER













