



# Bundeena Public School Newsletter

## Quality education in a unique and caring environment

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Relieving Principal

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### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Primary Swimming Carnival  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb P & C AGM  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Snake Tails performance  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Meetings

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Tomorrow is our annual school swimming carnival at Engadine Pool. We are all looking forward to that and hope that the weather smiles on us! Next Monday is our school P & C Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm so please come along if you can and support our school community in their 60<sup>th</sup> year. You are all most welcome and any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. We are proud of our school and the achievements of its wonderful children...share in the pride.

We have organized for the children to see a reptile show on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, as we occasionally have snakes in the school playground. The children will not only see some real snakes/lizards & be told about them, they will be shown, step by step, the latest first aide if bitten.

The Challenge & Studio extension classes have started and I am delighted with the energy and commitment of both groups. They are so good to teach. Several of last years, year 6 students have popped in to say hello and seem to be enjoying high school. This is great news and is significantly supported by the transition work completed while they are in year 6 by their teacher.

### **"SORRY"**

As I am sure you are all aware a very significant event took place on Wednesday when the Prime Minister, on behalf of the nation, said sorry to the stolen generation.

To heighten this event in the minds of the children and allow for discussion & some memorable learning to take place our school this week has:

- ? Had an acknowledgement of country at morning assembly.
- ? Mrs Smith has explained to the school why this "sorry" speech is taking place.
- ? Flying the Aboriginal & Torres Straight Islander Flags.

? Teachers have explained and discussed with their classes the history and implications of the speech.

? Yrs3 - 6 have watched the opening ceremony of parliament & Mr Rudd's speech.

This all supports and highlights the ongoing Aboriginal themes that are taught at our school in many other units of work treated across the curriculum.

### **PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING**

The first meeting for 2008 will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm in Room 8. To all our new parents and returning families you are very welcome to attend. This is our local school ..a school we are proud of. We work tirelessly to assist with providing the best education opportunities for the local children. We have a lot of fun and there is a strong sense of achievement in the outcomes we provide to our school in resources, and assisting the great teaching staff. Be a part of the team ... we all look forward to welcoming you.

### **RED 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS SWEATSHIRT 2007:**

We have a medium sweatshirt in the school office, please collect as soon as possible as we will be donating it to St. Vinnies very soon. We also have a dark green soccer sweat shirt from last years 4/5S. Nobody recognizes it this year.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Mislaid and lost property will eventually find its way to the lost property box in the sick bay but it may take some time. All items that are marked with the name of a current student will be returned to them as soon as practicable. Other items are taken home and laundered. Proper school uniform is given to the clothing pool for resale and all other clothing is given to a charity usually St Vincent de Paul. So, if you do not want your child's good clothing ending up in a charity box, please send them to school in school uniform that is clearly marked with their name.

### KINDERGARTEN BUDDY SYSTEM

During first term the Kindergarten children buddy up with a senior student. Below are a couple of photos of them working together.

### CAR PARKING

I have had requests from residents who live opposite the school in Scarborough St to let our parents know many of them are parking illegally. Parents be reminded that the police have become very strict about parking, dropping off children etc in and around schools. Fines are very substantial and the police let me know late last year they will be making random patrols of our school zone. Please do the right thing for the safety of all.

### P & C FUNDRAISER

There is a collection box in the foyer for all old mobile phones. Our school will receive \$5 for each **phone** we collect. Please dig out those old mobile phones and send them to school.

### MINDQUEST

#### CLOSING DATE IS MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We would be grateful if you could advertise the program in your newsletter.

MindQuest

ST GEORGE GIRLS HS  
VICTORIA ST. KOGARAH.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 the twenty-second NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St. George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over **41 exciting, fast paces courses in the two day program.** They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, logo lego, art and much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenges and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$150 (including GST).

**Contact Mrs. Smith at school for a brochure or contact Shelagh Poray 0245 731 139**

**Closing date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.**

### STUDENT BANKING:

Welcome back to a new year of banking.

Our school receives a percentage of money banked each week and \$5.00 for every new account. This commission goes into general school funds and comes back to your children through school equipment and books etc.

Parents please do not send money until you receive your BANK BOOK from the Commonwealth Bank and when banking please send your BANK BOOK with money.

Banking is Tuesdays each week. New account packages can be obtained from school office.

Keep on banking.

Rachelle Phillis

### PIANO LESSONS



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**Roseanne Gissing.** Phone 9523

# **CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT**

**Tuesday, 11 March 2008  
6.30–8.30 pm**

**Top class HSC & SC results  
from first class teaching and  
learning programs**

**Dance - Debating - Music - Sport -  
Computers Design & Technology -  
Science - Literacy Programs  
Japanese - Drama - Art Displays**

**P & C Sausage Sizzle from  
6.00pm**

**Year 7 parents' comments:**

*\*A disciplined, structured learning environment*

*\*Attention is paid to each child's academic & social progress*

*\*Staff members are approachable, dedicated & motivated*

*\*Students have pride in their school & pride in themselves*

**For further information phone: 9523 4017**

*Extension Class registrations close on Wednesday  
26 March 2008. Application forms are available  
from the front office at Cronulla High School.*

## **KIDZONE BUNDEENA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

KIDZONE is Bundeena Public School's Before and After School Care (BASC) service. We are open weekday mornings (6.45-8.30am) and afternoons (3-6.30pm). The service is staffed by professional carers and managed by a volunteer parent committee. All school aged children (from any school) are welcome on a permanent or casual

basis. KIDZONE is an approved child care service and families are eligible for the Government's Child Care Benefit to subsidize fees. Please drop in at the ground floor of the main school Administration Building to check out the service or talk to our Coordinator Jenny Burrows. Look what we've got going on this term.

### **TERM 1 ACTIVITIES**

Afternoon activities this term are as follows:

**MONDAYS – MARTIAL ARTS** with Deryk and Andy. Very popular.

**TUESDAYS – FUN AND GAMES** Different activities each week, incl. basketball, soccer, poison ball, board games and much more.

**WEDNESDAYS – SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY** – Jenny teaches swimming, water safety and stroke correction at Horderns Beach.

**THURSDAYS – TENNIS** with professional tennis coach Jenny.

**FRIDAYS - ART AND CRAFT** Painting, clay, drawing, collage, chalk – all those messy things you're glad they do at school!

For bookings or information, phone 9527 6440 (leave a message if outside BASC hours and we'll call you back) or at the BASC room during operating hours. Please note that all casual bookings **must** be confirmed by a staff member prior to the session you wish your child to attend.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

We have quite a lot of overdue fees from last year, these need to be finalized as we need to have all monies paid to keep our centre going.

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FOR SALE**

1 size 8 GIRL GUIDES UNIFORM in excellent condition:

Consists of 1 pair of navy culottes

1 Blouse

1 Polo T-shirt

1 Hat

1 Scarf

1 Sash

1 Bag

1 Folder

\$50.00 for the lot. Please call Jane 9544 1001