



# Crown Street Chronicle

Term 1

Week 5

Wednesday 22 February 2017

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## CALENDAR

### Term One

Wednesday	22 February	District Swimming Carnival 5pm Welcome BBQ
Friday	24 February	9:00am Arabic Playgroup
Wednesday	1 March	2:10pm Assembly – 4/5M Item and SRC & Sporting Captain Induction 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Planning Meeting
Thursday	2 March	6pm Green Team Meeting in staffroom 7pm P & C Meeting in staffroom
Thursday	9 March	Selective High School Placement Test
Friday	10 March	9:00am Arabic Playgroup
Sunday	12 March	9:00am – 12:00pm Working Bee
Monday - Thursday	13-16 March	Life Education visits
Friday	17 March	Camp Night Out
Wednesday	22 March	3:45pm Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting in our school hall
Friday	24 March	9:00am Arabic Playgroup Mufti Day for our Easter Raffle
Wednesday	29 March	2:10pm Assembly – 3/4H Item
Thursday	6 April	Easter Raffle Draw 6pm Green Team Meeting in staffroom 7pm P & C Meeting in staffroom
Friday	7 April	9:00am Arabic Playgroup

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Assembly

Next Wednesday 1 March, our school will be holding our first assembly for 2017. Our assembly leaders will be Mali and Thomas from 5/6H. At this assembly, 4/5M will be performing an item and there will also be an induction for our 2017 Student Representative Council members and Sports Captains.

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Congratulations to our Student Representative Council for 2017.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Students</b>
1/2M	Xavier J Noura A
1/2SL	Beshr A Cassidy P
1/2T	Harry W Rafah A
3/4B	Kaia T Levi B
3/4H	Emily H Abigail R
4/5M	Bella L Yasmin R
5/6H	Jake M Maryam S
5/6K	Jassmin S Jonathan C

Congratulations to our Sporting Captains for 2017.

<b>House</b>	<b>Students</b>
Booroo	<b>Captains:</b> Emily H & Luis V <b>Vice Captains:</b> Alex S & Nader A
Narara	<b>Captains:</b> Lucas W & Siya M <b>Vice Captains:</b> Jake M & Samantha C
Dinewan	<b>Captains:</b> Win T & Sam S <b>Vice Captains:</b> Llewellyn C & Cayden W

### **Our School Website**

Our school website is updated each week. Please take the time to visit our website regularly to stay updated with news, photographs and other important information.

### **Student Leadership Meeting**

Yesterday, Mrs Kandilas and I met with our Captains and Vice Captains for 2017 to discuss our vision for the school and directions that our student body would like to see the school take. Many fabulous ideas were discussed and plans are already underway. Our school is so lucky to have such committed and dedicated student leaders displaying such fine initiative.

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### **BBQ at Bunnings**

Thank you very much to all of our hard-working parents and carers who assisted our school by working at the BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 12 February. The P & C has raised some much needed to funds, all of which will be used to support the wonderful learning occurring at our school each and every day. Thank you P & C.



### **BYOD Program**

Due to the success of our BYOD program in our Stage 3 classrooms, the program is now being extended to enable our Stage 2 children to also participate. This program is optional, and no child's learning will be disadvantaged by not participating in this program. Our BYOD policy and contract is being sent home with all of our Stage 2 children today, and is also able to be viewed on our school website. No child is able to bring a device to school until a signed contract is returned. Please see Miss Whittaker for information regarding device capabilities.

### **Book Packs 2017**

A note was sent home last week detailing payments required for Book Packs for 2017. The cost of the packs are:

Kindergarten	\$11
Year 1	\$17
Year 2	\$11
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	\$10

Parents/carers are asked to make these payments as soon as possible, either online or through our office. These book packs are essential in supporting the learning occurring in your child's classroom.

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## Our EAL/D Program

This term, our program that caters for students who are learning English as an additional language/dialect is being led by Miss Beth Hadley and Mrs Catherine Sharp. The children are thoroughly enjoying the fun and innovative way in which they are learning, in a supportive and warm manner. It is wonderful to see all of our children accessing an inspiring and engaging curriculum.



## Administration Changes

Over the past week, both Mrs Gregory and Mrs Trigg have needed to take some leave. I extend my sincerest gratitude to the entire Wollongong West community for your patience and understanding while the usual smooth flowing procedures in the office have been disrupted. Thank you to Mrs Michelle Jolly who has performed an amazing job relieving in our administration area during this time.

## Teachers Are Learners Too

This fortnight, teachers have undertaken many exciting opportunities for professional learning:

- Mrs Gregory and I attended a budgeting workshop to finalise our 2017 school budget.
- Teachers met in teams to collaboratively plan Term 1 teaching and learning programs.
- Miss Whitaker and our IT Team led professional learning in using technology in the classroom.
- Mrs Farmer, Mrs Degotardi and Mrs Pezzutto participated in learning to better understand children's early literacy acquisition.
- Our school executive and lead teachers met to discuss our school plan and evaluation processes for 2017.

I look forward to seeing many families this afternoon at our Welcome BBQ commencing at 5pm.

Warm regards,  
Michelle Barnes  
Principal (relieving)

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Art Classes

Art classes for students in Years 2-6 are once again being offered this year. The classes will be held each Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtime. A qualified art teacher, Violetta Strabic, will run the classes. There is a cost of \$8 per lesson. A note was sent home last week detailing the relevant information. Please contact Mrs Swainson for further details - [kylie.swainson1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kylie.swainson1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Mrs Kylie Swainson  
Art Co-ordinator

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## **Canteen**

Our school canteen, under new management in 2017, is providing delicious and nutritious food for our children each day. A new menu has commenced this week. Please visit our website to view the updated menu. Please remember to place lunch orders at the canteen before school each day. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer parents who are assisting Mel in the canteen.

## **P & C NEWS**

Thank you to all the volunteers (parents & teachers) for helping at the Bunnings BBQ, we all had a great day!

We would also like to thank the parents that attended the first Halloween Carnival Meeting. We are preparing the first newsletter and this will be sent home with students soon.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Wednesday 22 February from 5pm – P&C Welcome BBQ**

The P&C are holding a free sausage sizzle to welcome all the new families to the school, we hope that you have returned your note to the office if you are attending. Bring a share plate if you wish!

#### **Wednesday, 1 March - 90th Celebration Planning Meeting for our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

There will be a meeting for the 90th Anniversary celebration planning outside of the hall after school. If you would like to be a part of the planning process but are unable to attend, please send your details to [wollongongwestpac@gmail.com](mailto:wollongongwestpac@gmail.com) and we will update you about what was decided at this meeting and keep you informed for future meetings.

#### **Thursday 2 March from 6-7pm – Garden Club Meeting**

Held in the Teachers Staffroom, all welcome to join us.

#### **Thursday 2 March from 7pm – P&C Meeting**

Held in the Teachers Staffroom, all welcome to join us. We will have a couple of Executive Committee positions on the P&C becoming available, Treasurer & Secretary. The Executive Committee positions will be voted on at the April meeting, so if you interested in any of the positions we encourage you to attend the March meeting.

#### **Sunday 12 March from 9am-12pm – Working Bee**

Activities will include planting the Crown Street Embankment area

#### **Friday 17 March – Camp Night Out**

Get your camping gear ready! This is such a great community event, and everyone really enjoyed it last year. Further details will be provided soon.

#### **Friday 24 March – Mufti Day for Easter Raffle**

Mufti day for the kids to bring in Easter items for the raffle

#### **Thursday 6 April – Easter Raffle Draw**

Good luck!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Halloween Carnival**

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