

# News & Views

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future



3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 Term 4 Week 9

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## For The Calendar...

### Next Week

- Mon. 06 Dec Year 6 Activities Week commences
- Mon. 06 Dec Infants Town Library visit
- Wed. 08 Dec Year 6 Fete (New date)

### Coming Up

- Mon. 13 Dec Year 6 Graduation and Award Ceremony
- Tue. 14 Dec Infants Movie Day
- Wed. 15 Dec School Colour Fun Run
- Thur. 16 Dec Last Day of School for Students

### 2022

- Fri. 28 Jan Staff Development Day
- Mon. 31 Jan Staff Development Day
- Tue. 01 Feb Years 1 – 6 return for Term 1, 2022
- Tue. 01 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
- Wed. 02 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
- Thur. 03 Feb Kindergarten commences 2022
- Thur. 03 Feb Tea and Tissues for Kindergarten parents



Only 22 more sleeps until  
Christmas!

## Spotted...

- Dorothy for her lovely hand made card.
- Benji and Aria for helping Mr Whitt clean up some small branches.
- Laura, Zoe and Ava for always being so helpful.
- Ada, Shae and Louise for helping to create a beautiful backdrop for our Presentation Day photos.
- Chelsea, Mackenzie, Georgina, Willow, Darci B and Danica spreading Christmas cheer in the playground.
- Koa and Alexis for ensuring our classroom is kept clean and tidy.
- Ryann for being a wonderful role model to younger students.
- Briah for sharing her pen pal letters with Miss Miners.
- All CPS students for doing an amazing job when filming the end of year dance!
- Levi W for having a positive attitude when faced with a challenge.
- Bronte for always listening in rehearsals.
- Billi for outstanding dancing in the infants assembly item practice.
- Poppy, Nina and Annabelle for helping sort through things for the Year 6 fete.
- George, David, Liam, Alex, Jet and Angus for helping load the Colour Run prizes into Mrs Whitt's car.
- Darci asking interesting questions during Kindy news.
- Poppy D for being a wonderful leader in the Infants Presentation Day dance.
- Oscar for maturity when taking on advice from Mrs Hayes.
- Ryann for patiently supporting a new Kindy student in the playground.
- Kody for resilience.
- Tully, Sam F, Michael, Montanna and Addie for their lovely compliments and thoughtfulness.
- Brax for offering and helping Mr Whitt with setting out some chairs.



## In the Classroom – Stage 2 & 3

Students across Stage 2 and 3 have been participating in 'Let's be water Safe' lessons. As we are faced with limited swimming options and increased flooding dangers, our students are learning about the safety measures required to keep themselves and their families safe as we approach summer.

At a time when student access to learn to swim lessons has been restricted, it is imperative that our students learn key water safety measures to support their safety in, around and on water. A series of learning sequences with engaging animations has been created to support schools in delivering multiple water safety messages. These messages teach students how to behave in aquatic environments and be responsible in, on and around water.

The units of learning address five key water safety messages for each of the three stages. The five topics addressed throughout the units of learning, animations and teaching resources are:

1. How to stay safe in and around water
2. Personal safety
3. Aquatic settings
4. Personal survival
5. Rescue safely



Kenzi and Charlotte share ideas on water safety.



Jim and Lucas enjoyed illustrating the key ideas to stay safe near water.



Students enjoyed watching the water safe videos.



Zoe, Ava and Laura enjoyed sharing their knowledge on water safety.

## Congratulations, Sonny!

Earlier in the year, some students took part in the District Cross Country Carnival in Goulburn. All of the competitors that represented Crookwell Public School did a fantastic job and should be very proud of their efforts. An extra congratulations goes to Sonny Woods, who was awarded the 10 Year Boys District Age Champion. It is an amazing achievement to be age champion of our PSSA district, 19 schools in total! Sonny was presented with his award in Goulburn this week. Congratulations, Sonny!



Sonny proudly wears his Crookwell/Goulburn District Age Champion medal for cross country.

## Library Book Muster!

Over the coming weeks, it would be much appreciated if students could return any borrowed library books to school to allow a complete stocktake of library resources to successfully occur before the end of term.

Thank you,  
Mrs Croke



## Pre-Christmas Spending Extravaganza

Save all your money in readiness for the biggest **Pre-Christmas Spending Extravaganza**...the Year 6 Fete on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Want to know what your future holds? Visit the **fortune tellers** for **\$1**. Feel like a sugar fix? Buy a **cake** or a piece of **slice** from **50c** each. Want to throw a **wet sponge** at a Year 6 student for **\$1** a throw or three throws for **\$2**? Or maybe try your luck with a **footy throwing competition** for just **\$1 for 5 throws**. Feel like a make-over? Why not have your **nails, face** or **hair** done? – prices starting at a low **\$1**. Purchase your **Christmas presents** at the **White Elephant Stall** with prices starting at a low **50c** with nothing over **\$5**. Treat yourself to a **sausage sandwich** from the barbeque for **\$2** and while you are at it why not have a **drink** for **50c** or a **spider** for **\$1.50** or even an **ice cream** for **\$1**. Finally **The Haunted House** will send your heart rate sky rocketing for only **\$1!**

## Year 6 Fete - Wednesday 8th December

Fortune telling .....	\$1
Cakes/slice .....	50c - \$1.50
Hair stylist.....	\$1 - \$2
Face painting.....	\$1 - \$2
White Elephant .....	50c - \$5
Wet sponge .....	\$1 per throw or three for \$2
Sausage sandwich .....	\$2
Drinks/spiders.....	50c & \$1.50
Ice creams.....	\$1
Nails, and make-up.....	\$1 - \$2
Footy Throw.....	\$1 for 5 throws
Fitness/Obstacle Course .....	\$1
Haunted House.....	\$1
Staff baby guessing competition....	\$50c



## School Colour Fun Run

Congratulations to all students and families who contributed to fundraising for our School Colour Run. An incredible \$18,000 was raised which will be put towards a shade structure over the Kindergarten deck area. Students who ordered prizes will receive them on the day of the colour run.

The school Colour Fun Run will be held in Week 11, on Wednesday 15th December at Crookwell Public School. Students will be required to wear a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and joggers to school for the fun run. (Please note that some of the colour powder may not wash out of the clothes).

Students will need sunscreen, bottle of water and a hat. Students that catch the bus will also need to bring a clean change of clothes to wear home on the bus. We will be having a BBQ lunch on the day.

Students will be able to purchase single sausage sandwiches for \$2.00, poppers for \$1.00 and Zooper Doopers for 50 cents. Students should bring their own lunch if they do not wish to purchase from the BBQ.

If you do not wish for your child/ren to participate in the Colour Fun Run on Wednesday 15th December please contact the school on 48321213.

Thank you,  
Mrs Whittington

## Stage 3 STEM

On Wednesday Crookwell High School students joined our Stage 3 students for another day of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities. Students once again fired rockets, examining aerodynamics through design, built robotic hands, build shelters and made adaptations to survive the battle dome. Team building and problem solving skills were important skills that our students were developing through this incredibly fun experience.



Alyssa and Codie were proud of their survival shelters.



The battle for the best adapted Bot is on!



Evelyn, Poppy and Nina show off their robotic hands.



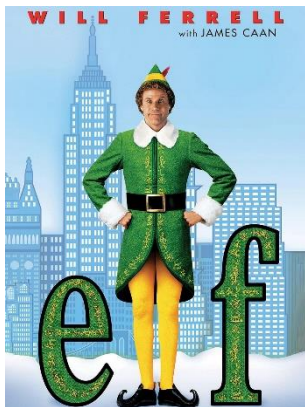
Students were all smiles as they utilised the Mini Spheros in the Battle Dome.



Past CPS student Florence assisted Naomi and Montana in the construction of their shelter.

## Year 6 Movie Day

As part of our Week 10 Activities Week, Year 6 will be having a pyjama and movie day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The movies we will be choosing from to watch are 'Jumanji, Welcome to the Jungle' (rated PG) and 'Elf' (rated G). If you do not wish for your child to watch these movies, please contact Mrs Whittington on 48 321 213.



## 2021 Semester 2 Reports – An Explanation

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December reports will be sent home for each student. Our reports must adhere to departmental guidelines in many respects.

One of the main focuses for our staff is to ensure consistency with our assessing and reporting. Our teachers have spent many sessions working together to analyse student work samples and evaluate the levels of achievement. Students are tracked on syllabus outcomes in order to identify where each child sits at this point in time for the grade expectations. These identify what the expected outcomes are for students by the end of the semester. Teachers can then determine the level of achievement for every student.

### OVERALL LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

#### Kindergarten – Year 6 reports:

The Department of Education mandates that all student reports are to use a standard achievement rating scale. Below is our interpretation and how we will report to our families:

#### Outstanding Achievement

For a student to attain **Outstanding** they would have an **extensive** knowledge and understanding of the content and readily be able to apply this to other areas. They would be working on an individualised or adjusted learning program and be achieving **well beyond stage level** (i.e. if in Year 2 they would be working at and achieving at Year 4 or higher).

#### High Achievement

For a student to attain **High** they would have a **thorough** knowledge and understanding of content. The student would be working at and achieving **above grade level** (i.e. if in Year 2 they would be working at and achieving at Year 3 level).

#### Sound Achievement

Students achieving **Sound** are working at achieving at their appropriate **grade level** (i.e. if in Year 2 they are working at and achieving at Year 2 level). It is the **expected** level of achievement according to the child's grade.

#### Basic Achievement

For a student to receive **Basic** they would have a **basic** knowledge of the content and be working at and achieving **below grade level** (i.e. if in Year 2 they would be working at and achieving a Year 1 level).

#### Limited Achievement

For a student to receive **Limited** they would have a **very limited** knowledge of content covered and be working at and achieving **well below grade level**, even at an earlier stage (i.e. if in Year 4 they would be working at and achieving at Year 2 or lower).

**Parents should note that a 'sound' grade is a good grade! It means that your child is working where they should be at this point in time.**

### EFFORT

All students will also receive an effort rating for each subject area. Effort reflects how well a student has tried, the persistence and determination to achieve at the best level of which they are capable. Effort will be rated as:

- 5 – Excellent
- 4 - Very Good
- 3 - Acceptable
- 2 - Needs Improving
- 1 - Little/No Effort

I trust that this has provided you with some explanation of what to expect when sharing reports with your children. Any parents wishing for further clarification are most welcome to contact the school.

## Class Merit Awards Term 4 Week 9

### Bilby

- Willow for beautiful colouring and attention to detail when making Christmas decorations for the trees in the main street.
- Bobby-Jay for his creative thinking about what Santa does when it is not Christmas.

### 1/2 Emu

- Laura for great listening during assembly item rehearsals.
- Jackson for his participation and encouragement of others in sport.

### 1/2 Kangaroo

- Olivia for her maturity and excellent listening skills.
- Isla for her engagement in numeracy groups.

### 1/2 Platypus

- Sam for confidently presenting his weekly news topics.
- Olivia for being a thoughtful, kind and helpful member of our class.

### 3/4 Echidna

- Charlotte for her enthusiasm and knowledge when discussing water safety.
- Noah for his positive attitude towards his learning.

### 3/4 Koala

- Alexis for her beautifully presented Christmas artworks
- Samuel for fantastic listening and discussion on water safety.

### 5/6 Ms Caffery

- Evelyn for thinking of others and being a kind and caring friend.
- Jack H for his ability to identify the beat when playing percussion instruments during music.

### 5/6 Mrs Whittington

- Erik for his increased confidence during Presentation Day rehearsals.
- Liam for a spectacular launch of his rocket during STEM activities.

### Year 5/6 Miss Kemp

- Montanna for her enthusiasm and contributions to team activities in STEM.
- Cooper for his contributions to discussions on water safety.

## Enrolling Now For 2022 – Online enrolment is available! Enrolment forms are due now.

If you know of families who will have children starting school at Crookwell Public in 2022 please encourage them to return their **Application for Enrolment Form** promptly. This will allow staffing arrangements for next year to be firmly in place by the commencement of the new academic year.

Families new to the school community are invited to contact the school on 48 321 213 to arrange an interview with Mr Whittington, meet the staff, tour the school and receive a Crookwell Public School Information package.

**Thank you to the families who have already completed and submitted their child's application to enrol.**

## Infants Movie, Pizza and Popcorn Day

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be celebrating the end of year by attending our in-school Movie, Pizza and Popcorn Day. We will hold our infants incursion on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Students are invited to wear a Christmas themed outfit on the day.

All students will be presented with their end of year school portfolio and a secret treat from some elves, followed by a movie and popcorn. For lunch our pizzas will be freshly made by the Crookwell Criterion Hotel. **Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Government restrictions that are in place, parents will not be able to attend our assembly.**

We are only accepting pre orders for the pizza and popcorn. Please fill in a separate order form for each child and return it with payment to your child's teacher before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Cash only please, unfortunately we cannot accept online payments).



Infants Pizza and Popcorn order		Infants Pizza and Popcorn order	
Student Name:		Student Name:	
Class:		Class:	
One Pizza slice @ \$2.00  (Please tick which topping)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Meatlovers	One Pizza slice @ \$2.00  (Please tick which topping)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Meatlovers
Two Pizza slices @ \$4.00  (Please tick which topping, note if you tick one topping, they will receive two slices of that topping)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Meatlovers	Two Pizza slices @ \$4.00  (Please tick which topping, note if you tick one topping, they will receive two slices of that topping)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Meatlovers
Popcorn @ \$1.00 each	<input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn	Popcorn @ \$1.00 each	<input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn
Total Cost		Total Cost	

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

## Year 3, 4 and 5 Movie, Hot Chips and Popcorn Day

Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be celebrating the end of year by attending our in-school Movie, Hot Chips and Popcorn Day. We will hold our incursion on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Students are invited to wear a Christmas themed outfit on the day.

For lunch, our hot chips will be freshly made by Paul's Café in Crookwell.

The total cost for the day will be \$2.00 which will cover the hot chips and popcorn. We are only accepting pre-payment for the hot chips and popcorn. Please return payment to Mrs Stepien before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (Cash only please, unfortunately we cannot accept online payments).

If your child does not like hot chips please bring a packed lunch.

On the day, we will be watching a PG rated movie. If you do not wish for your child to view the movie, please contact Mrs Stepien or Miss Miners.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

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### **Years 3, 4 and 5 Movie Day**

Please find enclosed \$2.00 each for my child/children:

\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

to have hot chips and popcorn during the Year 3, 4 and 5 movie day.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **K-2 Town library visit**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking down the street to the town library to listen to a story and participate in making some Christmas art with Susan, the town librarian. Students will be accompanied by their class teachers and walking to and from the library to join in the 45 minute session to complete the activity.

There is no cost for the visit and students will not need to bring anything extra to school. If you wish for your child(ren) to be involved in this mini excursion, please fill in the permission note below and return it to the school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you,  
Infants Teachers

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### **K-2 Town library visit**

I give permission for my child,

\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

child,

\_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

to walk to the town library with their class teachers on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, to participate in a Christmas activity. There is no cost for this excursion.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Yours in Public Education,*

*Michael Whittington*

**Principal**

*Kirstie O'Neill*

**Assistant Principal**

*Lauren Caffery*

**Relieving Assistant Principal**

### **P&C News**

#### **Food for Thought Canteen**

**Canteen Volunteers  
Needed For 2022!**

**To keep the canteen open in 2022 we desperately need more parent volunteers!**

We understand a lot of parents work or have younger children and we will try to be flexible as any help, even if only one day a term, will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about what you can do to help, please contact the school on 48321213 or a member of the canteen committee on 0421 844 106. A lot can happen between now and next year so we will follow up when school starts back to see who is still available and interested in helping.

For new parents, we always partner you up with another parent who has previously helped in the canteen and we always try to make everything as easy as possible. Most of the food is prepared and just needs to be reheated, with salads, sandwiches/wraps made fresh on the day. Canteen volunteers also take recess and lunch orders and serve students.

Make sure you join the "Crookwell Public School Canteen-Food For Thought" Facebook group to stay up to date with all canteen news.

Thank you canteen volunteers for your time and care for the students of Crookwell Public School, we really appreciate it.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with you in 2022!

### **Community Announcements**

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#### **Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre – Playgroup**

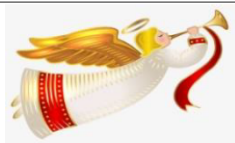
We apologise for any inconvenience; however, Crookwell and Binda playgroup sessions will not operate until further notice. Any enquiries please direct them to our office on 02 48 321 953.

# Crookwell Junior Soccer



**2021 Participation Trophies  
Saturday December 4th  
Collect from the soccer  
canteen between 10am - 12pm**

*Please return your playing  
shirt if you haven't already*



**LAGGAN CHRISTMAS MARKET is  
ON at the LAGGAN MEMORIAL HALL  
and SURROUNDS  
SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER 9-1**

Lots of stalls for those last minute gifts,  
stocking fillers, Christmas feasting or  
just because. And that's not to mention  
the raffle and garage sale and more.

*See you there*