

# News & Views

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



19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 Term 1 Week 4



For The Calendar...



Spotted...

## Next Week

Fri. 26 Feb District Swimming Carnival ~ Goulburn

## Coming up

Wed. 03 Mar School Photograph Day

Fri. 05 Mar Clean Up Australia Day

Mon. 08 Mar P&C AGM @ 5pm – General meeting to follow

Wed. 10 Mar Hockey Gala Day @ Goulburn

Thur. 11 Mar Year 5 Canberra Excursion

Thur. 11 Mar Year 6 Peer Support Training

Fri. 12 Mar Year 5 Canberra Excursion

Fri. 12 Mar Year 6 Peer Support Training

Fri. 19 Mar Year 3/4 Assembly Item

Fri. 26 Mar Year 5/6 Assembly Item

Tue. 30 Mar Infants Easter Hat Making

Thur. 01 Apr Infants Easter Hat Parade

## Emergency Evacuation Note

In case of a situation such as heavy snowfall or flooding, bus companies will contact Police and all agree to collect students from schools early before roads are closed. It is important we have up to date Emergency Evacuation information from parents/carers so your child/children are safe during these times.

Please return the note attached to the back of the News and Views to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Please note: COVID restrictions in NSW Public Schools to protect the health and safety of students, staff and visitors are still in place. Thank you for your support and understanding.**

- Jack F for being very responsible and mature.
- Samuel S and Caden for always having a wonderfully cheerful personality.
- Indy F, Emma and Ivy for helping to keep our playground safe.
- Year 6 hall committee for their help setting up for the Prefect Induction Ceremony.
- Sam F and Tully for helping Mrs Whittington.
- Jordan for his effort he puts into the morning run every day. Well done!
- Sam S for being a responsible and caring leader during sport.
- Carson for returning a piece of sports equipment he found in the playground.
- Miss Picker for running great activities with the parachute for infant's sport.
- Ollie for making sensible choices in the playground.
- Brax for being organised.
- Harry G for his incredible improvement in his reading.
- Jacob for his lovely morning greetings while on the run.
- Ginny for sharing wonderful news with 1/2 Platypus.
- Jack F for great progress in reading this week.
- Jack B for happily engaging in all school activities with a positive attitude.
- Bodi for helping an injured friend in the playground.
- Oscar and Darcy C for making cards and decorations at home as little gifts for Mrs Hayes, thank you.
- Alyssa and Ruby for handing in lost property.



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## Prefect Induction

On Monday 15th February 2021, a ceremony to induct the four prefects, who were elected to this leadership position by the students and staff of Crookwell Public School, was held in the school hall. At this very special assembly, attended by the Honourable Wendy Tuckerman, the Member for Goulburn and school patron, parents, students and staff, the prefects were presented with their prefect badges and recited the prefect pledge to demonstrate their commitment to their position of leadership.

They each clearly understand the role of prefect and the responsibilities attached to this role, and will undoubtedly do their very best to maintain the highest of standards, bringing credit to themselves, their family and Crookwell Public School.

Congratulations, Anthony, Erik, Evelyn and Tegan, Crookwell Public School's Prefects of 2021!



Liddy and Matt Skelly with their son, Erik.



Evelyn Dark, Tegan Allport, Hon. Wendy Tuckerman, Erik Skelly and Anthony Barber.



Evelyn Dark, Tegan Allport, Mr Whittington, Erik Skelly and Anthony Barber.



Very proud parents, Paul and Leonie Allport with their daughter, Tegan.



Anthony with his parents Gareth and Amy Barber.



Evelyn Dark with her parents, Michael and Rebecca Dark.



Our prefects of 2021!



## Term 1 Class Captains, Forum representatives and Sports Leaders

During last week's school assembly, Term 1 leadership badges were presented to recipients. Year 6 Sports House Captains and Vice-Captains were excited for the upcoming opportunities to lead their representative sports house, which was in action today at the school's swimming carnival. Forum representatives are looking forward to organising some fun social events throughout the year and the elected Term 1 Class Captains are already proving to be helpful, mature class leaders. We wish all school leaders the best for the duration of their leadership.

### Class Captains Term 1, 2021



Year 1/2 Kangaroo ~ Charles & Isla



Year 1/2 Emu ~ Jackson & Poppy



Year 1/2 Platypus ~ Isayah & Isabelle (absent)



Year 3/4 Echidna ~ Levi & Charli



Year 3/4 Koala ~ Ryann & Chelsea



Year 5/6 Magpie ~ Kade & Ben



Year 5/6 Kookaburra ~ Angus & Reagan



## Forum Members, 2021



## Sports Captains and Vice Captains



Bluegum House ~ Captains; Poppy & Jack, Vice-Captains; Nina & Joe



Wattle House ~ Captains; Crystal & Charlie, Vice-Captains; Naomi & Pat



Waratah House ~ Captains; Alex & Phoebe, Vice-Captains; Jet & Annabelle

## 'Meet and Greet' Afternoon

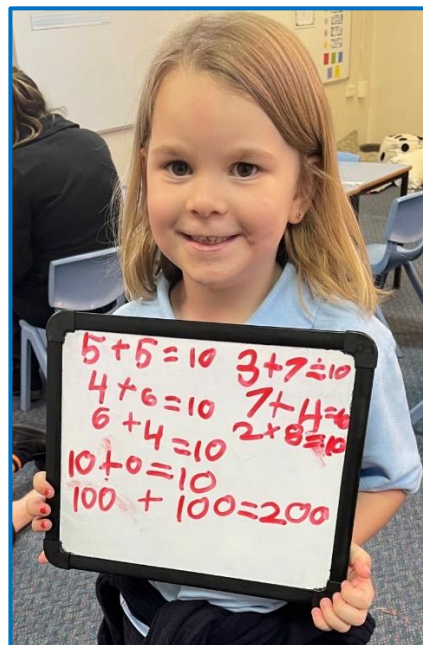
On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February we held our Meet & Greet afternoon which was an opportunity for teachers and parents to meet one another and exchange information that may enhance the quality of a child's educational experience at school. Thank you to the parents who attended, we hope you gained an insight in to how the school day is organised and enjoyed the opportunity to meet and speak with your child's class teacher.

## In the Classroom with 1/2 Emu

The students in 1/2 Emu have made a very settled and productive start to the 2021 school year. Their dedication and enthusiasm towards their learning has made Miss Picker's task all the more easier. Some of the learning tasks that they really enjoy are independent writing, maths and vocabulary work that improves their understanding of writing. They also love to hear one of their favourite picture books during modelled reading time.



Faith, Poppy and Eli finding nouns around the room.



Koa wrote addition number sentences in her maths group.



Laura, Jackson and Levi practise their independent writing.



## Please Make an Appointment

The strong, positive relationship that exists between the staff of Crookwell Public School and our school's families is appreciated and valued. The opportunity for parents and teachers to openly and honestly discuss aspects of a child's education is welcomed and of vital importance.

However, as teachers are extremely busy of a morning preparing for the day ahead and often have commitments after school, I urge parents to phone the school on 48321213 to make an appointment to meet with a teacher. This will ensure teachers can fully focus on the issue/concern raised by the parent and allow teachers to address commitments and preparations uninterrupted.

Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated.

## School Photographs - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March **The School Photographer** will visit the school to take class, individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school on that day looking especially clean, neat and tidy wearing full Crookwell Public School summer uniform. Remember jewellery is not permitted and girls can wear only **red** hair accessories. Please find attached The School Photographer envelope. **These must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office and will be kept separately.**



## Best Start Assessment Reports

Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten students took place at the beginning of the term. The Best Start Assessment screens children to identify the literacy and numeracy skills children bring to school. Reports have been sent home this week with the 'News and Views'. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's Best Start report please make an appointment to speak with the Kindergarten teachers by phoning the school office on 48 321 213.

Thank you  
Mrs Margi Hayes and Miss Kirstie O'Neill

## Hockey Gala Day

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March students who have nominated for the school hockey teams will be travelling to Goulburn to participate in the NSW Hockey Gala Day. This day is designed to be a fun and inclusive day for students, and to share and refine our hockey skills. Students will receive individual notes that will need to be returned to school before they are able to attend. Students will need to make arrangements for their own transport to and from the Goulburn Hockey Complex.

## Literacy Groups – Stage 3

During Term 1 Stage 3 literacy groups have been reading class novels. Miss Kemp's literacy class has been reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis. As students read the novel they will be looking at how this is portrayed through visual images as well as through text, and will be watching the movie during class. The movie is rated **PG** and if you do not wish for your child to view the movie please contact the school to notify Miss Kemp.  
Miss Kemp



## Stage 2 Child Protection lessons

This term Year 3 and 4 will be participating in mandatory Child Protection lessons in their Personal Development and Health lessons. The topics include recognising and responding to unsafe situations, establishing and maintaining safe and respectful relationships and protection strategies such as No, Go, Tell. These topics can be sensitive and challenging but are crucial in protecting our young people.

Your child/ren may come home and want to discuss these topics with you further. If you require further information about these topics please arrange a time to speak with Miss Miners or Mr Whittington by phoning the school on 48 321 213.

## Crookwell Public School App

Did you know that Crookwell Public School has a school app? This app is designed to keep our parents and wider school community informed of what is happening and coming up in our school. The app is very easy to install and use. You can use the app to view our contact details, the weekly News & Views, upcoming events and performances and canteen news.

You can also complete absentee forms if your child is away and in the near future you will be able to make payments to the school through the app.

Please follow these steps to install and start using the app:

1. Download the 'Skoolbag' app from the Apple or Google Play app store.
2. Follow the prompts to create your own account.
3. Type Crookwell Public School and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add school.
4. Ensure you allow Skoolbag to send you push notifications when prompted.
5. In the 'Groups' category please make sure you subscribe to relevant year or sport groups for your child/ren so you receive all notifications.



## Selecting a Scripture or Ethics Group

*Please read the information below as an outline of each scripture group to help you make your decision.*

**Catholic:** Catholic scripture classes are religious and are available for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Classes are taught by representatives from the local Catholic churches (including St. Mary's). Lessons are religious and values based.

**Ethics:** Ethics classes are a non-religious option for students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Ethics classes involve lessons based on values and building positive relationships with others.

### Non Participation in Ethics and Scripture classes:

Students who attend non-scripture classes will not be taught however they will be supervised by a staff member. Students will have the opportunity to access technology, books and writing materials during this time.

*Please make an informed choice when selecting the most appropriate option for your child. If you would like more information please speak to the Principal, Mr Michael Whittington, by phoning the school office on 48 321 213.*

## Ethics or Scripture Classes or Neither?

Each Thursday morning, trained members of our community visit the school to lead 30 minute scripture and ethics classes. Students, with parental consent, may participate in either ethics or scripture classes. Children of parents who do

not wish for them to participate in either of these classes will be supervised by a member of Crookwell Public School's staff.

To ensure students participate in classes according to their parents' wishes, please complete and return the attached table by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**.

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### Ethics or Scripture Classes or Neither?

Class	Student Names
Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Non-participation	
Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Catholic	
Years 3/4 Ethics	
Years 5/6 Ethics	
Year 3/4/5/6 Catholic	
Year 3/4/5/6 Non participation	

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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### Clean Up Australia Day

It is hard to believe that this initiative began as the inspiration of one man, Ian Kiernan. An avid sailor, Ian was shocked and disgusted by the pollution and rubbish he continually encountered in the oceans of the world. Taking matters into his own hands, Ian organised a community event with the support of a committee of friends, including co-founder Kim McKay AO.

This simple idea ignited an enthusiasm and desire among the local community to get involved and make a difference. And surely if a capital city could be mobilised into action then so could the whole nation. And so it was that Clean Up Australia Day was born in 1990.

Crookwell Public School will participate in Schools Clean up Australia Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Students from Kindergarten will clean up the school playground, Year 1 and Year 2 students will clean the area immediately surrounding the school while students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will target an area further afield but still well within the Crookwell town boundary. Teachers and Support Officers will accompany and supervise the students in their quest to make a positive difference to our local environment.

To participate, students will need to wear their school uniform and school hat. We encourage students to wear sunscreen and bring gloves and a disposable bag in which to place collected rubbish. These smaller bags of rubbish will be deposited in larger bags that have been supplied by Clean-Up Australia.

We will make a real difference to our local community as we remove rubbish from our environment while participating in the nation's largest community based environmental event. Let's get busy to Clean-Up!

Please complete, detach and return the slip below by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.



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### Clean Up Australia Day

I give permission for my child /ren \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the School's Clean-Up Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. I understand my child/ren will need to wear school uniform, school hat and gloves to participate in this clean up event.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Peer Support Training & Year 6 Hall Sleepover

Peer Support Training for **all** students in Year 6 will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The program involves two days of leadership training for Year 6 Peer Leaders who will then work with small groups comprising of students from Kindergarten to Year 5.

The purpose of the Peer Support Program is to develop understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to help students in their Peer Support groups to:

- Enhance their self esteem
- Be more resilient
- Cope with their changing environment
- Foster positive relationships with others
- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community.

Year 10 students from Crookwell High School will assist with the training of Year 6 Peer Leaders. To celebrate the end of Peer Support Training and to enhance the skills learned over the two days, a 'school sleepover' will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. Peer Support training activities will continue on Friday evening and therefore we hope all Year 6 students will attend. Students will enjoy pizza for their evening meal and a light supper before bed. On Saturday morning, they will have breakfast before being collected by parents sometime between 8am and 9am. Casual clothes appropriate for group activities are to be worn to school on both training days. It is a Work, Health and Safety requirement that closed shoes be worn. On Thursday and Friday students will be required to bring with them:

- a pencil case containing their usual supply of pens and pencils
- a sun hat
- sunscreen
- lunch, recess and a water bottle

Students staying on Friday night will also require:

- a sleeping bag and pillow

- small camping mat if you feel the floor would be too hard to sleep on
- toothbrush and toothpaste, comb etc
- a small hand towel
- night attire
- warm clothes in case it turns cool in the evening

If your child needs to take medication either on Friday evening or on Saturday morning this must be given to Mrs Whittington on Friday morning. Please clearly label the medication with your child's name and the required dosage. If you would like your child to participate in this very valuable experience please complete the permission slip below and return it to school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Whittington

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### Peer Support Training

I give my permission for my son/daughter

..... to attend the Peer Support Training sessions on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

My child **will/will not** attend the Friday night sleepover. If my child attends the sleepover they will be collected from Crookwell Public School by

..... (please insert name of person picking your child up from the school on Saturday morning) between 8am and 9am.

Signed .....

Emergency Contact Number: .....

Date: .....

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### Class Merit Awards Term 1 Week 4

#### Bilby

- Odin for using number posters on the wall to help him recognise numbers in word form.
- Kody for great work identifying things that start with the sound 'b'.

#### 1/2 Emu

- Koa H for fantastic addition sentence writing.
- Leo for his enthusiasm towards independent sentence writing.

#### 1/2 Kangaroo

- Indi D for her thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
- Connor for his excellent expression when reading aloud.

#### 1/2 Platypus

- Halla for great improvement in reading.
- Charlie for being an exceptional sports leader.

#### 3/4 Echidna

- Jim for being an amazing role-model during literacy lessons.
- Alvin for helping his peers achieve their learning goals.

#### 3/4 Koala

- Alexis for projecting her voice when presenting her history research project.
- Ryann being a self-motivated learner.

#### 5/6 Ms Caffery

- Jack H for fantastic participation during history lessons.
- Shae for her dedication to completing spelling activities.

#### 5/6 Mrs Whittington

- David for his development of letter and sound knowledge in literacy groups.
- Montanna for her quick responses to maths questions.

### From Year 6 to Year 7

Information for students ***Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2021*** was attached to the *News and Views* in Week 2. Completed forms need to be returned to the Office of Crookwell Public School on or before **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**.

### Late arrival / Early departure

If your child arrives at school after school has commenced, leaves prior to school ending or leaves for a period during the school day, it is necessary to call at the school office and obtain a late arrival or early departure slip.

Your compliance will assist us to keep your child safe at school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

*Yours in Public Education,*

*Michael Whittington*  
Principal

*Kirstie O'Neill*  
Assistant Principal

*Jade Bell*  
Assistant Principal

*Lauren Caffery*  
Relieving Assistant Principal

### P&C News

#### Food for Thought Canteen

A Meet & Greet and cooking day will be held at the school canteen on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February for those who would like to come along. It will be a very informal affair to meet each other, have a chat and do some food preparation for the canteen as well.

If you would like to come along please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. Thank you.

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#### Meet & Greet and Cooking Afternoon

I ....., would like to attend the Meet & Greet and Cooking Afternoon on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Ph: .....

Signed .....

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### Community Announcements .....



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**BE YOUR OWN HERO**

**WHEN:** 24/2/2021 - 31/3/2021  
**TIME:** Wednesday & Wednesday 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

**LENGTH:** 6 weeks  
**AGE:** 5-12 Years  
**COST:** \$79

**WHERE:** Crookwell Memorial Oval  
Robertson Street  
Crookwell  
NSW 2583

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**SYDNEY THUNDER**

**COMMUNITY CRICKET**

**Crookwell POP UP BLAST**

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**BBBL** **WBL** **mazda** **HOME WORLD** **play cricket** **SYDNEY THUNDER**



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Woolworths Cricket Blast teaches girls & boys new skills in a Big Bash League Inspired environment!

**WHAT IS IT?**

- An Entry Level Cricket Program for 5-10 year olds!
- Emphasis on fun and participation inspired by the W/BBL
- Action packed sessions developing batting, bowling and fielding skills

**THE COACHES**

- The Coaches will be enthusiastic Crookwell Junior Cricket Club volunteers.

**WHAT TO BRING**

- Hat, water bottle, snack & sunscreen
- All cricket equipment will be provided

**CRICKET BLAST PACK**

- Each participant will receive a Cricket Blast Pack with a ball, water bottle and drawstring bag

**WHEN**

- Wednesday 17 February 2021 @ 430pm to 6pm for 4 Weeks

**WHERE**

- Clifton Park, Crookwell

**HOW MUCH?**

- \$30

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

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**OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM**

**Woolworths CRICKET BLAST**

## KAOS (Kids Acting On Stage)

We are having a muster on Monday 15th Feb and Wed 17th Feb at the Crookwell Memorial Hall at 6pm.

You do not have to come both nights and this is to gauge interest and allow the Director to choose a play.

Lots of fun ensured

Hope to see you at the musters!

Any info needed call Rob on 0432 343 966