

Crookwell Public School

# News & Views

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



12<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 Term 1 Week 11

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## For The Calendar...

### Next Term

Thur. 25 Apr	Anzac Day March @ 10:30am (RSL)
Mon. 29 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tue. 30 Apr	Students return for Term 2
Wed. 01 May	CPS Education Expo
Thu. 02 May	Cross Country Carnival
Fri. 03 May	South Coast Rugby League trials
Tue. 07 May	PSSA Soccer Knockout @ Goulburn
Thu. 09 May	PSSA Touch Football Knockout @ Goulburn
Fri. 10 May	Mothers' Day Stall
Wed. 22 May	Life Education Van visit
Thu. 23 May	Life Education Van visit
Fri. 24 May	Life Education Van visit
Fri. 05 Jul	Last day of Term 2

### Staffing Update

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Sandra Fisher is the successful candidate in the Expression of Interest process to replace Ms Karoline Rose. Mrs Fisher has been teaching in the Sydney area and most recently at Glenfield Public School, mainly as a Stage 3 teacher, for 25 years.

Mrs Fisher and her husband own a cattle property at Taralga and have been visiting the region for many years and are now making the move more permanent. Mrs Fisher will join Mrs Whittington and Mrs Atfield in Stage 3 as well as providing RFF for other staff from Day 1 of Term 2. Mrs Fisher brings a wealth of experience to the school, and I know she is really looking forward to joining us at Crookwell Public School.

## Spotted...

- Brooklyn for great work with number sentences.
- Ed for excellent umpiring skills.
- Nathan for thinking of ways to support teachers.
- Ofelia for not bothering about the small things.
- Frankie for always being ready to learn.
- Sammy for carefully tidying the bookshelf.
- Jack S for his enthusiastic contributions to class discussions on a wide range of topics.
- Rylan for loaning his spare hat to his Kindy friends.
- Bohdi for always offering his assistance to look after our classroom belongings.
- Max for his sensible choices in the playground.
- Eli for his effort during the morning run.
- Sophie M for her excellent work with fractions.
- Georgia E for increased confidence in contributing to whole class discussions.
- Ava S being a positive role model in group learning activities.
- Tyler K for his increased independence.
- Oscar M for quickly jumping in to clean up a spilt drink for a mate.
- Alfie for cooperative behaviour.
- Year 6 for their great performance at last week's assembly.

*A reader today, a leader tomorrow. Read, read, and read some more in the holidays!*



## Debating Workshop

On Monday, eight students from Crookwell Public School travelled to Bowral Public School to attend a debating workshop. The workshop provided students from eleven schools with all the tools they need to become successful debaters.

The students from Crookwell Public School conducted themselves brilliantly. They will compete in at least four debates throughout Term 2 and Term 3 as part of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Mr Harrop thanks our amazing parent drivers who devoted a day to drive the students to and from Bowral.



The girls were energised after their day at Bowral Public School.



The Crookwell Public School debating team demonstrated a crucial part of debating – teamwork.



The students were given the opportunity to have an informal mini-debate with invaluable feedback.

## The Great Crookwell Circus

Students, parents and staff were in for a treat last Friday when Year 6 performed their interpretation of a rather inept circus: The Great Crookwell Circus.

A cast including a not so brave lion tamer, a nervous tightrope walker, an incredibly strong weightlifter and a strong man, clumsy acrobats and synchronised marchers, incompetent clowns, an entertaining flea circus with escaping fleas, along with an elephant with questionable hygiene habits and its trainer were expertly presented by a somewhat baffled ringmaster. The audience were highly entertained and were kept laughing by the antics of the circus performers.

Once again, well done Year 6 on a delightful assembly item. Special mention must be made of the brave audience volunteers, in particular Mr Smoother, who added to the comic performance.



The cast of the somewhat inept Great Crookwell Circus.



The incredibly rare, expertly trained white elephant with questionable hygiene habits.

***The amazing Flying Start program begins Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 9:30am – 11:00am.***

***All children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2025 are welcome to attend.***

## Term 1 School Social

This term, our Forum members put their heads together and voted for our social theme, deciding on "coming dressed entirely as one colour". We had some very colourful students (and teachers!) turn up ready to dance and have fun!

It was a fantastic social and all students had a great time. Mrs Hayes and Miss Miners had some fun games ready to go. Thank you very much to Mrs Hayes and Miss Miners for running our first social of the year, it was awesome!



Scarlet, Olivia W and Poppy have a great time playing games at the social!



Elouise and Tenielle come dressed very brightly coloured!



Ed, Lucas, Tommy, Charles and Cailab enjoy a sausage sizzle before getting back on the dance floor!



Danika, Arlee and Darcy are very excited to win some of our lucky door prizes!

## Kindy are Flying High!

Our Kindy kids thoroughly enjoyed their first Jollybops Science Show, with lots of enthusiastic discussion when we returned to the classroom. To follow up on what the Professor and Rusty the Robot taught us about flight, we made paper planes and enjoyed exploring different ways to make them fly further, including using the direction of the wind and varying the angle to throw them. We also had fun experimenting with foam gliders which we discovered flew greater distances than our paper planes!



Penelope and Zahli decorate their paper planes.



Jimmy and Oscar are excited to be going outside to fly their planes.



Ready, set, go Aria!



Exploring the world of flight is awesome fun, just ask Roy and Davey!



Zack and Ava are ready for take off.

## Jollybops Science Show

Students learnt, in a very entertaining way, about the scientific principles behind some of the great inventions and environmental understandings of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples when the Professor and Rusty the Robot visited the school on Wednesday with their Jollybops Science Show. Concepts were presented with lots of sounds, smoke and searing heat. Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance which provided many opportunities for audience participation.



Georgie, Zach and Isla bravely help Rusty and the Professor with an experiment involving a lot of smoke and a couple of disposable cups!



Cristian and Indi help the Professor ignite a balloon filled with hydrogen while Rusty prepares for the resulting, extremely loud bang.



Georgie bravely lends a hand with applying the heat source to the gaseous fuel contained in a balloon.



Lachlan and Alexis are receiving instructions from Rusty the Robot in preparation for the next experiment.

## Anzac Day 2024

Anzac Day is Australia's most significant day of national commemoration. April 25<sup>th</sup> is the day we pause to remember and honour the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations. The students and staff of Crookwell Public School have been invited by Crookwell RSL Sub Branch to participate in the Anzac Day march and ceremony.

Participating students will need to wear full winter school uniform. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, at 10:30am, students and staff will assemble in the Goulburn Street car park, directly opposite the Crookwell RSL Services Club. At 10:45am they will march to Memorial Park, where the 11:00am service will be conducted. Participation in this important community event by your child would be greatly appreciated.

N.B. Prefects to meet Mrs Whittington at school at 10:15am.

## Grabben Gullen Anzac Day Service

The Grabben Gullen War Memorial Community have invited students to attend a commemorative Anzac Day service at Grabben Gullen. The service will start at 9:00am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, within the grounds of Grabben Gullen Community Hall.

The timing of this Anzac Day service will allow attendees to travel to the Anzac Day ceremony held in Crookwell later in the day. All students who live in the Grabben Gullen area are welcome to attend. The school will provide a wreath to be laid. Please let the school office know if your child/ren will be attending the Grabben Gullen service.



## Every day counts!

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



*How many days has your child missed this term?*

## CPS Primary Cross Country Carnival

The Crookwell Public School Cross Country Carnival is scheduled for **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, at Crookwell Showgrounds. The results from this carnival will determine our School Cross Country Champion and students who qualify for the District Cross Country Carnival.

All students from Year 3 to Year 6 will be participating on the day, (students from Year 2 are able to compete if they are turning 8 this year and can **run 2km**). Students are to come to school as normal and will walk to the show grounds at 10:00am.

The primary children will be split into their age groups and compete in their age specific event. 8/9 year olds run 2km, 10 year olds run 2km and 11/12 year olds run 3km. **All children are expected to wear sports uniform and will need:**

- Comfortable footwear they can run in
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bottle of water
- Warm clothing
- As you know this time of year can be unpredictable with weather, so please dress children appropriately as there is no protection from the weather if it turns nasty.

All students will have lunch when we return to school. Please return the permission note via School Bytes by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you,  
Mrs Whittington & Miss Miners  
Sports Coordinators

## 2024 & 2025 Enrolment Information Required

Shortly, the school will be required to lodge with the Department of Education its anticipated numbers for 2024 and 2025. It is very important that the anticipated numbers closely match the actual enrolment numbers. We require your help to ensure that next year we can again get off to a good start with classes formed and teachers available and ready to start teaching on day one.

Therefore, if you know of any child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten next year, or the following year, would you please contact the school office on 48 321 213.

Please include every eligible child you believe will be enrolling at Crookwell Public School even if you think that someone else may also include the child you are thinking of. We would prefer to have student names duplicated than omitted from the list.

This information will also prove very useful when sending invitations to the 'Flying Start' program which helps to determine a child's level of readiness for school and will operate throughout Terms 2 and 3 of this year.

## Zone Rugby Union Trials

On Wednesday, four of our primary boys participated in the Zone Rugby Union trials. Students from Crookwell, Yass, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, Wingecarribee and Snowy Mountains district attended these trials to aim for a place in the Tablelands Zone team.

Kai, Ed, Sam and Jack all played exceptionally well and should be proud of the way they represented themselves and Crookwell Public School. Congratulations to Kai, Ed and Jack for being selected in the Tablelands team. The boys will now attend the South Coast trials next term.

We wish you the best of luck, boys!



Kai, Ed, Sam and Jack enjoy the perfect playing conditions at the rugby union trials.

## Aurora College: Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2025

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2025, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at [education.nsw.gov.au/oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc)

The application website opens on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024** and closes on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. You must apply by the due date.

**Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE: [education.nsw.gov.au/oc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc)**

## Term 2 Sport- Gymnastics K-6

Mr Vaughn Edmonds will be returning to Crookwell Public School to continue to develop students' gymnastic abilities. The program will run in a similar fashion to previous years with Mr Edmonds working with the whole school in individual class blocks.

These sessions will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays for all students Kindergarten to Year 6. This program will begin in Week 2 of Term 2 and will continue for the duration of the term. The school will heavily subsidise this program, bringing the cost down to \$13.00 per student. This will cover your child for the entire program.

**Please note: Children are unable to attend this program until their permission note and money have been completed.**

## Happy Holidays

Today we commence our two-week autumn holiday. It is difficult to believe that already a quarter of the 2024 academic year has passed. Hopefully, the next two weeks will go a little slower, allowing students and staff, time to re-energise in readiness for Term 2.

While enjoying the break relaxing and spending time with family and friends, don't forget to set a little time aside every day for reading. Make reading fun and make it a priority. Reading is a necessary skill that with daily practise, develops into a very enjoyable and worthwhile pastime.

On behalf of the school staff, I wish you a happy holiday and look forward to seeing all students back at school refreshed and ready to start the new term on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**.

Thank you for your continued support of the school, its students and its staff. It is greatly appreciated.

Have a great holiday!

*Yours in Public Education,*

*Michael Whittington*  
**Principal**

*Jade Bell*  
**Assistant Principal**

*Sarah Whittington*  
**Assistant Principal**

*Erin Thorpe*  
**Relieving Assistant Principal**

*Kirstie O'Neill*  
**Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction**

## **P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in the school library. All welcome!

## **Mother's Day Stall**

Next term, the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, selling a wide selection of items that would make ideal gifts for mothers. The stall will be conducted in the school hall.

We welcome any parents who are able to assist in the running of the stall. Stall helpers will be required to run the stall in the school hall from 9am-11am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Additionally, we will be running a wrapping day in preparation for the stall, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 11:45am-1:15pm.

If you are able to assist with the running of the stall or with the wrapping day, please notify the school on 48 321 213.

Thank you!

## **Community Announcements**

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**Macca's Masterclass  
Holiday Clinic**

  **MONDAY**  
**15 APRIL 2024**  
5-12 YEAR-OLDS

The Canberra Raiders and the NRL Canberra development team are hosting our annual Maccas Masterclass Holiday Clinic on the first day of the holidays Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Registrations are still open and will close next Thursday. For more information go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/maccas-masterclass-holiday-clinic>



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ARE LOOKING  
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WHO WANT TO PLAY  
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Autumn Holiday  
Programs  
15-24 April  
Find out more at  
[www.humecon.nsw.edu.au](http://www.humecon.nsw.edu.au)



Monday 15  
to Friday 19  
April

## Autumn Maker Table

### Crookwell Library

Pop in to the Library and get busy making! We've got autumn themed crafts available, with a table for the older kids as well as a special table for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Ages: 2-12 years Cost: \$2

No bookings, just drop in  
Call 4832 1048 for more information



Play under lights every Friday night in Goulburn!

# PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Mixed aged groups from under 6 to under 12.

All skill levels welcome.

#### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS WELCOME

\$100 Annual Registration includes

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- Shorts
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## REGISTER FOR THE 2024 SEASON



[www.goulburnrugbyunion.com](http://www.goulburnrugbyunion.com)

*Fuzzy Pads Celebrating 25 years!*





# Youth Week

12-5pm  
Saturday  
20 April

## Youth Week Battle Royale

### Crookwell Library

It's D&D – battle royale style!  
Roll up your strongest level 20  
character and go head-to-head  
with other players to see who  
will be the ultimate victor. Prizes  
to be won, with a special prize  
for the best character cosplay!

Ages: 12-25 years Cost: Free

Bookings preferred, online at  
<https://tinyurl.com/ULSLYouthBattle>  
Call 4832 1048 for more information



11am-  
12pm  
Tuesday  
23 April

## Weave a Rainbow

### Crookwell

Brighten a dreary day with  
this school holiday craft!  
Loop and knot wool  
around the wooden frame  
to create a beautiful  
rainbow to hang at home.

Ages: 7-12 years Cost: \$5

Bookings essential, online at  
<https://tinyurl.com/ULSLRainbow>  
Call 4832 1048 for more information



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# Open Day & Education Expo

**WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY**

CPS welcomes current and prospective families and community members to visit our wonderful school!

- ✓ Student led School Tours  
12:00–1:00pm
  - ✓ Performances from GCOPS  
Choir & Dance groups at 1:00pm
  - ✓ Information stalls with free  
handouts, resources and staff  
available 1:00–5:00pm
- ★ Prizes to be won!

Come and see what we have to offer on:

Curriculum Sport STEM  
Creative & Performing Arts Technology  
Learning & Support: Speech Therapy &  
Occupational Therapy Environmental Ed  
Transition Programs: Kindergarten & Year 6  
Socially Inclusive Education  
Celebrations Leadership Extra-Curricular  
P&C Fundraising Community Events  
and much more!

Light refreshments provided!

## CONTACT US

☎ 0248 321 213

✉ [crookwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:crookwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

# Flying Start 2024

## CROOKWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL *invites...*

*Students, who will turn 5 years old by 31st July 2025 and are considering Kindergarten enrolment next year, to join us for a 'Flying Start'.*

### 2024 Flying Start Dates

9:30am - 11:00am, Every Monday for two terms

Term 2	Term 3
Monday 6th May	Monday 29th July
Monday 13th May	Monday 5th August
Monday 20th May	Monday 12th August
Monday 27th May	Monday 19th August
Monday 3rd June	Monday 26th August
Monday 10th June No Flying Start (King's Birthday)	Monday 2nd September
Monday 17th June	Monday 9th September
Monday 24th June	Monday 16th September
Monday 1st July	Monday 23rd September

All children and parents are welcome  
No pre-enrolment or fees



The highly successful Flying Start program is designed to create friendships, build confidence, extend social skills and develop academic competencies.

Come along to experience how Crookwell Public School can support you and your child with a positive foundation for their schooling.

Join us for an information session that addresses the benefits of the program and school readiness skills to be successful at school.

Information sessions will be held on **Wednesday 3rd April at 5:30pm** and **Monday 8th April at 10:30am.**

RSVP by phoning 0248321213.








### Enquiries...

Mr Michael Whittington, Principal  
0248321213






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Crookwell Combined OSHC Vacation Care Program  
Please call our office on 0248321953 or inbox our Facebook page to book.  
We offer childcare rebate to eligible families.

<p><b>Monday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p><b>Stem Challenge</b></p> <p>We are having a day at the centre completing a variety of different stem challenges.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p><b>Lego Day</b></p> <p>Come prepared for a day of building.</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p><b>Movies In Goulburn \$30</b></p> <p>Come along for a trip to Goulburn for a movie. Small popcorn and drink included in this price.</p> 	<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p><b>Water Play</b></p> <p>Bring your swimmers and towel for a day of water play at the centre.</p> 	<p><b>Friday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b></p> <p><b>Skate Park \$5</b></p> <p>Bring your bike/scooters along with your helmet We all have a sausage sizzle while we are there.</p> 
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Crookwell Combined OSHC Vacation Care Program  
Please call our office on 0248321953 or inbox our Facebook page to book.  
We offer childcare rebate to eligible families.

<p><b>Monday</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Messy Play</b> \$5</p> <p>Come dressed in your old clothes and prepare to get messy. Pack a spare set of clothes.</p> 	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Coleman Park</b></p> <p>We will walk to the park and have a picnic lunch (please pack your child food that doesn't need heating) while we are there.</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Goulburn Aquatic Centre</b> \$30</p> <p>Come along for a swim and some hot chips in the park afterwards. Pack your swimmers and a towel.</p> 	<p><b>Thursday</b> 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Closed</b></p> 	<p><b>Friday</b> 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Disco Party Day</b> \$5</p> <p>Come with your dancing shoes, we will have dance off and party food to celebrate our fantastic holidays.</p> 
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