



The Gum Tree Newsletter

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Dates For Your Diary

Mon 3 to Fri 7 May: SCHOOL REVIEW
Tue 18 May: 10-11:30am Parents & Carers
Morning Tea
Wed 19 May: National Simultaneous Story Day
Wed 26/Thu 27 May: Book Fair at Cranleigh
Mon 31 Apr: Healthy Heart Week



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

Welcome to a stunning start to Term 2. This time of year really does highlight the lush surrounds that we are so fortunate to have here in Canberra, and what an incredibly safe place to be living in during these difficult and ongoing times throughout the world.

We are currently racing full steam ahead in preparing for School Review in Week 3. We have an external review team joining us for 4 days. The purpose of the review is about teaching and learning and school improvement and how we have gone over the last 5 years against our strategic plan. It is an opportunity to reflect on current practices and progress made towards improving the quality of teaching and learning and subsequently, student learning and wellbeing outcomes. Staff, students, and parent representatives will be included in conversations throughout the week and the team will also have time to visit classrooms. We are looking forward to hearing from the team about our incredible school and how we can continue to improve in the future.

On another celebratory note, on behalf of the Cranleigh Community, we would like to congratulate Janine Burt on her appointment to Child Development Services and warmly welcome back Angela Owen.

Wishing you all a fabulous fortnight.

Kylie

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General Information and Reminders for Parents and Carers

- A reminder to all parents and carers that any phone calls to Cranleigh School should be made using the main school phone number, 61420444. Unfortunately, any phone messages left on Natalie's phone or email address are no longer accessible. Please email to info@cranleighps.act.edu.au, where your message will be received by the admin team for actioning. 
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please call Cranleigh directly on 61420444 so that the class role can be completed correctly. We also ask that messages are not sent through the bus drivers and attendants as the information can sometimes be missed.
- On Tuesday 18 May, 10-11:30am, a Parent and Carer's morning tea will be held at Cranleigh, with guest speakers from Feros Care and EACH. The topic being covered is "Preparing for NDIS Reviews" and they will be available to answer any questions you may have. We hope you can make this date. Call the front office to RSVP on 61420444. 

Reminder – COVID-19 protocols still in place for Term 2

A reminder that COVID-19 protocols are still in place in ACT public schools in Term 2. Following the school holidays, it is important that we remind staff and students that they should stay home if they are unwell and get tested.

[More information](#) about COVID-19 and school arrangements is on the Education Directorate's website.



K-2 Dinewan

Dinewan has had a busy start to Term 2! We are working hard on our communication skills and finding new ways to interact using PODD. We are forming friendships with our peers and we are starting to get used to the busy school routine. We are currently learning lots of interesting things about the Dinewan (Emu), using the information to share with others. We love dancing to songs on the interactive whiteboard and our favorite is 'Dinosaur Stomp'. Watch out Australia's Got Talent, Dinewan class might be gracing you with their talents soon!





MinNow MUSIC PROGRAM BABS & TOTS

MINNOWS MUSIC IS A FUN AND INCLUSIVE MUSIC GROUP THAT ENCOURAGES LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Who: From age 0-5 - kids of all abilities

When: Friday morning group at St Mary in the Valley Anglican Church 10.30am.

Minnows Music involves movement, singing, use of props, instruments and much more. This group is for children with special needs and their carers to connect through fun and interactive music and movement. Children in this program have opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, learn simple signs and use a communication board to choose songs and instruments.

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This group is for kids of all abilities. A Music group that is about are you and your child. We offer a beautiful, gentle, relaxing and nurturing environment that focuses on sharing a special time each week through music. This group provides you & your little one with the opportunity to try new activities together in a safe environment with our specially designed equipment to help your baby gain strength & confidence whilst having fun through Music.

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Minnow MUSIC PROGRAM KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Who: Preschool- kindy with special needs

When: Minnows starts 7th May 6 weeks at Malkara School 9.15-10am

Who: Year 1-6 kids with special needs and their siblings

When: Minnows primary starts 7th May at Malkara School 10.30-11.45

A parents says: *"Minnow Music it Great!*

It has helped us to getting to know local families who have kids who are facing similar issues to my kids as well as offers support to us parents.

Some of the best help I have received on my journey of raising a child with a disability has been from other parents. They have been honest about their situations. When families receive a

diagnoses it is helpful to speak to someone who has already been through it or going through it at the same time. Minnows Music has been a great peer support group where my child has fun and engages through music. Its vital to a have support groups for us parents to connect and have an out let. Giving opportunity to share resources and just relax and have fun. Come along and have fun together through Music!"

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BEND & STRETCH

Who: Kids aged 6-12 with special needs.

When: Bend and stretch starts 7th May at Malkara Gym at 12pm

Finding fitness activities for kids with special needs can be difficult. Every child has a unique diagnosis and her own challenges and preferences, but many struggle with participating in sports. Bend and stretch gives the opportunity for children of

all abilities to engage in structured physical play, developing their climbing, balance, agility and co-ordination skills. The group aims to challenge and further each child's individual and specific capabilities.

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Death Cap Mushroom

Amanita Phalloides

The Death Cap mushroom (*Amanita Phalloides*) is a deadly poisonous fungus. They often grow near established oak trees, and are found when there is warm, wet weather. In Canberra this usually occurs in autumn but there is no specific mushroom season. There have been multiple incidents and fatalities associated with Death Cap mushrooms.

It can be extremely difficult for even experienced collectors to distinguish Death Cap mushrooms from an edible mushroom. **People should not pick or eat wild mushrooms**, and should talk to their families, friends and neighbours about the dangers of Death Cap mushrooms. Cooking Death Cap mushrooms does not make them safe.

Symptoms

Symptoms of Death Cap mushroom poisoning generally occur 6–24 hours or more after ingestion of mushrooms and include stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Symptoms may subside for 1–2 days giving a false impression of recovery. However, by this stage the toxin will have already caused serious liver damage. Liver failure and death may occur.

Medical Treatment

Anyone who suspects that they might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department. Where possible take a whole mushroom sample for identification. The sooner the treatment begins, the better the chances of survival.

Further information and assistance if poisoning is suspected can be sought by calling the Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

For further information or to report the location of Death Cap mushrooms contact Access Canberra on **13 22 81**.



Do not pick or eat any wild mushrooms

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