



The Gum Tree Newsletter

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Dates For Your Diary

Fri 11 August: From 9:30am Photos & Prints Sale
Tue 15 August: 10:30am-12noon Parent/Carer
Morning Tea
Wed 16 August: 5:45pm School
Board Meeting



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to the Cranleigh School community. I am so pleased to be joining you all as we continue to *achieve potential together*.

As Principal at Cranleigh while Sam takes on the 8 week position of Director Student Engagement, I bring to you close to 24 years of specialist education in ACT school settings that has seen me move through classroom teacher, school leader, deputy and most recently principal at both Malkara Specialist School and then again at Hughes Primary School.

I have had a fabulous first week, getting to know the students, getting into classrooms, meeting staff and greeting families as they gather in our stunning new foyer! As Sam communicated to you in the last newsletter of last term, we have changed student pick up arrangements in the afternoon. Students now remain in their classrooms and then individual bus numbers are called. Staff then walk relevant students to the foyer and complete a hand-over to the bus staff. Students who are collected by parents/carers will be brought to the foyer at 2:45pm. Although there are still some teething problems the noise levels have certainly reduced and we feel more confident that students have a safer departure.

School upgrades continue this term with the completion of the Teacher Workroom and a much anticipated bell system will be introduced by Week 4. Many thanks to Brionie and Geoff who worked with numerous contractors over the break to ensure that staff and students arrived for the first day of term with the school looking ship-shape.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events as I would love to meet as many families as possible during my time at this stunning school.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Kylie

SoSAFE Training for Parents & Carers

Cranleigh School is offering parents & carers an opportunity to participate in a SoSAFE training program, to be run over 3 weeks. The training will be held at Cranleigh in Mal's Shed. The sessions are 2 1/2 hours each, on the following days:

Tuesday 29th August—4:00-6:30pm

Tuesday 5th September—4:00pm—6:30pm

Tuesday 12th September—4:00pm—6:30pm

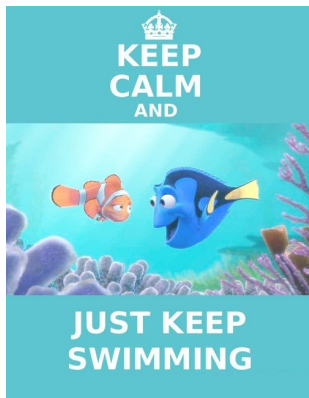
If you are interested in participating,
Please call the Front Office on 61 420444,
By 22nd August.



Swimming ACT

Swimming ACT currently have a vacancy in our Swim Program for People with a Disability on Wednesdays at 5pm, for one-on-one swim lessons, held at Cranleigh Pool. We will also have another vacancy commencing from 16 August at 5:30pm. The cost per school term is \$175 for a 30 minute private swim lesson, 9 weeks per term.

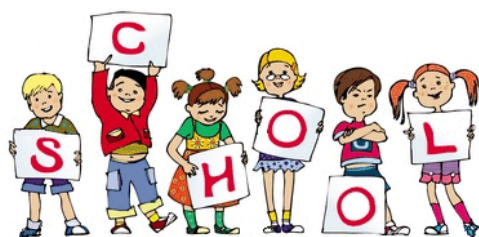
Enquiries can be made to:
officemanager@swimmingact.com.au or call Marcel on 0400 000 224.



School Hours

Just a reminder that **school hours for Students are 8:45am—2:45pm.**

It is appreciated if you can adhere to these times, as class preparation is being carried out before and after the students' attendance.



To All Parents and Carers,

To keep you in the loop, our newsletter is currently within development and we anticipate this to be finalised and sent out very soon.

Our courses will recommence as of 31st July 2017 for Term 3 of Semester 2 up until 22nd September. Updated information will be included within the newsletter also.

If you have any further questions in the interim, please email us on carerskills@cit.edu.au or phone 6207 3628 at any time.

Thanking you

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Free One Day Workshop: Microboards - A way of building and sustaining a good life for people with a disability, even when parents are no longer around

Bookings Essential - [Book Here](#)

- Are you worried about what will happen to your disabled family member when you are no longer able to support them?
- Are you stuck for ideas helping them to have a good life?
- Got some great ideas but too exhausted and busy to implement them?
- Not happy with your paid services?
- Socially isolated?
- Are you a service provider with clients that want to build more natural supports?

Forming a microboard around your family member with a disability might be a great solution for you. A microboard is a small group of people, typically committed family and friends of a person who experiences challenges in life. The microboard works with the person to help them plan and achieve their goals for a good life.

Depending on a person's particular needs, a Microboard's role can include assisting with coordinating support services, finding and keeping employment and facilitating friendships.

This workshop will introduce you to what a microboard is and how they can be set up and run.

Topics Covered

- What is a Microboard?
- Why have a Microboard?
- Understanding Microboard values and principles and what they look like in action
- What kind of work do Microboards do?
- Don't know anyone? - How to bring people into your life that you could ask to be part of the Microboard
- Inviting people to be part of a Microboard
- Incorporation & writing your constitution
- Roles & responsibilities of members
- What happens when the board makes a decision you don't like?
- Planning with your Microboard
- Running a Microboard meeting
- Collaborating to solve problems
- Getting funding for your microboard in your NDIS plan

Services offered by Microboards Australia that can support you to develop your Microboard.

Presenter

Sheree Henley

Sheree is a Director of Microboards Australia and is based in Canberra. She is the mother of a young man with a complex disability. She has a powerful personal story that many families can relate to and enjoys sharing how she went from being a tired single mum that saw no future for herself or her son to working with a Microboard and building a life for him that is embedded in his local community where he is happy and thriving. Her 15 years as a teacher and university lecturer has given her excellent skills in speaking, teaching, advocacy and mentoring.

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Pink Passports News



Pink Passports are excited to be back at school for another busy term of learning.

In numeracy we are developing information and communication technologies (ICT) skills; using Chromebooks to create individual projects all about the four seasons. Check us out.....

