



The Gum Tree Newsletter

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Dates For Your Diary

Tue 28 Feb: 10:30am-12noon Parent/Carer's Morning Tea
Mon 13 Mar: Canberra Day Holiday



Dear Families and Cranleigh Community,

It has been a very hot start to the year and we are pleased to see temperatures return to a more comfortable level. In the case of extreme weather, Cranleigh has a range of strategies and plans to ensure the wellbeing of all students and staff. If your child has a pre existing condition, related to heat or other weather events, please let us know.

All ACT public schools completed census on Wednesday 15 February. Cranleigh School has 91 students enrolled including students from our 3 year old program. This is consistent with enrolment numbers from previous years although enrolment numbers will fluctuate throughout the year as families move into and out of the school.

In week 5 Cranleigh will be completing the first emergency evacuation practice for 2017. Although these can be disruptive for our students they are very important in ensuring all our processes and procedures are in place. Staff will be working with students to explain the emergency evacuation procedures and to ensure we minimise anxiety for our students.

Our teachers have been completing some great professional learning with Cathy Herman around communication. Cathy has been sharing very practical ideas related to using a range of communication devices in the classroom and looking at the opportunities we can create for students to communicate. Our next sessions will include "hands on" experiences with proloquo2go, PODD, Core Vocabulary and Minspeak. Cranleigh would like to work in partnership with families and welcome you to discuss your child's communication system, how you are using this at home and how we can work together to ensure consistency with your classroom teacher.

As you may be aware the Directorate is undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disabilities in Canberra schools. I would encourage you to share your thoughts through the online survey http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

It has been great to meet different families as they come into school for ILP meetings. ILP meetings are a great opportunity for teachers and families to discuss how we can work together to meet

individual student goals. If you have not yet made a time to meet with your teacher you can do this through the communication book or by ringing the front office on 6142 0444.

Enjoy your week!

Sam

Students with Disability Survey

The Education Directorate is currently undertaking an evaluation of support for students with disability in Canberra public schools. To inform this work we are seeking a wide variety of views on how we best support both students and schools.

The Directorate is consulting with students, families, school staff, peak bodies and leading practitioners to ensure a wide variety of views are considered.

We would like to invite the Canberra community to contribute to the review process by completing a short survey or providing a written submission. Information on how to contribute is at http://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/students-with-disability-review.

This is an important review and your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Minnows Music



A fun and inclusive music and movement class for preschool and primary aged children of all abilities and their parents or carers.

Term 1 starts
Saturday 25 February 2017
\$35 per 6 week term

for more info please contact:

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an initiative of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

epilepsy
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WALK

for Epilepsy

Sunday 26 March 2017
10am
Commonwealth Place,
Lake Burley Griffin

www.epilepsyact.org.au

Parent/Carer Morning Tea



A reminder that our first Parent/Carer Morning Tea for 2017 will be held on **Tuesday 28th February** from 10:30am-12noon, in Purple Room (located in the Main Building). Please come along and meet our new Principal Sam Seton, and catch up with our School Psychologist Alison Hatcher, and P&C President Kimberly Ingram. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow parents/carers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We hope you can make it!

Natalie Rutledge
Family Support Worker



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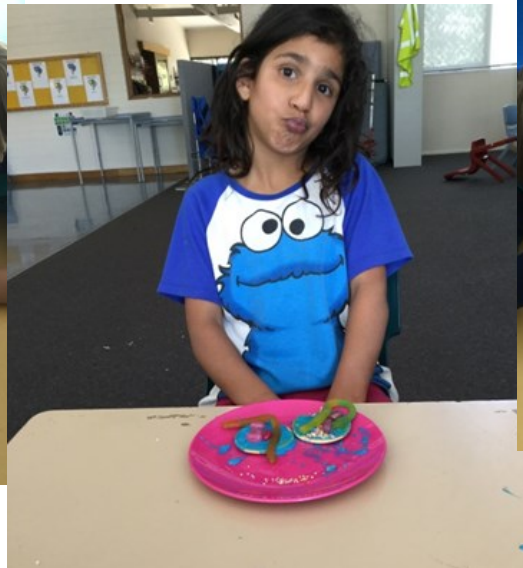
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Pink Passports



Pink Passports are excited to be back at school for another term of learning.....
In Cooking and Social Skilling this week we have explored and experimented with emotions. First we looked at happy, sad, tired, angry, excited, scared and silly emotion visuals. Next we practiced what each of these emotions might look like on our own faces, using a mirror. To end the week we got creative and used cooking ingredients to create an 'emotion biscuit' of our choice.

