



The Gum Tree Newsletter

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Dates For Your Diary

Thu 30 Mar: 9-10am,
P&C AGM,
Cranleigh



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

I can't believe it is week 8 already! ILP meetings are now complete and you will soon receive a copy home in your child's communication book. ILPs are working documents that change to meet individual needs. You are welcome to make a time to discuss changes to your child's ILP at any time throughout the year. You can contact the front office on 6142 0444 to make a time or send in a request in your communication book.

Cranleigh farewelled Meg Everard (Aqua teacher) last week. Meg has won a teaching role at Gilmore Primary. I would like to formally acknowledge and thank her for her expertise and care during her nine years at Cranleigh. She is an excellent teacher who will be missed and we wish her all the best in her new role. Kyrie Douch, our new SLC, will take over two of Meg's teaching days and Amy Foran, the existing teacher on Aqua, will be on class for the other three.

Staff have continued their professional learning in communication. Last week we had the opportunity to have a "hands-on" experience with a range of apps and devices including Proloquo2Go and eye gaze. This experience supports staff in integrating the different devices and communication systems prescribed by individual therapists into their educational programs. We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with families on individual communication goals and systems. I would encourage you to talk with your teacher about how you are using communication at home so we can ensure we are re-enforcing these strategies in the school setting.

On the topic of professional learning there are two workshops for parents coming up that may be of interest. Sexual Health and Planning ACT (SHFPACT) are running a SoSAFE! course on Thursday 6 April. SoSAFE! is a set of visual and conceptual tools designed to promote social safety for people with an Intellectual Disability (moderate to severe range) and Autism Spectrum Disorder. The tools encourage social safety through the provision of a simplified and rule-governed model of social reality that teaches the type and degree of verbal and physical intimacy appropriate with different categories of people. You can find out more information on the SHFPACT website or by calling on 6247 3077. Positive Partnerships is also running a course for parents and carers on 2 May. Positive partnerships supports parents in understanding Autism, behaviour and how to work effectively in partnership with their school. Please see the ad on the following page for the website.

Sam

P&C News

Hello Parents and Carers,

I would like to invite you to the P&C AGM meeting on Thursday 30th March, from 9:00-10:30am. Please come if you would like to help the school, have your voice heard or if you have any ideas that you would like to share. Your attendance would be great, and you won't be elected to an office if you don't want to be!!

Regards,



GARRAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
50th Anniversary 2017



Come and join us to celebrate
50 years of Garran Primary School
Everyone welcome!

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PICNIC
SATURDAY 25th MARCH 4-6PM ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR THERE WILL BE

- BBQ, woodfired pizzas, drinks and coffee available for sale
- School tours
- Garran school memorabilia
- Commemorative items for purchase
- Order your own personalised name paver
- Unveiling of the commissioned art work prior to picnic at 3:30pm

Contact: garranps50@gmail.com
6205 5844 School Office

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Carers ACT offers a wide range of events and activities covering a variety of information topics, physical and social activities. These activities aim to connect carers to becoming active social community members.

Some activities are offered on a weekly basis, such as yoga and t'ai chi; others monthly and some for a specific period. To find out more on all our current activities, please click [here](#).

You are invited to attend our free upcoming Information session as detailed below:

Workforce Re-Entry Session - Tuesday 4 April 2017, 11.00am - 1.00pm at the National Portrait Gallery - Need some help to navigate changes in the workforce whilst you have been caring? Join us with Face@Face Recruitment to find out about the new trends in the job market. The session will also include how to match your skills in the new job market (including your carer skills); where to look for work; the way forward with resumes and how to match language to potential employers. Following this session, there will be two smaller practical workshops for carers ready to take the next steps necessary (dates TBC).

Finances Workshop – Wednesday 5 April 2017, 10.00am – 11.30am, Carers ACT - Do your finances need a 'make over'? Or is this a task on your 'to do' list. Then come along to this talk, provided by Care Inc., who offers a range of financial services. Knowing how to manage money is one of the most important aspects of everyday life and in today's society, it is even more challenging with lots of choices in the market place on consumer and financial products. The talk will include tips, tools and resources on how to save you money!

If you are interested in these, please RSVP - Email RSVP@carersact.org.au with the workshop name in the subject line or call 6296 9987.

Carers ACT acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land we walk upon today, the Ngunnawal people and respects their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and surrounding region.

Free workshop for
parents & carers of
young people on the
autism spectrum!

Canberra - 2 May

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au

 positive partnerships

Achieving potential together

Cream Cruisers

The Cream Cruisers have been very busy with their all-inclusive cooking program. First we write the shopping list, and then we practice shopping before going to the shops to buy the ingredients. We collect the eggs from the chickens before we work together and get cooking. When the baked goods are ready, we have a cake stall in the foyer at school and sell our cakes to the staff. Our customers are very happy and satisfied.

