



The Gum Tree Newsletter

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Family Support Worker: Natalie Rutledge

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 13 Feb: Connect 3 Class First Day
Tue 28 Feb: Parent Morning Tea, Mal's Shed



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome as the new Cranleigh Principal this year. I come to Cranleigh after working in the Education Support Office for 1.5 years as the Senior Manager Inclusion and Engagement. In this role I was responsible for leading the Disability Education team and the Network Student Engagement teams. Prior to this role I have worked in a range of other schools including University of Canberra High School Kaleen, The Woden School, Melba Copland Secondary School and Maribyrnong Primary. I have two gorgeous (most of the time!) boys, Aiden who is in year 1 this year and Charlie who has started preschool.

For me every decision and action we take is with the students' best interest at the core. I am really passionate about curriculum and ensuring all our students have an engaging educational program that is individualised to meet their needs. I appreciate the critical role our families play in education and will continue to support and foster the great home school relationships that Cranleigh has in place. I'm always happy to meet with families either for a casual chat or more formal meeting. You can also contact me through phone (6142 0444) or email (sam.seton@ed.act.edu.au).

Term 1 is shaping up to be busy. Our teachers will be conducting the Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) assessment early in the term to inform student educational programs and ILPs. ILP meetings will start in week 4. More detailed information about these will be sent home soon. Private therapists, through the NDIS, will be meeting with our deputies early in the term to review student therapy programs and timetables. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Cathy Otten or Jenny Parson.

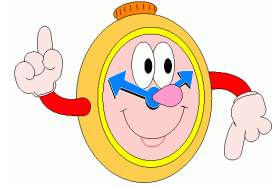
Cranleigh is also starting to use Google Apps for Education. Initially we will be developing our "Google skills" as a staff and will then look at how we can use Google to enhance our students educational programs. You will soon receive a fact sheet about Google Apps for education and a permission note to allow your student to access this. I will share about our Google journey through the newsletter this year.

I'm very excited to be part of the Cranleigh community and look forward to getting to know you through 2017.

Sam Seton

General School Information and Reminders

School Hours. The first week back to school can be made all that more difficult trying to juggle family members just starting school, and multiple children drop offs. This is a reminder that Cranleigh School hours are from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Staff members are preparing classes outside these hours and are not available to receive students. If you have any queries regarding this information, please feel free to call the Front Office on 61420444.



Carpark Safety. Please remember that Cranleigh has instituted a 'NO THROUGH ACCESS' policy for cars during the period that the buses are at the front of the school, both for morning drop off and afternoon pick up periods. The safety of our students, staff and community is a priority. If this impacts significantly on your drop off or pick up, please chat to us. Your support in this matter is appreciated.



Cranleigh Sun Smart Policy. Please send a hat (labelled) with your child if you want one worn on the playground. Every effort will be made to support wearing of hats. We also provide shady areas of the playground and on very hot days we operate an indoor play policy. For sunscreen application we ask that families apply sunscreen before school and if you wish this to be reapplied for the second half of the day we require written permission. Families are asked to supply sunscreen suitable for your child, and have it clearly labelled.



Allergy Friendly School Policy. A note was sent home in Week 1 but just a reminder that Cranleigh is an Allergy Friendly School. This policy requires students **not** to bring to school certain products that may cause severe allergic reactions. Please **do not** send any peanut or nut products to school.

Parents and carers are asked to contact Cranleigh School directly to pass on any news regarding their child. It is not the role of the bus drivers and attendants to forward information. In the case of student absences a phone call to the school would be appreciated, followed up with a note for school records. If you have any concerns, please contact the school on 61420444.



Family Support Worker

Hello to our Cranleigh community, this is Natalie Rutledge and I will be continuing in my role as Family Support Worker (FSW) for 2 days a week throughout 2017. I will be working closely with our school psychologist Alison Hatcher, and our two Deputies Cathy Otten and Jenny Parsons, to provide access to supports that families may need. I am able to provide advice on NDIS processes as well as community contacts across a range of services.



To start the year off, we will be having a Parent and Carer's Morning Tea at the school in Week 5. I will send a letter home shortly with more information.

Look forward to seeing you all at the morning tea. In the meantime, I can be contacted on 61420444, or by email, Natalie.Rutledge@ed.act.edu.au

Natalie





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Cream Cruisers

What an amazing first week we have had in the Cream Cruisers. We have been working hard in all of our subjects, and during Art we made our door poster together, and it looks awesome!

