



# The Gum Tree Newsletter

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## Dates For Your Diary

**Tue 25 Aug:** Seniors Birrigai Day Camp  
**Tue 1 Sep:** 10-11am Parent/Carer Morning Tea  
**Fri 4 Sep:** 10-11am P&C Meeting  
**Fri 18 Sep:** Pirate Day!  
**Fri 25 Sep:** Last Day of Term 3



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

It's hard to believe we are already over the half way mark for Term 3, the next time I write to you, it will be Spring...although with our current restrictions, Floriade is set to 'Bloom across Canberra' allowing the community to connect safely.

As we celebrate other events more broadly, students across the school have, and will participate in:

Science Week,  
Satellite Selfie, and  
Birrigai Day Camp.



*Commitment, Opportunity, Respect & Excellence*

Staff wellbeing is a major priority for us at Cranleigh and we dedicate numerous hours and events to support staff, to create workplace positivity and often a great deal of fun! Over the past three weeks, all staff have participated in a 'Building Resilience' workshop run by Benestar. The purpose of this program is to assist individuals in understanding the nature of resilience and to see why resilience is achievable by anyone. It also provides practical strategies and skills by which staff can develop their own resilience.

The workshop provided us with a greater/stronger understating of how to:

- Increase awareness of stress and resilience and their impact on health and wellbeing.
- Identify resilient characteristics in self and others.
- Learn simple strategies to enhance resilience.
- Know where to seek further support.

Thank you to Laura for her time and care in organising these workshops and to all the staff who so willingly participated.

Thank you to the many families who have completed the 2020 Cranleigh School Satisfaction Survey. We REALLY want to hear from you as we continue to use your feedback to improve teaching and learning at the spectacular school. So, if you haven't already completed this survey, please do.

Kylie

## **School Contact**

If you need to contact the Front Office by email, we ask that you use the following email address: [info@cranleighps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@cranleighps.act.edu.au)

Unfortunately, if staff members are away, your message may not be read in time, if sent to an individual's email address. The above address is only accessible to the Admin Team, who will forward on your message to the appropriate person/area.

## **Holiday Happenings**

As a result of the recovering COVID-19 situation, schools will not be receiving print booklets for the upcoming school holidays.

If you would like to know what is out there to keep your child/children busy and entertained over the school holiday period, check in with the following link from Holiday Happenings: [www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet](http://www.holidayhappenings.com.au/online-booklet)



Confused about NDIS? Need help finding services?  
Marymead offers NDIS Support Coordination to support your family to navigate NDIS plans. This includes supporting you to best utilise the funds allocated.  
For more information please call Michelle 6162 5800

## School Satisfaction Survey 2020

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their satisfaction with public education. The 2020 School Satisfaction & Climate Survey will be available online from 10 to 31 August. The survey results will help us to continue to make quality informed decisions about how to improve our school. No personal identifying information will be provided to any school or college.

An email about the parent survey, including a unique link to access the survey; parents who do not receive the email may contact [EDUSurveys@act.gov.au](mailto:EDUSurveys@act.gov.au) to request a survey invitation.

For the results to reflect the opinions of our whole school community, we need as many parents, staff and students as possible to complete the survey. Your feedback is important, and we hope you will take part. For more information, visit:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/school-satisfaction-andclimate-survey>

### Keeping Safe

If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose or cough, they must not come to school. If a child at school is unwell, parents will be asked to collect them. Thank you families, in advance, for your vigilance with illnesses and keeping children at home when necessary.



### Safety Reminder

Reminder to all that when buses are parked in the car park of Cranleigh, no vehicles are to travel through the area. If you are picking up your child, and buses are already inside the car park, please park your car along Starke Street or Blackham Street and walk down to the Front Office. The safety of our students and community at large is our priority.





## SRC News

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July we had a special activity for National Tree Day. We planted some Australian native plants with Adam Shipp in our Cultural Garden. The plants were donated by Cool Country Natives.

We talked about how some students don't have access and can't get up into the garden. We gave some ideas like building a ramp, moving the garden and extending the garden.



# Sammy's Dyurra Class

Learning experiences in Dyurra class are personalised to meet the needs of all students. Students have been participating in a variety of activities that are designed to develop their literacy, numeracy, communication and inquiry skills. How wonderful it is to see students engaging in different learning activities!





