



# The Gum Tree Newsletter

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## Key Contacts

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**School Board Chair:** Daniela Vrkic  
**P&C President:** Paula Edwards  
**School Psychologist:** Karen Oakley  
**Family Support Worker:** Natalie Rutledge

## Dates For Your Diary

**Thu 30 Jul:** NAIDOC Morning Tea  
**Fri 31 Jul:** School Tree Planting Day

**Take Care Everyone,  
and Stay Safe**



Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

I'm excited to welcome all our staff and students to Term 3. As we start the new school term, it's important to acknowledge the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and this will be reflected in the way our school operates in Term 3.

On the advice of the Chief Health Officer, the ACT Government has paused its easing of restrictions and as a result we will remain at Step 2.2 of the COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap for Schools until health advice changes.

Restrictions in ACT public schools will remain, with the next easing to be considered on August 6:

- [Students across all years will continue with on-campus learning.](#)
- Students vulnerable to COVID-19 will continue to be supported with remote learning.
- Schools will continue to limit the number of adults on school grounds – parents and carers should avoid entering the school building where possible.
- Where scheduled events are planned (such as one on one parent-teacher interviews and small assemblies) parents can attend the school, however physical distancing and hygiene requirements must always be adhered to by adults.
- Records will be kept of visitors entering the school.

The following activities are not allowed under Stage 2.2:

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- overnight excursions to Birrigai.
- interstate excursions and camps.
- parent-teacher interviews that bring large numbers of parents and teachers together.
- larger assemblies, gatherings and performances of over 100 persons.
- on-site discos and celebrations.
- face to face fundraising events involving adults.

We will keep you informed of any changes to the easing of restrictions and what they will mean for our school.

Cleaning of high frequency touch points such as door handles will continue across the school both during the day and out of school hours, and we will continue to provide sufficient soap, paper towel and hand sanitiser for students and staff. You can find more information and updates on the ACT Government [COVID-19 web page](#).

We understand that this is a challenging time for our school community and that children may experience increased anxiety. It's important we all take time to focus on our wellbeing and the wellbeing of our families during this time. The Education Directorate has compiled a range of useful wellbeing resources for students and families which can be accessed via this [link](#).

It is essential that families keep up to date with advice and communication that we distribute and that you adhere to clear and deliberate signage in and around the school. We ask that you maintain appropriate social distancing at drop off and pick up times and be patient with us as we coordinate these somewhat hectic times of day.

For Cranleigh families, a key message must again be reiterated:

***If your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If a child at school is unwell, parents will be asked to collect them. So, in advance I thank families for the vigilance with illnesses and keeping children at home.***

In staffing news, we welcome Karen Oakley as our new school Psychologist. Karen has an extensive career and has worked broadly across ACT Public Schools. She will be working at Cranleigh on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you need to make a time with Karen, please talk to the front office team who will set up a time.

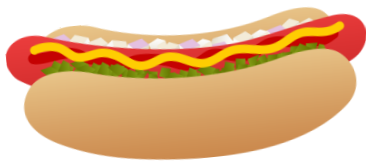
By now you will have had time to look over your child's end of semester report and we would really like to hear some feedback from you regarding the content, comments and the level of information provided. Please pop a note in your child's communication book or email me directly on [kylie.croke@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:kylie.croke@ed.act.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Kylie Croke

## SRC NEWS

In week 10 of Term 2 we cooked a sausage sizzle with the Lions Club. We served over 300 sausages for staff and students!



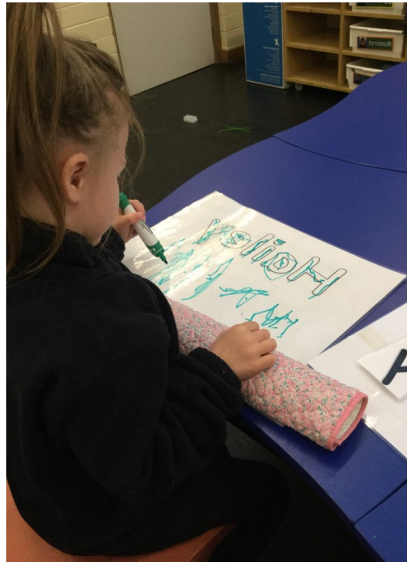
On Friday, we are planting a tree to celebrate Tree Day. We can't wait!



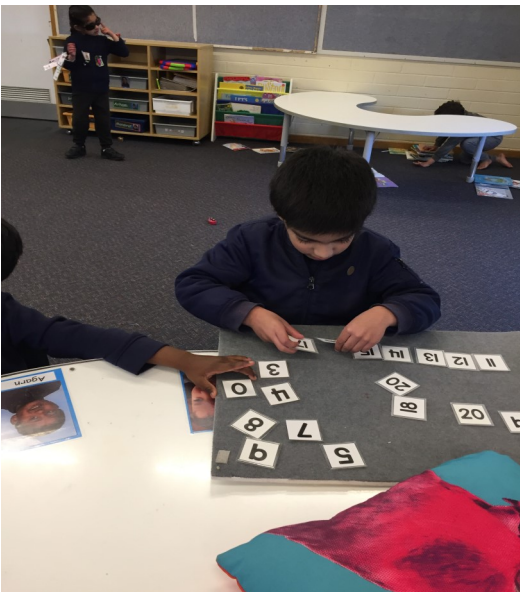
**From Lucy, Jeremy, Zeinab & Darcy**



# Kindergarten Gudha







Gudha students have been working hard in all learning areas. They all have made enormous progress since the beginning of the year and continue to upgrade their skills in all areas enthusiastically. In Semester 1 students were engaged in a range of learning opportunities and specifically enjoyed healthy cooking, visual arts, music, gym, morning walk, reading and exploring mathematical concepts through play.

Gudha is thrilled to be back at school and are ready to learn and explore new things in Semester 2.



## **NDIS Therapy at Cranleigh School**

Given the current COVID situation, we continue to remain responsive to the current ACT restrictions. Schools are continuing to be advised to limit adult access within schools. When adults, who are not staff members, are on site they must adhere to the current COVID hygiene and social distancing requirements. As this is our new normal, we are currently carefully monitoring all therapy provision within the school on a case by case basis. This increase in monitoring allows us to ensure ongoing safety for everybody present at the school.

Any therapist who wishes to attend Cranleigh, will need to attend an ACT Specialist Schools NDIS Therapist Induction session. A number of these were held in Term 1 prior to COVID restrictions. Further sessions are planned in the coming weeks. The 30 minute thorough induction session provides information regarding our school therapy protocols and provides the relevant policies and forms that need to be completed prior to any in-school visits.

When:

Session 1—9:15am on Monday 10 August 2020

Session 2— 9:15am on Wednesday 12 August 2020

Session 3— 2:15pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020

Session 4— 2:15pm on Thursday 20 August 2020

Where: Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBTCL)  
Fremantle Dr, Stirling ACT 2611

Due to COVID19 restrictions booking is essential - places are limited for each session.

To confirm your place, please book by calling the Cranleigh Front Office on 6142 0444.