



THE GUM TREE NEWS

Cranleigh School Term 4 Week 6

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 3 December - **International Day of People with a Disability**
- Friday 10 December - **Year 6 Graduation 10.45am**



MESSAGE FROM KYLIE

Dear Cranleigh Families and Community,

I am unsure if my words will truly capture my gratitude towards the Cranleigh families and staff for their dedication to keeping safe, staying home, engaging in Home Learning, working on site, and being the most amazing 'Essential Workers' I have ever had the privilege to work with throughout this recent Lockdown in the ACT.

Now that we are officially, 'Back to School' with most of our P-6 cohort bounding through the doors (albeit in our 5 zones) ready to learn, it is time to get back to our new normal. Safety and wellbeing first and the learning will come!

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 around the school. We ask that you remain outside the school building, maintain appropriate social distancing at drop off and pick up times in your zones, and be patient with us as we coordinate these somewhat hectic times of day.

We would like to welcome a new student, Farzana Kahn and her family to our School. Farzana joins the Muliyan Class in Year 2.

In staffing news, we warmly welcome Cristina Gimeno (Classroom Teacher) and Alicia Rose (Occupational Therapist).

As the year draws to a close, please keep in touch via 'communication books' and keep looking out for upcoming events via our Social Media sites as our current restrictions begin to ease.

Wishing you all best, take care and stay safe.

Kylie



NEW STAFF - Alicia Rose

Hi Cranleigh. My name is Alicia Rose and I'm an OT joining the fabulous exec team. I have worked for NSET in Southside mainstream schools, with the Hearing and Vision Team and also at Black Mountain and The Woden School.

I have been an OT for 10 years, 7 of those years in Canberra. I'm originally from Sydney, and I love the beach.

You might see me waving hi to you if you're at the top door drop off. I am really enjoying getting to know the Cranleigh community.



STAYING HOME FROM SCHOOL WHEN SICK

Children who are unwell must not attend school and should stay home and get tested. If they attend while unwell, they must be sent home. In circumstances where the child has other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from the GP is sufficient to allow return to school without a negative test. For children displaying symptoms who are awaiting parent collection from school, they will be placed in an isolated area with a staff member, however it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to collect them from school in a timely manner.



CRANLEIGH SCHOOL REPORTS FOR SEMESTER 2

Due to the impact of COVID 19, Cranleigh School has made the decision that all students will be awarded Status 'S' grades for individual learning areas/subjects for Semester 2 2021 reports. A status grade '*indicates that circumstances have prevented the student from being assessed against the individual achievement standard sentence, or there is insufficient evidence to award an overall grade*'. The Semester 2 reports will reflect student progress against the relevant Achievement Standards from the specific learning areas/subjects covered within this semester while learning face to face.

LEARNING FROM HOME



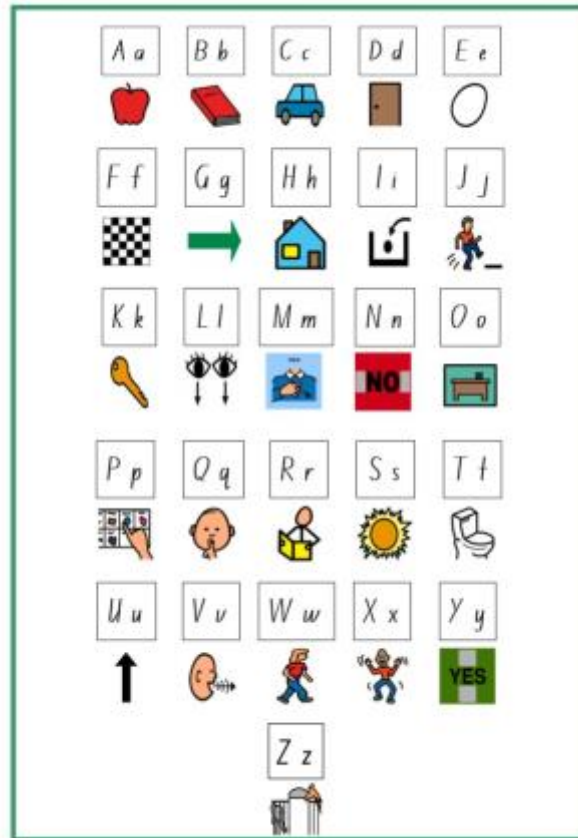
Thank you to all the students and families who joined us online for some sessions throughout the remote learning period! I know that Cranleigh Staff loved seeing your smiling faces each and every day as we participated in a range of exciting learning activities. Some highlights included:

- Authors Michelle Worthington, Angela Ball, Jackie French, Coral Vass and Kylie Howarth
- Captain Feathersword
- Firefighter Brett Vey and Karen Vey
- Dance with Jordan
- Art with Helen
- Karlee's Reptile Shows
- Josh and Tyler's Super Show

Our students (and staff) loved sharing these learning opportunities together, so much so, that we are continuing to share some fun online sessions throughout the week for classes to join. We kicked things off this week with a scavenger hunt with Jenny in our classrooms, story time with Helen and dance with Jordan.

CRANLEIGH ALPHABET

Working alongside literacy consultant Christine Topfer to implement the 10 Essential Instructional Practices in Literacy, Cranleigh school has created a personalised school-wide alphabet chart that will support their learners with their knowledge of the alphabet. The school's environment was used as the source for the carefully selected key words and images for each letter of the alphabet. These key words and images reflect the various modes of communication used at the school and will be easily identifiable by Cranleigh students. The alphabet chart will provide familiar and consistent key words for each letter of the alphabet across all classes at the school.



2021 CHEIF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Once again this year, Cranleigh School competed in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge.

Now in its 17th year, the Reading Challenge is an incentive to get all kids, from all schools, reading!

In class groups, and as individuals, students from every class in our school, from Preschool to Year Six rose to the challenge and read the required 30 books in the six months from March to August. Many classes, and many students needed much less than the allocated six months to reach the target.

Special mention is made to Zoe Doyle, Abigail Lishomwa and Lucy Helean, who not only completed the challenge at school, but also individually at home.

In recognition of the school's reading efforts, we have been awarded \$300 worth of book vouchers from Paperchain Bookstore in Manuka, to help grow our Library resources.

Well done everyone!



RETURN IT EXPRESS FOR CRANLEIGH SCHOOL

Want to raise money for Cranleigh School?

When you return your bottles and containers, you can nominate to donate the funds to our school. You will require the school's phone number.

School phone # : 0261420444



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Another Chance op shop, Ross Smith Cres, Scullin shops will have 50% off the entire store from Friday 12 – Saturday 20 November. Eight days of great deals, with new stock on display daily. Choose from clothing, books, kitchenware, toys, linen and much, much more. Another

Chance is truly a hidden gem with lots of bargains to be found. Plan to visit us, especially during our post Covid sale. Open 10am – 4:30pm weekdays and 10am – 1pm Saturday.



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