From the Principal

New Staff at Cromer

This term we have a number of key staff that have been appointed to Cromer Campus by merit selection. I would firstly like to welcome our new Deputy Principal Mr David Taylor who comes to us from Granville Boys High School. Mr Taylor has made a terrific start and is a welcome addition to the senior executive. Mr Taylor will be at our next P&C meeting (Tuesday 12th May 7pm at the school) so please come along if you would like to meet him. This week our new Head Teacher of Mathematics Mrs Lyndell Hatch has also made a terrific start. Mrs Hatch comes to us from Davidson High school and is also a welcome addition to the schools executive. Finally Ms Megan McLachlan will be starting on Monday as our new Head Teacher of Science. Ms McLachlan is coming to us from Chatswood High School. I am very pleased to welcome all three to the Cromer Campus leadership team and am looking forward to their leadership and hard work over the coming years.

Staff Changes at Cromer

Congratulations to Mrs Lynda Peters who for 2 days per week (Wed/Thu) will be relieving as the Northern Beaches Secondary College Principal based at Freshwater Campus. Mrs Sherille Sullivan will be relieving as Deputy Principal (Yrs7/9/11) for the 2 days that Mrs Peters is not here.

Next week we will also be farewelling a long serving member of staff, Mr Kevin Price, who teaches in the integrated studies unit. Mr Price will be taking leave after week 3 this term in the lead up to his retirement. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Price for his dedicated commitment and service to the Cromer community and wish him the very best for a long, restful and enjoyable retirement. Mr Price will be missed by all of the staff and particularly his students.

Athletics Carnival – Cross Country Carnival

We have had some awful weather this week but it was so great to see our students and teachers battling through those conditions, competing hard and achieving. The decision to run our carnivals this week was a difficult one but was necessary to ensure that we have zone teams ready to go and our students receive that opportunity to compete at that next level. A huge thank you to the PDHPE staff and our teachers, the parents who braved the weather to come and watch their children and of course the students themselves who gave it their best under some trying conditions, well done!!!

School Future Plan

In the coming weeks I will be publishing the schools’ 3 year plan on our schools website. This will be made available for comment and feedback at our next P&C meeting. The plan is the culmination of a lot of consultation and work with the students, staff and Cromer community and is a plan designed to continue...
the many improvements that are being made at Cromer Campus. My staff and I are very excited about what is achievable and what we will be doing over the next 3 years to make our school an even greater school. I encourage you to have a look at our plan and come along to our next P&C meeting in 2 weeks’ time (Tuesday 12th May 7pm at the school) to hear about our school plan for improvement and to also meet our new Deputy Principal.

Justin Hong
Principal
Cromer Campus
Northern Beaches Secondary College

Deputy Principal 7, 9 and 11

NAPLAN

All Year 7 and 9 students will complete the NAPLAN testing in week 4, term 2. Tuesday 12 May is Language Conventions and Writing. Year 9 will complete the tests in period 2 and 3 and Year 7 in period 4 and 5. On Wednesday students in Year 9 complete the writing component in period 1 and 2 and year 7 in period 3 and 4. On Thursday all students require a calculator for the numeracy exams.

Students are required to bring the following equipment – 2B pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser and calculator on Thursday only.

Students are not allowed to have mobile phones in the exam room, so it is suggested they do not bring phones to school during their exams. Also no rulers are allowed.

If a student is absent the catch up day is Friday 15 May. Students who have missed exams will complete them on Friday. If students have not completed the Numeracy test they need to bring the required equipment on Friday.

Year 11

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Teacher night for Year 11. This was a very important opportunity to gain an understanding of your child’s progress and senior school expectations. If you were unable to attend and would like an interview, contact me on 9981 1155 and I can organise a time to meet with you.

Students in Year 11 will complete their half yearly exams in week 5. This will be a very busy week for our students as all exams will be completed in a one week period. All students should be completing revision each night in preparation for their exams. Year 11 do not attend normal classes during this week except morning cross campus classes if they do not have an exam at Cromer.

When your child is absent due to illness it is essential that they bring a note from home explaining their absence and submit it to the front office. This will change the status of their absence from ‘unexplained’ to ‘explained’ and I will know they have a genuine reason why they are absent. If they receive a Board of Studies warning letter regarding incomplete work, it is very important that your child completes the outstanding work by the new due date. If this does not happen your child is placing their completion of year 11 in jeopardy. After two Board of Studies warning letters the School can move towards an ‘N’ determination in the subject. If this happens students will not be able to complete Year 11 in 2015.

The process to select our school leaders for 2016 is about to commence. This process is earlier than previously as the students will commence their new roles at the beginning of term 3. This allows Year 12 to concentrate on their studies in their final term of school. Please encourage your child to nominate for a leadership role in 2016.
Important Dates:

- NAPLAN Year 7 and 9: Week 4
- Year 11 Half Yearly Exams: Week 5
- Year 9 Half Yearly Exams: Week 6
- Reports posted home: Week 10

Mrs Peters

Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from both the staff and students at Cromer campus. I have a background in selective, single sex and co-educational environments with my previous position being the equity Deputy Principal at Granville Boys High School.

I look forward to working with the Year 8, 10 & 12 students and their parents this year in order to maximise their learning outcomes at Cromer Campus.

Mr David Taylor

Mathematics

Focus – Equipment

As the new Head Teacher of Mathematics, I have enjoyed my first week at Cromer Campus and am looking forward to working closely with the Mathematics staff this year on improving students engagement and results in Mathematics. Our focus in Mathematics for this term will be EQUIPMENT. Success in Mathematics starts with having all the equipment needed for every lesson. Students are required to have a workbook, pen and a scientific calculator every maths lesson. I ask parents/caregivers to encourage their child to be organised and prepared for Mathematics lessons.

Students will be held accountable for bringing their equipment to class from the start of week 5. Please make sure they have access to a workbook, pen and a scientific calculator. Merit (green) cards will be given to students who are well prepared and fully equipped.

Calculators are on sale through the Mathematics Department for $20. Please take payments to the front office and bring your receipt to the Mathematics staffroom to collect your calculator.

Lyndell Hatch
Head Teacher Mathematics
Student Achievement

Errol Bousfield competed again this year at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in the Caged Birds category.

He received 12 first place awards and was also awarded as the 2015 Grand Champion.
This is a remarkable achievement.

Girl Talk with Mrs Stevens

Thank you to all the girls who participated in Dream Big Love What You Do! last term. Our guest speaker Karen Chaston was very impressed with you all. A special thank you to my Big and Little Sisters who had morning tea with our guest and Mr Hong. They did a wonderful job on the coffee as they are all Barista trained.

Dream Big Love What You Do! continues this term so stay tuned.......
Mosman Youth Art Prize 2015

Junior Category 2nd Prize Antony Xavier

2nd Prize

Antony Xavier, *Emu*

A big thankyou to Ms Blansjaar for all her support and encouragement.
Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children or teenagers with ADHD via regular meetings. The group is run aims to provide a supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD in order to best help parents and kids alike.

SPEAKER EVENING: DR EMMA GAI GOLDF

“ADHD & Self-Esteem in Children: Helping your child with ADHD not to feel lazy, crazy or stupid”

Dr Emma-Gai Gold is a clinical psychologist who has completed a doctorate in clinical psychology and a thesis on social anxiety disorder and rumination. Emma has clinical experience working in both the public and private sectors, and has worked extensively with adults, adolescents, children and families presenting with a wide range of psychological concerns. She has a special interest in anxiety, mood disorders, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders. Emma currently works at Dr Caroline Stevenson & Associates, a general psychology practice, specialising in treating children and adults with ADHD.

Monday 27th April 2015 @ 7.00-9.00pm
The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

Ticket reservations essential via
Register on Eventbrite

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# CROMER CALENDAR - TERM 2

## Week 3A
- **Tuesday 5 May**  
  Year 12 Vaccinations – A Stevenson I/C  
- **Wednesday 6 May**  
  Grade Sport begins

## Week 4B
- **Mon 11 to Thursday 14 May**  
  Year 12 Interviews – F Bird I/C  
- **Tuesday 12 May**  
  P & C Meeting 7pm in Staff Common room  
- **Tuesday 12 & Wed 13 May**  
  NAPLAN Years 7 & 9

## Week 5A
- **Monday 18 to Friday 22 May**  
  Year 11 Preliminary Exam Week  
  No Year 11 cross campus morning classes this week  
- **Monday 18 May**  
  Project Penguin begins  
- **Wednesday 20 May**  
  Project Penguin Day 1  
- **Thursday 21 May**  
  Zone Athletics Carnival at NSW Academy of Sport

## Week 6B
- **Monday 25 to Friday 29 May**  
  Year 9 Half Yearly Exam Week  
- **Thursday 28 May**  
  Project Penguin Day 2

## Week 7A
- **Wednesday 3 June**  
  Project Penguin Day 3

## Week 8B
- **Monday 8 June**  
  Queen’s Birthday public holiday  
- **Tuesday 9 June**  
  P & C Meeting 7pm in Staff Common Room  
- **Thursday 11 June**  
  Sydney North Regional cross Country at Gosford Race Course

## Week 9A
- **Thursday 18 – Fri 19 June**  
  Year 12 Camp Kedron  
- **Thursday 18 June**  
  Project Penguin Zoo Expo Day

## Week 10B

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**GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS**

last Monday of every month  
Meet at 9.30am at the school Admin Office