Farewell from Deputy Principal Years 7, 9, 11

This will be my final report for the Cromer Courier as I will be leaving Cromer Campus at the end of the term to take up the Deputy Principal position at Crookwell High School. I have had a very long and happy association with Cromer Campus. I was a classroom teacher at the school in the late 1990's and my three children attended the school. I then returned to Cromer as Deputy Principal in 2008. The role of Deputy is often a challenging one but I found the job was made easier by the wonderful support I received from the school community. Over the years I have developed strong relationships with parents who gave the school and myself 100% support to ensure we could work together to maximise outcomes for their child. The children of Cromer always showed me respect and is has been a pleasure to be their Deputy.

There have been many highlights during my time at Cromer. I have had the opportunity to work closely with a wide range of staff through the Teachers as Leaders program and introduced project based learning and integrated curriculum into Stage 4. The P & C supported the development of 21st Century learning and were very proactive in raising funds for the renovation of the library into a flexi learning space and the development of Year 7 home rooms. I feel very proud when I reflect on the great achievements of our students through the HSC, in sport, in leadership activities and in the community.

Cromer is an active member of the Northern Beaches Secondary College. I have coordinated many College projects where our students have mentored primary school students including Design, Make, Innovate and Project Penguin. These projects have enriched the learning for all students.

Many people have asked why I am moving to Crookwell. As much as I love being an educator, family will always be the most important thing in my life. With my daughter expecting our second grandchild my husband and I have decided to move closer to her and her family so we can be more involved. We are both looking forward to our tree change.

I would like to thank the school community for the wonderful support they have given me during my time at Cromer.

Mrs Lynda Peters
Deputy Principal

P & C MEETING
Tuesday October 13th at 7.00 pm in the Staff Common Room
From The Principal

Farewell to Mrs Peters

This week we farewell Lynda Peters who has had a long association with our school. This association started in 1996 and involved Mrs Peters not only working in the school but also sending her own children to Cromer Campus. Lynda’s commitment, dedication and leadership of our school will be missed and she leaves us with our best wishes and thanks from the entire community. Thank you Mrs Peters for all you have done for our school and best wishes in your new role as Deputy Principal at Crookwell High School.

Assemblies at Cromer

The last week of term 3 is always a very special week as we formally farewell year 12 and also hold our annual sports awards assembly. I would like to thank the huge number of parents, friends and family members that turned up to both of these events. Your attendance and support was wonderful to see and is appreciated by all of us especially your children. I am extremely proud of all of our sporting achievements throughout this year and am most impressed with the extremely high calibre of sporting achievement at our great school. Well done to all of our award recipients. We also farewelled year 12 this week at what was a very special event. Below is an extract of my speech from that event.

“In closing year 12 I would like to leave you with some words that I gave you when we first met way back in January this year for the first time. You might recall that I spoke to you about the pain of hard work as opposed to the pain of regret. Those words I gave you at the time were not just for the HSC. They apply to any goal, any ambition, anything in life you want to achieve. In a few months’ time you will receive a HSC and there will be some numbers on that. I am here to tell you that those numbers will not define who you are, nor will they define who you are going to be. There are more important factors that will determine that, one of those is the amount of hard work you are prepared to do. So when you leave, go after that thing in life you want to be. Work hard at it, be resilient and don’t let setbacks stop you; they are a part of life. I know from the limited time I have spent with you that you all have this capacity. As I said way back in January, I care about you, I want you to be successful and that is not for sale. Thank you year 12 for your time here at Cromer Campus and good luck in all of your future endeavours, whatever they may be.”

Mr Justin Hong
Principal

Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12

As this edition of the Cromer Courier marks the end of term 3, year 12 have now completed their final timetabled lessons, and now have the next three weeks to make their final preparations for their upcoming HSC examinations. This week has seen celebrations to mark this form groups’ completion with a successful graduation ceremony and follow up dinner. Many thanks to all those family members who took the time to see their children graduate, where they received their final school report, graduation certificate and graduation pin. Congratulations go to Mrs Bird for the many hours of organisation that went into both of these events. Thanks also goes to our numerous year 12 teaching staff, some of whom will also volunteer to give up some well earnt holiday time to present final revision classes to their students.
Today is also the last day that my colleague, Mrs Peters, will be working with us all at Cromer Campus, before she takes up her new role as Deputy Principal at Crookwell High School next term. Mrs Peters has always been very supportive, and given me plenty of guidance and advice whenever I needed it. She has been a real asset to both our campus and the college as a whole. We all wish her well in her new role at Crookwell.

Have a safe and enjoyable term break.

Mr David Taylor  
Deputy Principal

Tye Bate

Tye continues to impress the school and the wider community with his incredible directorship of films and multi media.

Most recently Mr Collins and Mr Klein were privileged to support Tye last Thursday night at Life Line’s gala fundraising event at the Novotel in Manly where many thousands of dollars were raised to support the **Youth Suicide Prevention Program**.

Tye was invited to the function as a guest of honour to speak about his involvement with The Life Line organisation. He shared the stage with the Premier of NSW Mr Mike Baird.

Tye spoke passionately to the large audience about his involvement with Life Line and he then premiered his amazing anti cyber-bullying film titled ‘**Stressed**’ to the very enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Mention was also made of Tye’s involvement in the production of an amazing app for young people on the Northern Beaches called KALOF which stands for ‘**Keep a look out for**’. The app provides up to date information on a wide range of entertainment and services for people on the Northern Beaches.

Tye’s contribution to Cromer Campus cannot be under-estimated. He has hosted whole school assemblies and contributed greatly to the Senior leadership group.

His services to the school will be greatly missed.

Fiona Bird, HT Welfare
Year 7 HSIE have had a great time this term exploring the era of Ancient China. All classes have been extending their vocabulary during this topic with spelling assessments every two weeks, which has allowed for some competition between classes.

7A got to explore the world of Chinese calligraphy last week, where they had a lesson on this ancient art form. Traditional Chinese calligraphy brushes, ink and writing paper made this a very real experience for the students. As Chinese meditation music played in the background, students discovered how enjoyable and relaxing calligraphy really was. The time flew by and before they knew it the lesson was over.

Ms Emo, HT HSIE
Sport at Cromer

It’s been a very busy end to the term with Cromer students excelling once again in their sports.

Sport Awards

On Wednesday the 16th of September the Cromer Campus 39th Annual Sports Award Ceremony was held. Once again, we celebrated the excellence of sporting athletes showcased for their achievements throughout 2015.

Danielle Davis an ex-student of Cromer Campus and National Touch Football player addressed our assembly as our guest. She provided students with some insightful advice based on her experiences and presented awards to our recipients.

This year we saw the introduction of the Premiers Sporting Challenge Medallion. This award recognises students who show tremendous sporting spirit and enthusiasm, and are possibly a leader among their peers. The deserving recipients for 2015 were: Nina Bowyer for her service to school sport and Aaliyah Paki for her amazing contributions as a player and coach.

The nominees for the prestigious Sportsman and Sportswomen of the Year for 2015 were:

Boys: Lachlan MacMahon
      Ethan Neville
      Angus Schmidt
      William Walton

Girls: Sophie McGovern
       Aaliyah Paki
       Desnee Richter
       Tara Schmidt

This year the Sportsman for 2015 is Angus Schmidt and the Sportswoman for 2015 is Sophie McGovern. Congratulations to all students who received an award for your outstanding contribution to and achievements in sport.

CROMER STUDENTS AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

Lachlan MacMahon and Ty Hatch – SNOWSPORTS
Lachlan and Tyson were both selected in the NSW Snowsports team to represent NSW at the National Interschool Snowsports competition. Due to Lachlan’s HSC commitments he decided to withdraw. However, Tyson came 5th in both his Snowboarding events. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Aidan Simonetti – BOXING
Aidan competed at the Australian Boxing Championships (Golden Gloves) in August. He is now the A Class Champion and holds the Australian Golden Gloves (Under 63kgs). Well done Aidan on this amazing achievement.
Jimmy Broadbent – MOTORCYCLE RACING
Jimmy is back on the circuit after crashing out at high speeds and injuring himself earlier this year. Jimmy recently competed in QLD in the factory team and finished 8th on the grid. This is a great effort on a new bike.

Mirko Nesevic – RUGBY LEAGUE
Congratulations to Mirko Nesevic for being awarded ‘Best and Fairest’ in the Jamie Lyon Cup (Year 7 Rugby League Team). Mirko was presented with a Manly Sea Eagles jersey presented by development officer Luke Grant.

William Walton - SWIMMING
Congratulations to William Walton on your amazing success at the NSW Special Olympics Carnival in early September. He won four Gold medals (100m Backstroke, 200m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle and 4x50m Freestyle) plus two Silver medals (800m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke).

Aaliyah Paki and Matthew Rocca
Aaliyah and Matthew are currently competing in the Australian Youth Touch Football Championships on the Sunshine Coast. They are both playing in the NSWCHS Touch teams and have a chance to be selected into the Australian Youth Squad at the end of this tournament. Good luck and best wishes to both students.

Sophie McGovern - ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Sophie on some outstanding results at the NSWCHS Athletics Carnival earlier this month. Sophie came 1st in 100m and 200m and has been invited to attend the All Schools Carnival.

Lucas Rae – ATHLETICS
Lucas competed in the NSWCHS Athletics Carnival in the U12 High Jump event. He finished 16th in his age group. Great effort Lucas!

4 x 100m Relay team - ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Aaliyah and Sariah Paki and Sophie and Caity McGovern on your run in the NSWCHS athletics carnival. The girls finished in 3rd placed but were disqualified for an illegal baton change. Unlucky!!!

COLLEGE SPORT

Netball
Aaliyah competed in the College Netball team at the NSWCHS carnival in Wollongong. The team played Westfield Sports High school in the Grand Final however unfortunately lost in a very close 39-35 game. This continues their reign as state finalists.
Hockey
Jye Tattersall played in the Regional CHS Play-Offs in Grafton. The team came up against Alstonville Boys and were unfortunately defeated 3-2.

Grade Sport Best & Fairest Awards

Congratulations to the following ‘Best and Fairest’ recipients on your consistent effort and integrity on the field/court throughout the Grade Sport Competition 2015:

- Jericho Sorita
- Hamza Abdel-Haleem
- Ben Dolahenty
- Megan Schumacher
- Alyssa Deal
- Nathan Liu
- Charlie Norrish
- Jasmine Small
- Sophie McGovern
- Alicia Tilley
- Henry Fenson
- Aiden Ingall
- Aleya Butler
- Alisi Kanongataa

Kieran Foran Cup – Girls Rugby League

Congratulations to Mr Delrennie and the girls in the Open Rugby League team on their win in the Kieran Foran Cup. The girls went through the competition undefeated and won their Grand Final on Monday afternoon against Forest High (reigning Champions) School 50 – 6. Fabulous effort girls!
Sydney North Netball Gala Day

The girls travelled to Gosford on 9th September and competed in the Sydney North Netball Gala Day. The teams played 7 games each before competing in the quarter and semi-finals. It was an extremely tiring day and the girls played their hearts out right through to the end of the day. The ‘Players Player’ for each team was Aaliyah Paki (seniors) and Mikayla Paki (juniors). Thanks to Mr van der Wallen for driving the bus and also coaching one of the teams.

S. Bonello (Coach)
Term 4 Sport Organisation

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SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS/RESULTS

Please check the website for trial dates, information and entry forms and results or speak to your School Sport Coordinators.

SPORT IS ON FACEBOOK

Thanks for following us and liking us on Facebook. We have almost 200 regular followers. We are currently not accepting “friends” to this page. Just hit like and the information will get to you.

We hope you are finding this site useful and informative and if so, share it with other Cromerites.

Like us on Facebook at NBSC Cromer Campus Sport.

Here at Cromer Campus we do our best to report on and acknowledge our Student’s sporting achievements. Please email alexandra.bonello@det.nsw.edu.au with your child’s results and achievements and any good action photos.
Gaining Food Security with Year 9 HSIE

Finishing off a great term of exploring food biomes and the need to protect our global food sources from genetic modification, chemicals and multinational ownership, 9D HSIE went about creating a hanging garden outside the HSIE department.

This activity proved to students that you could grow organic food almost anywhere if you get just a little creative.

Heirloom seeds from Heirloomseeds.com.au were raised over the past few months with a focus on traditional varieties that have almost been lost.

A number of herbs as well as marigolds (organic companion plantings) added to the mixture of vegetables.

Students are now looking forward to eating their produce during the final school term, that is if we manage to keep the possums away somehow.

Ms Emo
Head Teacher HSIE
Searching for Enlightenment

For the final Year 12 excursion, Ms Emo’s Society and Culture class headed out to Lakemba for the day to conclude their study of Islam.

Students had a 90 minute guided tour of the Mosque, enabling students to witness first hand the numerous rituals and traditions that they have studied over the term.

Students were able to clarify the important religious concepts required for the upcoming HSC examination.

Following the tour the class headed into Lakemba where they dined at a wonderful Lebanese restaurant. This was a fun experience, and a first for many in the class.

Congratulations 12 Society and Culture for taking on a number of new experiences this year and making this another great excursion.

Ms Emo
Head Teacher HSIE
Welcoming our Chinese Friends to Cromer Campus

For a number of years Ms Emo has taken Cromer Campus students to China for a two-week cultural exchange. This year it was our turn to host our sister school; The Experimental School attached to Haidian Teachers Training College (located in Beijing), for a day as part of their Australian cultural tour.
23 students and their teachers arrived on the first day of spring to our campus. The majority of the Cromer welcoming party had been to China on at least one of the exchanges, with our students eager to return the hosting experience.

The program included a number of musical performances, speeches and a choir, as well as a tour through the school which showed off the variety of subjects offered through the NSW curriculum.

The highlights of the day were the ANZAC cooking activity and the ‘Down Under Australian Morning Tea’, where students had valuable conversation and cultural exchanges together.

“Thank you for everything. It was a wonderful program for Beijing student to see and learn about your school and some part of student life. It made the teachers think too. I believe what student took home with is not just a personal bag of ANZAC biscuits. Thank you for the special cooking class.” Lu Jia
The Chinese students generously gifted to Cromer Campus a beautiful silk book on the life of Confucius, as well as numerous personal gifts for their Cromer buddies.

Ms A Emo
Head Teacher HSIE

Help your community become more inclusive

We are looking for volunteers to support our Social Inc. Groups in local High Schools for one lunch hour each fortnight.

Bring your spark and help students with and without disability to find theirs. Training and support provided.

Visit socialinc.org.au/volunteers.html to apply, or phone Aylin Salt on 02 8676 3554.

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Week 7 saw the inauguration of the 4th Cromer Big Dig, a unique immersion activity offered only by Cromer Campus. This year our pit was based on the underwater archaeological site of Port Royal in the Caribbean which was destroyed during an earthquake in 1692. Port Royal was an infamous pirate haven during the Golden Era of Piracy.

Characters such as Blackbeard, Calico Jack and Bartholomew Roberts walked these streets, partied in the taverns and conspired with the locals to form raiding possies seeking treasure on the high seas.

Supervised by Year 11 Ancient History students under the directorship of their teacher Ms Lisa Pearce, students learned all the skills of archaeologists and enjoyed the thrill of discovery igniting a passion and understanding of how archaeology contributes to knowledge and understanding of the past.

This year was an extremely successful season with all students enthusiastically embracing the challenge.
Ms Pearce stated “We work very hard to make our pit as authentic as possible and I think we do this very successfully. Many students have to be reminded that the skeletons are not real, just white clay but it is fantastic way to engage learning and fire up a lifelong love of history.”

Our pit is unique in Australia and many other schools have taken an interest in our initiative. This month our Cromer pit will once again feature in the NSW History Teachers magazine where in 2013 our ancient Minoan Dig was on the front cover.

We have set up a Facebook site “Archaeology in Schools” to report on our program and encourage other educational groups to develop their own archaeological programs. Why study archaeology in the classroom when you can learn from a quality hands on experience?

So, the shovels and trowels have been put away for another year and the 2016 new pit has been arranged and reburied. Our next season is based on the ancient site of Pompeii and Herculaneum which was destroyed during a volcanic eruption in 79AD.

Ms Emo
HSIE Department
CROMER CALENDAR

School resumes on Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} October 2015 for students and staff.

GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS

Please contact the school on 9981 1155 to book a place in the next available tour.