DEAR PARENTS/CARERS:

I would like to commend Mrs Moore’s Year 3 class for their excellent assembly last Thursday. It was a great combination of literature and drama and the ecology message was plain for all to appreciate. I continue to be amazed at the poise and confidence displayed by our students when faced with large audiences.

Dance

There has been an understanding that each year the students will alternate Social Dance and Edu-dance each year. This year we were offered a timeslot for Edu-dance that clashed with beach swimming and we are trying to negotiate an alternative. We will inform you of further developments.

Parent Concerns or Congratulations

Communication is an extremely important element for a school and its community and we have many modes to make it an effective, two-way process. We are happy to take phone calls, emails, letters and have face to face chats to address any issues or concerns you may have. We make every effort to put important information in our newsletter and on our website. Before the end of this term the new Business Plan will be uploaded so that you can see the strategic direction the school is taking. The Annual Report for 2015 will also be available to parents later this term to allow the whole community to celebrate the wonderful achievements of 2015. We hold orientation sessions for key times of transition. Teachers recently took the time to hold parent meetings to explain some operational information and we are grateful to all those parents who were able to make it. There is a mutual benefit.

Sometimes educational decisions are made at the school that may not fit with your ideas and a lot can be gained by coming and having a conversation to clarify understandings. If it is a classroom matter we ask that you begin with the teacher. I am always willing to take the time to discuss anything you may be concerned about. Staff at Craigie Heights PS work hard to create a positive learning environment because we believe that is the way to get the best out of your child. Education workers are a modest lot who do a fantastic job and I really appreciate those parents who go out of their way to give them a pat on the back from time to time.

Jen Graffin - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS:

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS—WEEK 4 TERM 1

Congratulations to the following students:

PP to Year 2: Keira, Oscar, Aoibheann, Raiden, Chelsea, Kaja, Charlotte, Seth, Teya, Wyatt, Raeanne, Wezley

Year 2/3 to Year 6: Ethan, Matilda, Ashley, Joel, Jessie, Phoebe, Blake, Chevy, Aniesha, Una, Joseph, Zoe

HARMONY AWARD WINNERS—WEEK 4 TERM 1

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 5 Room 14: Georgia Year 6 Room 15: Nathan

CRAIGIE HEIGHTS RECOMMENDED AUTHORS

Please take time to visit the library to see the fantastic work displayed by this weeks authors:

Room 1 Emily Room 11 Taj
Room 2 Logan Room 12 Phoebe
Room 5 Emma Room 13 Chevy
Room 6 Taylor Room 14 Baylee
Room 8 Cassie Room 15 Shaun
Room 10 Summer

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Payment of Contributions or Incursions / Excursions can be made via internet banking, by cheque, cash or Eftpos. Please finalise payments at the front office between 8.00am and 3.30pm. Thank you to those parents that have already made payment.

Payee: Craigie Heights Primary School
BSB: 066 040 Account: 1990 2511
Reference: Child’s Name/s and Year or Room #
Description: School Contributions / Incursion or Excursion Name

A receipt will only be issued for payments over $50 unless requested. If required, you can contact the Registrar at :Craigieheights.PS@education.wa.edu.au

REMINDER........

Friday 4th March is a Pupil Free Day—no students to attend school on this day. Monday 7th March is a Public Holiday and students are to return to school on Tuesday 8th March 2016.
CONGRATULATIONS MIA:

Naturally we are proud of the progress of all our students at Craigie Heights Primary School but every now and then a significant achievement deserves special recognition.

Mia from Year 3 has recently been selected in the Western Australian Sub Junior State Team for Calisthenics and we wish her all the very best for her training and the upcoming National Championships in South Australia in July. Congratulations Mia!

CHAPLAIN’S CHAMPION:

Our first Chaplain’s Champion for 2016 is Dave from Mrs Zacher’s Year 4 class.

Dave is a calm and friendly student who shows care and concern for his peers, especially those who need extra support. He models all of the schools expected behaviours but particularly, ‘Be Responsible’. Dave follows playground rules and can be relied upon at all times to be organised and take pride in his work. He always thinks of other people's feelings and includes others in games, making sure no-one is left out.

Everyone who knows Dave would agree that he is a very worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations Dave.

This term, we are combining our Celebration and our first Popy fundraising event of 2016. On Thursday 10th March for the donation of a gold coin, everyone in our school community is invited to wear something ORANGE to school. (Please remember school shoes are still required) We are also inviting parents to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their children. Lunch time begins at 1pm and the whole school will be out on the oval. The theme for this year is . If your family origins are from a country other than Australia please feel free to bring a traditional lunch to share with your child. You are also invited to share with other children or families sitting nearby about where you have come from – perhaps talk about some traditional games from your country of origin.

Popy, who is from Bangladesh, lives with her Mum and Dad, two sisters and a brother. Her Dad is a casual labourer and her Mum looks after their home and family. Their house is made of light materials with an iron roof. Popy likes to play football and draw. When she grows up she would like to be a teacher.

The village where Popy lives is in rural Bangladesh, in an area prone to flooding during the monsoon season. Most families in the village are involved in farming or labouring and the majority of adults are illiterate. There isn’t much in the way of healthcare available; and most babies, whose mothers are often quite young, are born at home. The quality of education for both boys and girls is limited. Our sponsorship of Popy makes a huge difference to her life now and to her future.
ROOM 14:

What makes a good day at school according to Room 14!

People being nice to me
Being friends with people
Art
Learning new things
Assemblies
Computing
Playing fun games
Early close on Wednesdays
Being with my teacher
Writing narratives
The smell of canteen food
Reading
Playing games
Harmony Awards
Being loved
An awesome teacher
Achieving my goals
Daily fitness
Music
Being kind
Choose where I sit
Library
Being honest
Maths
Laughing
Recess
Playing games
Lunch
Science
Following the behaviours
Having a choice
Crunch & Sip
Following instructions
Being at school
Japanese
People smiling at me
Being safe
Being respectful
Being responsible
Being an Achiever

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS:

You may have noticed that Mr McWilliams, our gardener, is working on the triangular garden bed at the front of the staffroom. This bed has proven to be very difficult to rid of the invasive Kikuyu grass. The sundial will be relocated to a more practical spot and the kerbing reused elsewhere.

The school has a plan for the overall renovation of the expansive grounds and welcome any ideas and practical support. The promised tree work is almost complete and will decrease the risk of bushfire and falling branches.
SCHOOL NEWS:

Years 5/6 Beach Swimming
Writing Genres
Sometimes as teachers we use jargon that may not be that common outside an educational setting. Here is a simple glossary of writing genre terms we often use in primary schools:
Exposition (persuasive text) – a text that intends to persuade or gives an argument
Explanation – factual writing that explains how something works or happens
Narrative – a story, actual or fictional, expressed orally or in writing
Procedure – listing actions or steps to show the way we do something
Report – factual information that is presented succinctly

Just One Thing
In today’s distribution, children will be bringing a “Just One Thing” letter home. This is a joint project between the staff and the P&C of the school. We ask that all families do just one thing, or more if you wish, to help and support our school. Please have a read of the letter, complete the areas you may be able to help in and return to your child’s teacher or the front office.
Thanking you in advance for your support.

Amanda Robinson—Deputy Principal

SAFE CRACKER:

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Name: ___________________ Room: ____

Place in safe box, in the office, by Tuesday 22nd March 2016
P&C MEETINGS

P&C Officeholders & Committee
The new P&C Officeholders for 2016 are:

President    Narelle Pugh         Canteen Co-ordinator    Roz Lyon
Vice President Vicki Ellis          Book Club Co-ordinator Kathleen Hill
Secretary position vacant            Safety House Co-ordinator Jillian Collard
Treasurer    Adam Woodhead         School Banking Co-ordinator Nathan Cain
Fundraising Vicki Ellis             School Banking Assistant Karen David
Auditor      Janet Coates           Photo Co-ordinator      Michelle Finlayson

Positions Vacant
Secretary Attends meetings and takes minutes. Also responsible for opening and record all incoming mail, preparation of meeting agendas, and circulating committee reports to all members.
WACSSO Rep Acts as a liaison between the WA Council for State School Organisation and the P&C.
Facebook Editor Responsible for updating our CHPS Facebook page with information for parents, and responding to enquiries

If you are interested in any of the above vacant positions, or would like some more information, please email craigieheightspandc@yahoo.com.au, or talk with a member of our P&C

Fundraising Goals
We are currently looking at upgrading our Audio Visual equipment in the Undercover Area for school assemblies and events. Heating and cooling options in this area has also been suggested as something to consider, as well as continued support for school programs and excursions, as well as work on the new Nature Playground. If you have any suggestions for a fundraising goal this year please come along to a meeting and raise for discussion.

Upcoming Fundraising Events – Term 1
GRAND CARD – flyers were sent home regarding fundraising with Grand Cinemas. At only $30 the Grand Card enables you to buy movie tickets for four people at $13.00 each, every time you go to the movies during the year. This is a big saving for you, and $5 from each Grand Card sold will be donated to our school. Complete the form and return to Grand Cinemas. Additional forms are in the front office.

EASTER RAFFLE – We are asking families for small Easter themed donations to be placed in the box in the front office by 18 March so we can make up some great hampers. Tickets will be $1.00 each and will be sent home soon. Raffle prizes to be drawn on Thursday, 24 March.

Thank you for your continued support to help raise funds for our school – this helps to improve our facilities, and support our students educational experience.
**WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
*WA Secondary School of the Year Finalist*

**YEARS 7 (2017) INFORMATION EVENING**

All parents of Year 5 and 6 students are welcome to attend.

WHEN:  Wednesday 9 March 2016
TIME:  7.00 pm (Tour of school available at 6.30pm)
WHERE: Warwick Senior High School Performing Arts Centre (in the Gym complex).

Please park in the car park at the front of the school (Erindale Road entrance).

RSVP to WSHS on 6240 4400 by Monday 7/3/16.

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**WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
*2014 SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR FINALIST*
*NOW AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL*

**2016 SCHOOL OPEN DAY**
Parents are invited to attend an Open Day at Warwick Senior High School to learn about our outstanding educational programs and view our facilities. Guided tours will be conducted on the following day at the stated times.

Friday 18 March
355 Erindale Rd WARWICK WA 6024
Tours commence at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm
Our school conducts programs in the following:

**PROGRAMS:**
- ACADEMIC EXTENSION
- ENDOURED SPECIALIST NETBALL
- ENDOURED SPECIALIST FOOTBALL
- DANCE ELITE
- MUSIC

Please call the school administration reception on 6240 4400 to book your tour.
We look forward to meeting you.

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**CRICKET**

Specialist Program
Endorsed by the Department of Education and The WACA

Applications accepted from Year 6 Students

**TRIAL DAY**
Monday 4 April 2016
at The WACA

Please contact the school of your choice for an Application Form.
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Principal and Staff invite you to attend an Information Evening. Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

Where: John Forrest Secondary College.
Date: Tuesday 3 May 2016
Time: 6.15pm to approximately 8.00pm.
(Aim to arrive at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.)
Venue: College Gym.

All students are welcome at John Forrest Secondary College. We offer exceptional programs including:

- College based Academic Excellence Program (Year 7-10).
- Specialist Programs in Cricket, Netball, Tennis and Music (Year 7-10).
- College based Computer Science Program (Year 8-10).
- Curriculum Enrichment Program (Year 7-9).

There will be an opportunity for questions about the College Organisation, Curriculum and Student Services.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Melanie English
Year 7 and 8 Deputy Principal

Melissa Gillett
Principal