DEAR PARENTS/CARERS:
Welcome back everyone. I used to really enjoy the unstructured days of school holidays with my own children and hope you enjoyed some great family times. My own childhood activities involved running barefoot through puddles and building extensive cubbies on the farm. Looking at some of the wonderful post holiday writing of our budding authors I can see that many families spent time making memories together whether it be at home or away.

Term Two brings Interschool Sports for years 5 and 6, NAPLAN testing and Semester Reporting to parents. The NAPLAN testing starts in week three for years three and five and the tests will be administered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week. Our students are well prepared as a result of all the targeted learning that has taken place over their entire school life. It is important that students are encouraged to think of these tests as just a normal part of schooling and prepare well for the day as you would for the usual school day with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

ANZAC Service
A huge thanks to the student councillors and the School Choir for their wonderful work at our ANZAC Service. It was an informative and emotional commemoration. A special thanks to Mr Kilgallon, Mr Lee and Mrs Massey for their special efforts to coordinate all the students involved. The spirit of ANZAC will pass from generation to generation when we involve and empower children and promote a message of peaceful conflict resolution.

Jen Graffin - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS:

CRAIGIE HEIGHTS RECOMMENDED AUTHORS

Please take time to visit the library to see the fantastic work displayed by this week's authors:

Room 5  Andrew
Room 8  Pascale
Room 10  Matiilda
Room 11  Ashley
Room 12  John
Room 14  Eden

NO PARKING—CHURCH CAR PARK—28TH APRIL 2016

Please make a note that there will be no parking available in the Church car park on Thursday 28th April—All Day.

This is due to a church function.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The Craigie Heights Dental Therapy Centre will be closed for 5 weeks starting from Monday 2nd May 2016.

For all emergencies, please contact the Padbury Dental Therapy Centre on 9401 7285.
During the holiday I was reminded once again that ‘Life is a balancing act’. We have to balance our time between family, work, friends, leisure activity and rest. We have to balance our money, making sure we have enough for our needs and, hopefully, some left over for our wants. We have to balance our words, knowing the impact can be encouraging or devastating. We need balance in our diet; balance in our activity level, and balance in our relationships. But I was also reminded that sometimes we need to stop and take a break; we need to find a place where we can sit and breathe and not be concerned with everything that is going on around us. This can be difficult to do because often we have been programmed to be busy and active all the time and there is always so much to do!

So how do we find time to be still? Get up 10 minutes before every one else; arrive at school 10 minutes before the end of the day and sit in the car and wait for your kids to come to you; go for a walk; eat lunch by yourself (occasionally); zone out when you are waiting in a queue or using public transport; make an appointment with yourself to have some time out!

We need to become creative and find some time to stop, and see the benefits in how this helps us to manage balance in our lives.

*Jenny Palandri*

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**YEAR 6 NANGA BUSH CAMP**

On the 22nd of March the year 6’s along with Mr Lee, Miss Dowson and Mrs Palandri set off to Nanga Bush Camp for 3 days of fun, adventure and excitement. We completed many activities that challenged our social skills and developed strength awareness. Some activities included Raft building, Raft riot, Flying fox, Ropes course, The Great Egg Challenge and Environmental art.

All students had a fun time learning about themselves and their peers while keeping to the school’s expected behaviours of being safe, responsible, an achiever and respectful. One of the biggest hits was the fireman’s poles in the Dormitory structure where students could, literally, race down to eat and complete activities. They were even treated to a song by Mr Lee at 6 am, something that will be etched into their memories forever.

All students gained outdoor experiences that they will keep while learning more about themselves and their peers, not just their friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their attitude and effort and their parents for allowing them to go!

Keep singing,

*Mr Lee*

Check out the fantastic photographs on the following page to see some of the fun activities that the children took part in.
SCHOOL NEWS:

YEAR 6 CAMP
On Monday 4th of April Pre-Primary to Year 6 students participated in a half day of Mathematics activity based learning. All the activities had a Geometry focus and students completed six activities throughout the morning. The team leaders were all Year 6 students who capably led their groups to their various activities. The students enjoyed the wide range of activities developed by the teachers to improve understanding and application of Geometry concepts. Mrs Palandri was an excellent time keeper. Ryley and Radwan took many photographs throughout the morning. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who enabled this to be a fun learning experience for the students.

Mrs Moore and Ms Elmer (Mathematics Learning Area Co-ordinators)
In the last week of last term, PP to Year 6 enjoyed MAD Maths Day. The theme this year was geometry. Some activities involved tangrams (see template below).

It is a great way to learn about spatial relationships. They can help kids learn geometric terms and develop stronger problem solving skills: such as “Can you make a triangle using one shape, two shapes, three shapes etc.?”

They can also be arranged in a variety of complex shapes, including fanciful ones, such as animal shapes. The simplest way is to let kids create their own shapes. Tangrams can also be treated as puzzles. The player is shown a target shape (in outline, or silhouette only) and then asked to recreate that shape using the seven pieces.

Students can cut this out and try some of these activities and remember …”MATHS IS FUN”.

Amanda Robinson - Deputy Principal

Just One Thing:

Thank you to those parents who have returned the Just One Thing list. The support from families is much appreciated. At the end of Term One a raffle of returned forms was held and the winning entry won a double pass to ‘Obstacool’, donated by the P&C. Congratulations to Natalie Neervoort.

Curriculum:

Kindy 2017 Enrolments

Application forms for enrolment can be obtained from the School Office. The following documentation will be needed for enrolment

- Proof of address
- Immunisation records (this must be the printed version from Medicare)
- Birth Certificate
- Visa documentation (if applicable)

Closing Date – 29th July 2016
P&C NEWS:

P&C Meeting Dates
Our P&C Meetings scheduled for term two are on Monday, 9 May 2016, and Monday, 13 June 2016. These will commence at 6.30pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to come along, meet our P&C and find out what is happening at our school.

Entertainment Books
Families have the opportunity to pre order the new Entertainment Books now, with $200 worth of early bird offers given to those that do. $13.00 from the sale of each book goes towards our CHPS Fundraising.

We will be providing an Entertainment Book to each family this term to take home and see what is in the book. Should you not wish to receive the book you will be able to advise on the fundraising form to come home soon. If you don’t wish to keep the book, please return to the front office in the envelope provided.

Canteen Survey
Thank you to those that completed our Canteen Survey – there was a lot of great suggestions and information that we will be able to use to help make our school canteen more viable and more appealing to families to use.

There were also a number of parents that responded that they would be interested in volunteering in our school canteen. We would love to have your support, and ask that you give your name and number to the front office.

Upcoming Events in Term 2

Mothers Day Stall – Friday, 6 May
Our P&C will be holding a Mothers Day stall on Friday, 6 May, where students will have an opportunity during class time to come and buy a special gift for their Mums, Nannas or Grandmas. For those in the Thursday Kindy group we will be opening our stall especially for you on Thursday, 5 May. Items will be priced between $1.00 - $7.00 and pictures of the items for sale will be on display next week.

Lapathon – Friday, 17 June
Our P&C Lapathon will be held on Friday, 17 June. Information will be coming home soon with how to fundraise and the awesome prizes you can earn!

5c Fundraiser - coming soon
Start collecting your 5 cent pieces as our 5c fundraiser will be here in Term 2. It will be the battle of the classrooms to see whom can raise the most money with just 5c pieces!

School Photographs
School Photographs will be taken on Monday, 30 May and Tuesday, 31 May. Information will be sent home to families shortly.
Parents with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to see how your child will benefit from our high quality education and Approved Specialist Programs.

- Placed in Top 50 ATAR schools in WA - 2014
- Placed in Top 50 VET schools in WA - 2014, 2015
- Outstanding results in National Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests
- Quality, acknowledged Performing Arts program
- Approved Specialist Programs in Cricket & Fashion Design
- Elite Netball Program
- Excellent pastoral care and student support programs
- Extensive VET program
- Academic Extension Program Years 7-10

DO YOU WANT TO TRY CRICKET OR NETBALL?
Children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to participate in our cricket and netball programs from 3.45pm to 5pm. Please contact us for information.

NOTE: Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up of your child from this event.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH EVENTS
Call 9473 4035
12 Gefordale Drive, Belrose, Belridge College WA. edu.au

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at John Forrest Secondary College
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY and
WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016

Applications accepted from Year 6 students

For details and a registration form please contact
Lynn McPherson: 9473 4035
E: lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au

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FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

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Nicole Poppas (c) 2015