DEAR PARENTS/CARERS:

Well I have to say there is an overwhelming positivity in the air and we can be grateful for the cool weather to start off the school year.

I would like to extend a very warm Craigie Heights welcome to new families. A “getting to know you” morning tea will be held for new families after the Leaders Assembly on Thursday 11th February and I would love to see you there for a chat.

Our wonderful teachers and support staff have spent many hours preparing classrooms and programmes that will bring about the best possible learning for your child and I thank them for their efforts.

I would also like to thank all families for doing such a great job preparing your children for the new year. By ensuring that they have all the equipment they need and presenting the new school year in a positive light, by listening to them with an open mind and supporting them through minor bumps in the road you are helping your child to build resilience and confidence to do well both socially and academically.

Staffing

Mrs Amanda Robinson has seamlessly stepped into a Deputy Principal role whilst Mrs Shannon Pearce is working at the Professional Learning Institute and we welcome her experience, and skills, to the team.

We welcome back Mr David Lee who has had the benefit of the professional sharing that occurs when you work in other schools. We all hope to benefit from his Information and Communication Technology expertise and are putting together a plan to ensure the hardware works well and the staff have the skills to incorporate technology as an effective learning tool.

Due to Mr Christie being offered a position at Cambell Primary school we have been able to employ Mrs Karen Pope in the 4/5 class. We also welcome Mrs Ange Lightfoot and Mrs Jessica Dunn who will be supporting the Early Childhood programme.

Important Parent Information Sessions

These meetings are being scheduled for week 3 of term. We hope to see as many parents as possible attend.

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Mrs Jen Graffin  
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Semester 1
Term 1: Monday 1st February – Friday 8th April
Term 2: Tuesday 26th April – Friday 1st July

Semester 2
Term 3: Monday 18th July – Friday 23rd September
Term 4: Monday 10th October – Thursday 15th December

Pupil Free Days
Term 1: Friday 4th March (Term 1, Week 4)
Term 2: Friday 3rd June (Term 2, Week 6)
Term 3: Friday 12th August (Term 3, Week 4)
Term 4: Monday 24th October (Term 4, Week 3)

School Holidays
April School Holidays: Saturday 9th April – Sunday 24th April
July School Holidays: Saturday 2nd July – Sunday 17th July
October School Holidays: Saturday 24th September – Sunday 9th October
Christmas School Holidays: Saturday 16th December – Tues 31st January 2017

Public Holidays—School Closed
Monday 7th March Labour Day
Friday 25th March Good Friday
Monday 28th March Easter Monday
Tuesday 29th March Easter Tuesday
Monday 25th April ANZAC Day
Monday 6th June WA Day
Monday 26th September (Holidays) Queens Birthday
Sunday 25th December (Holidays) Christmas Day
Monday 26th December (Holidays) Boxing Day
Tuesday 27th December (Holidays) Christmas Day Additional Holiday

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

If required you can contact the Registrar at Craigieheights.PS@education.wa.edu.au

Receipts will only be issued for payments over $50. If you require a receipt, please inform the office.
There are a number of Library books that were borrowed by students last year that now need to be returned to the Library. It’s time to check under the bed, in the car, behind the couch and all the other hiding places that books like to hide in. Please return any Library books that you may find at home to the Library or the Classroom Teacher. Many thanks for your help with this.

Betty Somers—Library Officer

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**Holiday Reading Challenge**

Please remember to bring in the Holiday Reading Challenge Record and hand to the class teacher.

**Learning Potential**

Learning Potential is an app developed by the Department of Education and Training in consultation with Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. This app is packed with tips and ideas for you to get involved in your child’s learning.

**An example of tips about Phonics:**

- Read with your child each day. Reading to your child helps them to enjoy stories and develop an interest in reading. It also helps them to understand that reading is about understanding and learning – not just about saying words.
- When talking about letters, use the sound they make as well as their name.
- Repeat rhymes, sing phonics songs.
- Encourage your child to make letter shapes. Eg. Playdough, sticks
- Point to letters you see on signs, posters etc. Name the letter and say the sound.
- Help them to listen for the individual sound in words, pull them apart and put them together.
- Praise and encouragement! Let your child know you are proud.

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**Welcome back!** I hope you were able to have a break and enjoy some time with your children, extended family and friends over the holiday period. I am very pleased to be at CHPS two days a week again this year. I am planning to be here every Monday and Thursday. Please contact the front office or catch me at school if you would like to have a chat.

There is always a certain amount of stress involved with the beginning of a new school year! Which class will I be in? Who will my teacher be? Will my friends be in the same class as me? Starting at a brand new school is even more daunting as it may be the result of the even more stressful experience of moving house, interstate or even emigrating from another country! Some people (adults and children) seem to take everything in their stride and even thrive on change. Most of us, however, find change a little (or a lot) daunting. To help your child adjust to change give them the opportunity to talk about how they are feeling; you may have had a similar experience as you were growing up and can talk about how you felt. Give them time to process and make the necessary adjustments and try not to rescue them! As parents we often want to save our children from difficult or painful experiences but these are often the times when we grow as people. If children know they have support at school and home they will find it easier to adjust. This experience can then be used to help them the next time they are faced with a change which is out of their control.

*Jenny Palandri*
CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Students should not arrive at school prior to 8.15am. Parents are reminded that students who do arrive before 8.15 am should report to the alcove in the Early Childhood Block where they will be supervised until 8.25am. We ask that students report to this area promptly to ensure they do not spend extended time unsupervised. Sports equipment, playgrounds and toys are not permitted to be used before school.

COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

Parents collecting students from school prior to the end of day for any reason are asked to first visit the office so that a student release slip can be completed. In order to further ensure the safety of students, office staff may request some form of identification before the pass is issued. This will allow us to ensure that appropriate adults are collecting children from school. If parents require a friend or relative to collect a child on their behalf, a signed note to this affect will be required. Please visit the office if you need to update or add any details to your child’s record regarding contact details.

PERSONAL DETAILS

It is imperative that we have up to date personal details for every child in the school. This includes home and emergency details and email address. If you have made changes to your details over the Christmas holidays can you please advise the front office staff.

PARKING

The safety of our students is always of paramount concern. Thank you to parents/caregivers who use parking correctly before and after school by using the correct designated area and by dropping off and leaving immediately. This avoids any congestion/safety issues. Everyone’s patience is appreciated during these peak/busy times when space is hard to find. We ask that parents do not park on the verges of residents nor use the staff car park. Remember also that double parking/angle parking is illegal and unsafe and that residents need to be able to have safe and unrestricted access to their properties. For safety reasons parents/caregivers should not use the staff car park. Students need to use the footpaths and not walk through the car park for their safety.

Please remember that our Disability Car Parking Bays are restricted to ACROD permit holders only.
Happy New Year!! We hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and are as excited about 2016 as we are!

The Craigie Heights Primary School P&C Association (P&C) is a group that is open to all parents and community members of our school. Our P&C Association is an important part of our school community and is responsible for:

- Liaison between parents and the school
- Operation of the school canteen
- School Banking
- Scholastic Book Club
- Communication with our Uniform Supplier
- Fundraising

P&C Meetings are held twice a term on a Monday evening from 6.30pm. These meetings generally run for an hour and enable you to meet other parents from our school, be informed with what is happening at the school and have your say in our decision making processes, and what our goals should be. All are welcome to attend.

Our AGM will be held on Monday, 15 February 2015 at which time new P&C Officeholders will be appointed. We already have nominations for most of these positions which is great, however should you be interested in joining our P&C in any capacity we would love to see you there! There are a number of different positions that would suit a wide range of interests and/or abilities! Any time or assistance that you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated and is very rewarding.

Facebook Page
Be sure to like the Craigie Heights PS Community Facebook page to keep up to date with all information regarding our school.

Canteen
Our canteen is open on a Monday and Friday and provides recess and lunch for our students. Orders can be placed at the canteen (located in the Undercover Area) before school, or on line through OnLine Canteen (www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au).

Our canteen relies on the help of volunteers from our school to work with our Canteen Manager. If you have any spare time on either of these days we would love to have you work with us. Please complete a form from the front office indicating when you are available and how often you would like to help. Thank you!

School Banking
School banking is held on a Monday morning from 8.15am – 8.40am in Learning Block 1. This will be starting up from Monday, 8 February 2016. If you are interested in doing school banking come and meet with us.

Scholastic Book Club
In 2016 we will continue to offer Scholastic Book Club, which enables families to purchase books at great prices and also rewards our school with new books also. Catalogues will be coming home soon.

Fundraising
Fundraising enables improvements to our school, the facilities and resources for our children. This has included the fencing around our school oval, shade sails over the playgrounds, contribution towards the nature playground in Kindy/Pre-Primary area, Interschool sports shirts, Mathletics, Blue Earth program, as well as contribution towards class excursions to help keep costs to a minimum. We have a number of great ideas for 2016, but would welcome any ideas that you may have, and of course your assistance to ensure these are a success!

School Uniform
Uniforms with the old school logo were being fazed out for the start of 2016. We encourage that your child wears the new school logo uniform. Please do not sell or purchase second hand uniforms to be worn at school with the old logo on, as these are no longer part of the school dress code.
Dear Families,

Camp Australia in its partnership with Craigle Heights Primary School is pleased to introduce Kim Shackleton as the new Before and After School Care Coordinator.

With a heavy heart Mel Krane is moving on from her coordinators role to further progress her career in teaching.

Kim has worked for Camp Australia for the past 2 years and has 3 years of experience in Children’s Services. Kim is very motivated and passionate about working with children and will continue to be supported by myself and the entire Camp Australia Team during the transition to her new role.

We have a lot to look forward to in the program with a new Coordinator, new activities and new smiles!

For any further information or assistance please contact our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Henley
Operations Manager
Camp Australia

After School Care program
Times:
BSC: 7:00 am to 08:30am
ASC: 3:00pm to 6.00pm
each school day

Register and book now
Manage your before and after school care bookings at www.campaustralia.com.au
or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.
Community News:

Junior Registration Day
7 February 2016
Charles Riley Reserve,
North Beach
12 pm to 3 pm
FROM UNDER 6 TO 18
Secretary@NBRLFC.com.au
www.nbrlfc.com.au

Certificate I in New Opportunities for Women
NATIONAL ID: 0F771A STATE BY VRS

New Opportunities for Women (NOW) is an exciting program with the aim to increase your confidence and raise your self-esteem.

The NOW program will provide you with the information and skills you need to explore your future options regarding:
- Entering or re-entering the workforce
- Vocational training
- Further education

PROGRAM/SUBJECTS
- Introduction to Computing and Technology
- Personal First Aid
- Personal Management
- Effective Communication
- Practical Maths
- Preparation for Employment
- Exploring Education, Training and Career Options
- Work Placement

DURATION
8 February 2016 - 17 June 2016
(16 weeks)

TIMETABLE
The NOW program is designed to be flexible to fit in with school hours and holidays.
- Three days per week
- 9:00AM - 2:30PM

LOCATION
West Coast Institute - Main Campus
30 Karrinna Crescent, Joondalup

COURSE FEE
Approximately $200.00 (including GST)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
There are no formal requirements to enrol in this accredited course.

FIND OUT MORE
For further information, please contact Jackie Pelley on 0435 1165 or email jackie.pelley@ecfwa.edu.au

SurfBabies and SurfKids are fun, interactive 6-week programs aimed at children from 2-7 years of age and their parents to increase awareness, confidence and safety at the beach.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times and classes are altered to suit all abilities. If you're a parent who is unsure of the beach environment then you and your child will benefit immensely. All classes are instructed by fully qualified Surf Lifesavers. This is a great way to ensure everyone feels safer at the beach coming into the summer months.

Program & Times (6 x 30min lessons)

| SurfBabies Level 1 | 2yrs | 8:30-9:00am |
| SurfBabies Level 2 | 3yrs | 9:30-10:00am |
| SurfBabies Level 3 | 4yrs | 9:50-10:20am |
| SurfKids Level 1 | 5yr | 10:30-11:00am |
| SurfKids Level 2 | 6-7yr | 11:10-11:40am |

Series 1: 7 November - 12 December 2015
Series 2: 6 February - 12 March 2016

Locations: Coogee, Fremantle, Cottesloe, North Beach, Sorrento, Mullaloo, Quinns-Mindarie and Yanchep Lagoons.
Cost: $100 per child

For more information contact:
Keta Lemmon, Community Programs Officer
9207 6666 or klemmon@swiwa.com.au
To enrol visit swiwa.com.au/surfbabies

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