



Dickins House

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The newsletter of Cranbrook Junior School, Dickins House (K-2), Rose Bay

Dates For Your Diary 2009	
3 Nov Tues	Yr 1 Excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens 9.45am – 12.30pm
6 Nov Fri	End of Year K-2 Cocktail Party at Dickins House 6.30pm
9 Nov Mon	Yr 2 Excursion to Sculpture by the Sea 12.30pm – 2.45pm
18 Nov Wed	Yr 3 2010 Parent Information Evening at Junior School 7.00pm
3 Dec Thurs	End of Year Piano Concert Dickins House 1.30pm
4 Dec Fri	Yr 2 Farewell Assembly & Morning Tea
7 Dec Mon	Dickins House End of Year Concert Carter Centre, Senior School 6.30pm
9 Dec Wed	Last Day of Term 4
10 Dec Thurs	Junior School Annual Prize Giving AJC Pavilion 3.00pm
29 Jan 2010 Fri	Term 1 commences for Years 1 to Year 12
1 Feb 2010 Mon	Term 1 commences for Kindergarten

Dear Parents,

Next week, we have a number of events planned. Year 1 will be visiting the Royal Botanic Garden as part of their inquiry into plants. Next Wednesday, our Year 2 boys will have a whole grade visit to the Junior School. On Thursday and Friday, we welcome the young boys starting at Dickins House in 2010 and their families.

Please make sure you read Mrs Karsay's description of the exciting and fun things we did yesterday on Universal Children's Day.

CSPA Dickins House Cocktail Party

The Dickins House Committee for the *Cranbrook School Parents' Association* has been extremely busy organising the K-2 annual cocktail party and your invitation was included in last week's newsletter. Last year's night was so much fun!

Every parent is warmly invited to attend the party, but it is essential please that you return the reply slip included (telling the Committee whether you can come or not) so that catering can be finalised. **These slips (with payment, if attending) need to be returned by TOMORROW, FRIDAY 30 October as the party is Friday 6 November.** *Please note, the cost of tickets covers the food and drink provided – the ticket-price is not intended to raise funds.* There has been NO rise in ticket prices for the past 3 years.

It is a really lovely evening and a chance for all of the parents and staff to get together before the end of year frenzy really sets in! I do hope many of you can make it!

Year 2 Parent Tour of Junior School

Mr Michael Dunn, Head of Junior School, warmly invites our **current Year 2 parents** to an informal tour of the Junior School site in preparation for their sons move into Year 3 in 2010. The tour will give our parents an opportunity to re-familiarise themselves with the location of various buildings, drop off and pick up spots and other useful information. **This tour for Dickins House Year 2 parents is planned for Thursday 26 November, at 9.15am.** Mr Dunn will write shortly to Year 2 families with further details.

The Year 2 whole grade visit to Junior School will take place NEXT Wednesday. The Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 18 November, in the Junior School Multi Purpose Room at 7pm. The boys' morning visits to Year 3 classrooms commence the week after next.

Enrolments in Kindergarten for 2011, 2012 and 2013

Do you have a younger son who you believe is coming to Dickins House in the years listed above? Please ensure your enrolment form has been received by the School by contacting Mrs Catherine Dunn in the School's Admissions Department, as soon as possible. Her phone number is 9327 9412.

Term 4 Assembly

<i>Date</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
30 October	2	KB	
6 November	3	---	Cranbrookies K'10
13 November	4	KH	
20 November	5	2F	
27 November	6	---	Chess Awards
4 December	7	---	Year 2 Farewell Assembly

Staff Profiles - Joel Cox and Edwina Crowe – Learning Support Aides

This week I am introducing two more staff members who play absolutely essential roles at the Dickins House. Both Joel and Edwina are Learning Support Aides who are attached to a particular class to help assist the teachers appropriately cater for all the boys in their class. I will include more interviews as the term progresses.



Mr Joel Cox (left) and Ms Edwina Crowe (right)

What do your roles as Learning Support Aides involve?

Joel: Mainly helping a number of different boys in the areas of literacy and numeracy, and generally within the classroom.

Edwina: Everything Joel said, including the preparation of aids, as well as supporting the children's various needs within the classroom and supporting the classroom teachers and specialists to cater for every boy in their room.

How long have you worked at Dickins House?

Joel: This is my second year at Cranbrook. I also coach a number of sports at the Senior School, including rugby, basketball and I am involved in the Cranbrook Scuba Diving Group.

Edwina: This is my first year at Dickins House but I have worked at Junior School and Senior School for the past 5 years in roles similar to the one I am doing here.

What did you do before you worked at Dickins House and any recent changes?

Joel: I am a secondary school PE teacher and worked as that in England before I came to Australia. I do miss it – especially being outdoors most of the day – even in England! I have just gained permanent Australian residency.

Edwina: I worked in a Montessori Pre-school and with children with high needs. I have just finished a Diploma of Inclusive Education at Charles Sturt University.

What is the best part of the job?

Joel: I really enjoy developing new and innovative ways to teach literacy and numeracy.

Edwina: I love seeing the development and improvement the boys make. I also enjoy the collaboration between the staff as we programme and cater for the different needs of the boys. The variety of the work is also good – it is never boring! I love watching the progress of the students who I have known as they move through the other parts of the School.

Best wishes,
Michele Marquet



There are no Birthdays to celebrate this week at Dickins House!

Merit Awards

KB Toby Atwill, Jack Bouvier, Sebastian Lucchese, Xander Yu

KH Edmund Kay-Hoyle, Toby Mehigan, Louis Mercer

IF Christopher Lakis, William Serafim, Tao Sullivan, Ned Swaney

IK Orlando Allen, Ryan Tilley, Christian Vourakis, Lennon Weir

2C Oliver Carroll, Jacky Lin, Patrick Tagg, Sam Wright

2F Jackson Kemeny, Angus Murray, Steven Parras, Anders Steglick

Artist of the Week

This week's Artists of the Week are Hugh Halley (2C), Spencer Sewell (2C), Nathan Barta (2C) and Gardner Dowling (2F). After drawing the texture of the Banksia plant last week, Year Two boys interpreted the same subject in a 3D form this week using terracotta clay. Hugh, Spencer, Nathan and Gardner managed to cleverly scratch, pinch, roll and add tiny balls of clay to give a Banksia-like surface to their sculptural creations. Nathan and Gardner also added fine hair-like lines to resemble the spent flowers, made with, believe it or not, a garlic press! Well done, boys!

ART NEWS

The Woollahra Municipal Council would like to invite you to visit the 2009 Small Sculpture Prize Exhibition from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October at Redleaf Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay.

Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Jackson Kemeny (2F) for demonstrating independence and creativity in the PE lesson and for very good Jump Rope skills. Congratulations, Jackson!

Lost Property

We have quite a few pairs of Black School Shoes in lost property. They will be on the table outside the office tomorrow. Please make sure you have a good look to see if any of them belong to you!

Charlie Raine (1F) has lost his School jumper.

Jackson Kemeny (2F) has still not found his brand new School shoes.

Could parents please have a good look at home and make sure your son is wearing his own shoes. We also ask that you make sure that all your son's clothing is **clearly marked**. Thank you.

International School Libraries Day Monday 26 October

This day draws attention to the importance of school libraries in the education of students. Upon reflection, Year 2 boys thought our library was important because:

- we can find books we don't have in the classroom
- we can keep our books in one place, in good condition
- it is a free and different part of the school
- it is a good place to relax
- it is a place where you can be independent and you can entertain yourself
- it is a jungle of information

How heartening to discover our boys have adopted such a positive attitude toward libraries.

Universal Children's Day Wednesday 28 October

Universal Children's Day has been celebrated around the world since 1954. UNICEF Australia chooses the theme for Australian children to focus on.

At Dickins House we were invited to come dressed in national costume or in the colours of a flag that may have some meaning.

As children love to play, we focused on traditional games, children, no matter where, play all over the world. We drew hopscotch grids, jumped rope, played soccer, rolled marbles, tossed knuckles etc. Thank you to Mrs Dalton and Mrs Duncombe for organising equipment and games for us to enjoy.

Kindergarten boys created 'lots of little children' with Mrs Bourke, for our library display board, while other boys were invited to draw whatever they wanted on a large piece of paper put up in the library.

My personal favourite moment of the day was watching Nico Katehos and George Livanidis thoroughly enjoying the selection of Greek music we had playing and dancing a traditional Greek dance to it in perfect unison. What a moment! See photos below related to this day.

