

JUNIOR SCHOOL JOURNAL

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‘CURATING CRANBROOK’

Last Friday, boys in the Junior School should have taken home an invitation for you to attend ‘Curating Cranbrook Exhibition 2009’ (‘Curating Cranbrook’ showcases artworks from St Mark’s and St Michael’s Pre-schools and from boys from Kindergarten to Year 12 at Cranbrook. This important exhibition of students’ work is held biennially and is always a stunning collection of artworks – a visual feast and an inspiration to the boys. The exhibition is to be opened by Elizabeth Ann Macgregor, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Sydney, at 6pm on Wednesday 18 November in the Carter Hall at Cranbrook. Following the official opening, the exhibition runs on Thursday 19 November and Friday 20 November from 9:00am to 4:00pm and on Saturday 21 November from 10:00am to 2:00pm. I strongly urge you to come to ‘Curating Cranbrook’ – you will be pleased you did.

NSW PSSA ATHLETICS

Last Thursday, the Cranbrook Junior 4 x 100m Athletics Relay Team (Joss Cary, Elliott Grossberg, Sebastien Moir and Spencer O’Connor) represented Cranbrook, IPSHA NSW and NSW Combined Independent Schools (CIS) in the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) Athletics Championships at Homebush. Sebastien Moir of Year 4 also represented in the 9 Years 100m event and Matthew Tierney of Year 6 took part in the Senior High Jump. The NSWPSSA is the highest level of interschool sporting competition in the State. Representing NSW CIS at this level is an honour in itself. Following wins in their heat and semi-final, the relay team finished a very close second in the final of their event, taking the silver medal. This is a marvellous achievement. Well done, boys!

TRAFFIC MATTERS

It has been reported to me that some parents and carers have been recently breaking our well established rules with regard to the collection of boys at Rose Bay Avenue of an afternoon. It is imperative for the safety of the boys and the free flow of traffic that parents and carers abide by the direction of the teachers on duty and do not make u-turns in Rose Bay Avenue. Additionally, parents and carers must clearly display the child’s name on the near side visor. Boys are dismissed from class at 2:55pm and do not appear at Rose Bay Avenue before 3:00pm. So as not to create a bottleneck, please do not arrive early. Your co-operation is essential.

PYP AUTHORISATION

Soon you will receive a letter to all parents K-6 formally notifying you that last week the Junior School (K-6) was formally authorised by the International Baccalaureate as an IB World School, authorised to teach the Primary Years Programme (PYP). This authorisation follows several years of determined hard work by the Junior School K-6 teaching staff and leadership team and is an affirmation of the high quality of the education taking place in the School. I congratulate the staff of this achievement and thank the parent community for their enthusiastic support of the PYP at Cranbrook.

DICKINS HOUSE VISIT

Yesterday the rooms and corridors of the Junior School reverberated with the excited buzz of our Year 2 boys from Dickins House who visited the Junior School on a fact finding mission about this part of their School journey that they will embark upon next year. Their hosts were a panel of Year 3 “experts” who explained to the Year 2 boys about life in the Junior School. Following the informative talk, the visitors were treated to a tour of the School and a sausage sizzle. Time flies quickly and it won’t be long before our Year 6 boys are settled into the Senior School and these Year 2 boys join us on the Bellevue Hill School campus.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

As is our custom, next Wednesday 11 November the Junior School will commemorate Remembrance Day in a short, poignant service on the Furber Court. The service will commence at 10:45am and conclude shortly after 11:00am. Remembrance Day (originally Armistice Day) commemorates the end of hostilities in the First World War but also serves as an opportunity to remember all who have given their lives in war.

TWILIGHT TOUR

You will note from the School calendar that there is a combined Senior and Junior Schools Twilight Tour next Wednesday evening commencing at 5:30pm. Your may have family or friends interested in the enrolment of their sons at Cranbrook and this serves as an opportunity for them to visit the School. Intending visitors must register with the main School reception on 9327 6864.

Michael Dunn
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