Welcome back to the 2013 school year… a year that will see continued change across all areas of the Department of Education & Communities. At Crawford Public School we have anticipated many of the implications of these changes and re-aligned our school planning and organisation to minimise the impact in terms of staffing and funding levels.

Due to staffing changes that occurred at the end of 2012 and also the completion of our school’s involvement in National Partnership and Schools In Partnership programs, we have had to review our School Plan for 2012-2014 and carefully look at our Priority Area goals and the action plans for our Key Learning Areas.

We have organised the school on a 19 class structure and we are carefully monitoring the return of students and the enrolment of new students. It is critical that we get this process right as schools are staffed and funded on the number of students enrolled. I am required to submit our enrolment figures by the end of this week. My executive and I are available to discuss any concerns or issues you may have in relation to the school structure and classing arrangements that have been put in place.

I welcome new members of staff to our school (Ms Matthews- Assistant Principal Special Education, Ms Dunn Stage 1 & Ms Richardson- Stage 2).

Coming home with this newsletter is an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) survey. I have been requested through our P&C to investigate the need within our school community for this service. Please complete and return the survey.

My sincere thanks to the following parents who have accepted positions on the P&C for 2013.

President: Kayleen Muston
Vice President: Barbara Skerry
Secretary: Natalie Bell
Treasurer: Nicole Bailey

Greg O’Neill
Principal

Welcome back everyone to the 2013 school year. It is great to see everyone back, settling so well into school routines. As I walk around the school I am delighted to see many smiling students, parents and staff. A special welcome to all our new students and families to Crawford Public School. If there is anything we can do to make your child’s transition to Crawford smoother, please contact your child’s teacher, stage supervisor or myself.

This year has started busily, with many new families joining the school. We welcome back all our staff and welcome the new staff members this year. A very big thank you to all our teachers who spent many hours in the holidays preparing their classrooms and teaching programs for the start of the 2013 school year. I trust that your family has settled back into school routines and that your children are concentrating hard on doing well in school.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending Crawford’s annual swimming carnival. We were very fortunate to have had beautiful sunny weather for our swimming carnival. It was great to see students and parents enjoying the day and competition. The behaviour of our students was outstanding.
The recommendations from the Gonski Review (future funding for schools) are being considered by both Federal and State governments. They are considering if they will act on these recommendations to deliver the additional resources, which are very much needed by schools. Everyone can show their support for these recommendations by going to the website igiveagoonski.com.au and register your support for better funding for schools.

As I’ve moved around the school this week it has been great to see so many children following our expectations of being Safe, Respectful Learners. Lots of children already have been rewarded with Crawford Critters for following the rules and they continue to work towards achieving the PBL badges. Keep up the good work Crawford!

Again I encourage you to be part of your child’s school this term. There are many opportunities for this to occur and we are regularly calling for volunteers to join us in classrooms, on committees and in numerous programs we conduct for the students here at our wonderful school. Please get involved, it really does make a big difference to the education of not only your own child but also to other children you may be asked to support.

Children have begun receiving and completing homework and we appreciate your effort in getting children into this routine early. There are many other things that you can be doing to reinforce their learning at home. Students develop independence through support, challenge and practice. Independence is something that can be both taught and caught. However, it must actively involve your child. For our Kindergarten students this may mean packing their bag, getting dressed for themselves, feeding themselves or organising their home reader. Yes it will take longer and yes parents will require greater patience. If you can invest this time and patience at the busy times what you will eventually develop is a young child who is not reliant on their parents for these basic needs. Why is this important? Because at school they will need to organise and pack their bag, tote tray and belongings. They may be required to take shoes and socks off and put them on. If this is not a common activity and expectation this can be very confronting for your child. For our older students the independence may look different but again it is about preparing your child for the challenges that they need to meet. Students in the primary grades should be contributing to family chores or jobs to help. Keeping their room clean, organising their time, preparing to meet homework tasks over a period of time and breaking bigger tasks into smaller achievable tasks. Independence is a journey not a destination. It requires continuous practice and support and should offer a suitable challenge.

Today I greatly enjoyed the Leadership Induction Ceremony, in particular the support so many of our leaders received from their family. I hope that all the leaders grow throughout the year in their role, enjoying the challenges and triumphs that their position brings. Special thanks to Mr John Robertson, Member for Blacktown, Leader of the Opposition, for his address at the ceremony and to Cr Stephen Bali, Mrs Muston our P&C President and Ms Bell our AECG President for being special guests at our special ceremony.

The website schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au is highly recommended as it covers an immense amount of information and helpful advice about many school matters and also supplies samples of work students will be asked to do. It is set up in sections that include – Home-work/study, School guide, Technology, Lunch Box, Mobile applications, and lots more.

Ms Mila Evans
Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report (Mrs Taylor)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a school-wide behaviour initiative currently being used in Crawford. It employs a whole school systems approach to address problem behaviour and reduce its effects on student outcomes and on the school community as a whole. PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn.
In 2010, Crawford Public School commenced their five year journey to bring this systematic change. Since we started the journey we have been working towards teaching students how to manage their behaviour in a positive manner. This is a whole school initiative which incorporates a variety of settings e.g. playground, toilets and lining up.

In 2013 we are examining the classroom setting and working on building consistency to improve and enhance the teaching and learning.

If you have any questions regarding PBL please feel free to see Mrs Taylor or Mr O’Neill.

Mrs Taylor
Assistant Principal

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It has been a busy and eventful first few weeks of big school and I know that everyone has been working very hard to settle into routines and adjusting to school life. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported these students in transitioning smoothly into big school.

I have been on leave for the past 2 weeks and I have been hearing about all the wonderful things that have been happening in Kindergarten in my absence. I am glad that our Year 1 students have been settling into K/1V with Miss Benjafield and I am also happy that Kindergarten students will be settled into their formal class groups by the end of this week.

As you are aware, on Monday 18 February, Kindergarten students will be lining up with the rest of the school in the morning for assembly under the amphitheatre. Please ensure your child is in line, on time, by 9am to ensure they listen to the important announcements and so start the day smoothly. Students will also be joining the rest of the school for regular recess and lunch times in the playground.

Students are required to be picked up at 3pm as of Monday, by you or your delegate from their classroom teacher. As you can appreciate, we request this for the safety and well being of your child.

JUST A REMINDER: Please ensure that if you wish to approach your child during the school day that you visit the front office. Parents and friends are not to enter the classroom or learning spaces without speaking to the office staff or a member of the school executive team first. Learning time is very valuable and we wish to minimise as many disruptions as possible. If you need to speak to the classroom teacher, please arrange an appointment at the office and find a time that would be suitable for the both of you.

Thank you once again for supporting your child and I look forward to working with you all this year.

Ms. Leigh Alipate
Kindergarten/K/1V – Assistant Principal

JARGON BUSTER

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


AVOIDING INJURIES

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


MATHS QUESTIONS

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Welcome back everyone to the new year and to those who have joined us, welcome to our school and community. I am delighted to hear that our students in Stage 1 have begun to settle into their new classes and establish class and school routines. I know with parent/caregiver support our students should have a productive and enjoyable term.

For parents and caregivers who are not aware of our teaching staff they are as follows:

Supervisor/Assistant Principal: Mr Lowing

1A    Miss Allen
1D    Ms Dunn
1M    Ms McGeown
1N    Miss McGrath
2A    Mr Atfield
2S    Mrs Sedgmen

This week there will be a Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) requirements note sent home with all the children. Please read the information as it may answer some questions that you may want to ask.

I am asking if parents and caregivers could please place their child’s name on all their belongings brought to school. This will greatly assist us if something goes missing or is misplaced. We as a stage also ask if the children can bring a hat to school as it can assist in protecting them from the heat especially during play times and planned physical activities.

There will be another note sent home next week that will outline some more information about Stage 1 for this Semester.

I encourage parents and caregivers to either ring the school or go to the office and ask for an appointment time to see their child’s classroom teacher or myself. This will be much appreciated as we are trying to maximise the amount of teaching time we have with all the students.

Mr Lowing
Assistant Principal - Stage 1

Welcome back! We have had a busy start to the 2013 school year. The Stage 2 (Years 3&4) students are settling in well to their new classes and are enjoying new and exciting challenges.

This year I have the privilege of supervising this amazing group of Safe, Respectful Learners who will be provided with a range of quality teaching and learning opportunities. The students have a dynamic group of teachers who are eager to engage them in quality teaching and learning in their supportive and innovative environment. The 2013 team includes:

2/3B    Miss Buttigieg
3/4A    Ms Arnall
3/4N    Ms Naidu
3/4R    Ms Richardson
3/4S    Miss Stone

A list of resources was sent home at the end of week 1 outlining items your child would require throughout the year. They include:

- Several HB lead pencils
- Blue and red pens once pen licence is earned
- Set of coloured pencils (in a pencil case)
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler (wooden or plastic) no metal or flexible rulers please
- Scrapbook for artworks and presentations.
- A4 book for homework covered and clearly labelled
- Glue stick

USB Memory stick/Flash-drive (for saving all computer work) Available in Big W, Office Works, and Dick Smith. If your child has one already for school they can continue to use it this year.

Stage 2 children are welcome to celebrate their birthday at school. Cupcakes or bags of Freddo’s are great for sharing.
Students have been clearly reminded of Crawford Public School’s expectations (outlined below) and what interventions and consequences can be expected if they are unable to comply. All of Stage 2 teachers including myself are happy to discuss the needs of your child. We do ask that you please make an appointment as this allows us to focus on your concerns without interruption to classroom routines and to find a suitable outcome. I also ask that if recently you have moved or changed your contact details that you update them with the office, to ensure if we need to contact you, we can reach you easily.

Be Safe
• Stay in bounds
• Walk indoors and on concrete areas
• Play fairly
• Keep hands and feet to yourself
• Use equipment appropriately.

Be Respectful
• Listen to others
• Follow teacher’s instructions
• Treat everyone fairly
• Speak politely

Be a Learner
• Do your best
• Always have a go
• Stay on task
• Come to school prepared

A reminder to clearly label your child’s belongings so they may be returned to your child if lost.

Finally, we are aware that children may become unwell, but it is extremely important that on the day of their return they bring a note explaining the reason for the absence.

Looking forward to a wonderful year.
Mrs Deanne Taylor
Assistant Principal –Stage 2

STAGE 3 NEWS

Welcome back to what should be a busy and rewarding term for all Stage 3 students and teachers. We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. It is going to be a very exciting and eventful year for the students in Years 5 & 6 (Stage 3).

I trust that all students brought home the Stage 3 Requirements note on their first day outlining the resources needed to ensure they are able to complete their work each day. A big thank you to the parents who have responded so quickly to providing the resources that your child needs for the year. This makes teaching so much easier ensuring a productive start of the year. Our students learn more effectively when they have a well-equipped pencil case and are at school on time prepared to begin lessons. Thanks also to the parents who have provided tissues and a pump pack of liquid soap. This makes hygiene an easier issue to tackle.

I am very lucky to have a team of hardworking and dedicated teachers on Stage 3 this year and I am sure over the course of the year you will have the opportunity to work with your child’s teacher to ensure this year is very successful. All teachers in my ‘Stage 3 Team’ have commented very favourably on their class. This is reinforced, as I visit all Stage 3 classes frequently and the settled nature of the classes is already evident. We are looking forward to a rewarding and busy year full of learning!

Our integrated HSIE unit for this term is ‘Gold’. This unit of work provides opportunities for students to explore the influence of the discovery of gold on Australian identity, environment and heritage. The
Science unit to be covered is ‘An Ancient Land’. Please take time to talk to your child about these topics, as I am sure they will have a lot to tell you.

Ms Mila Evans
Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Summer P.S.S.A competitions will begin Friday 22 February, 2013.

To make P.S.S.A more affordable this year, we are entering three teams:

Oztag- Miss Booth
AFL- Ms Richardson
Softball- Miss Stone

Attached to permission notes is a P.S.S.A Code of Conduct. Both forms must be signed and returned to the coach as soon as possible.

Sydney West teams will soon begin their trials so please listen out for these announcements if your child is interested.

Vanessa Stone
Sports Coordinator

Crawford Public School has many forms of positive encouragement. Our 10 Points for Excellence medallion is but one of these. Students are encouraged to strive towards gaining 10 points worth of certificates for the Excellence medallion.

To be recognised for this students need to collect and save the certificates they receive while at Crawford Public School - usually in a folder. When they feel they have achieved 10 points worth of certificates the student brings his/her certificates to the office as evidence of their gaining the necessary number of points.

Students collect many awards at Crawford but not all are considered for the 10 Points medallion eg. teachers’ own classroom certificates, participation recognition for sports, art, dance and reading awards. Presentation Day certificates are not considered.

Certificates that are considered may include the following, however, this is not an exhaustive list:

1 point for the following certificates:
- Weekly assembly merit certificate
- Weekly book award
- Library award
- District attendance award
- District/region dance certificate (The dance troupe needs to go through various auditions to earn a special place in the performance eg. Sydney Schools Dance Festival)
- District/region art prize certificates
- Special Sports awards eg. (state title winners or above: no participation awards!)

2 points for:
- Assistant Principals Award

3 points for:
- Deputy Principal’s Award

4 points for:
- Principal’s Award
Just a reminder that the school car park is not to be used by parents as a drop off/pick up area or a place to park before and after school.

The car park is for Crawford staff and Department of Education & Communities employees only.

**SCHOOL GATES**

For the safety of students and staff, the school gate near the carpark is locked between the hours of **9.15am to 2.55pm.**

The back gate (Asche Street) is locked between the hours of **9.15am to 2.55pm.** The gate will be promptly closed for the day at **3:15pm.**

**ENTRY** to the school during school hours is via the main pedestrian gates located at the pedestrian crossing. The gate will be **shut but not locked.**
NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
HIGH SCHOOL
Campbell Street
NORTHMEAD  2152

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013

Morning Session:  9.15am - 1.00pm
Evening Session:  7.00pm - 9.00pm

Northmead CAPA High School

♦ Central Location
  – Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
  – Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
  – Experienced and Committed Teachers

♦ Creative and Performing Arts
  – Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
  – Elective classes in CAPA (Yrs 9-12)
  – Bands & Choir
  – Dance, Drama & Music
  – Instrumental Programs

♦ Focus on Academic Excellence
  – Gifted and Talented Programs
  – Extension Program for Year 7 Students
  – Support and Remediation Programs

♦ Comprehensive Education
  – Special Performing Arts Programs
  – Broad Curriculum
  – Excellent Sporting Opportunities

♦ Caring School
  – Support for Year 7 Students
    ◊ Orientation Program, Yr 6 to Yr 7
    ◊ Peer Support
    ◊ Year 7 Camp
    ◊ Student Ambassadors Year 7
    ◊ Proactive Learning Support Team
    ◊ Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
    ◊ Values driven school that promotes Respect,
      Responsibility, Commitment, Community
    ◊ Special Programs

♦ Extra Curricula Activities
  – Sport
  – Debating & Public Speaking
  – Mock Trials
  – MUNA
  – Sister Exchange Visits:
    - Kawaguchi Japan
  – Lots More

♦ Year 7 Scholarships
  – 3 Categories
  – Performing Arts, Academic, Sport
  – Contact School on 9630 4116 for Application Forms

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers

At Open Day you will:

• Meet teachers and students
• Use technology to create a memento of your visit
• Develop team building skills
• Discover the powers of your mind
  Problem solving and brain teasers
• Explore ‘living’ music using technology
• Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
• View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
• Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC
Want to escape the heat and the crowds this summer?

Visit Nirimba Pool!

Nirimba Pool

Opening Hours:
Mon-Fri 11am-7pm.
Sat-Sun 1-5pm

Group bookings available

Address:
Nirimba Education Precinct,
Eastern Road
Quakers Hill 2763

Email:
connect.fitness@uws.edu.au

Phone:
9852 4085
2013 Registrations

Registration for the 2013 season will be starting soon.

Marayong Caters for Players of All Age Groups; Under 5 thru to All Age both Male and Female

Registration begins Sunday 27th Jan, Monday 28th Jan, and every Sat. and Sun. until the end of February to be ready for the 2013 season.

**Times:** 09:30am till12:30pm  
**Where:** Harvey Park (home ground)  
Benalla Cres Marayong (off Quakers Rd)

Any Enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us on  
mob. 0421 767 941 or 0419 626 004 or 0450 713 196  
Alternatively visit our Club website at www.bdsfa.com/marayong

The FFA has changed the registration procedures, so what will be new for this season will be the ability to register and pay online if you wish to do so. Check the web page in the New Year for details on how you can do this.

Come and join us - no matter what your skill levels are, we can assist you in all aspects of playing and enjoying the world game.

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MISSION AUSTRALIA

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

**What’s on in Term 1.**

**Venues:**  
Blackett Public School - Boldrewood Rd, Blackett  
Bidwill Public School - Bunya Rd, Bidwill  
Mt Druitt Community Health - Cnr Buran & Kelly Close, Mt Druitt  
Graceades Cottage - 2 Rose Court Bidwill  
Halinda School - Mimika Rd, Whalan  
Hebersham Public School - Andover Cres, Hebersham

For more information about C4C services and events, contact us:  
c4cMtDruitt@missionaustralia.com.au or 8886 6300
CLUB 2000 SEVEN HILLS
PHYSIE AND DANCE
(Teaching APDA Syllabus)

Physical Culture (Physie) is a form of dance, incorporating marching, exercises, jazz dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. The choreography is designed to develop good posture, strength, flexibility, co-ordination and fitness.

Physie also has other benefits: Building self confidence, enhancing musical understanding and making friends. Best of all physie is fun!

We provide a new syllabus and music every year and there are annual competitions for teams and individuals. Girls can choose to participate in individual or team performances or just enjoy coming to class.

Classes for girls and ladies resume from Monday 11 February, 2013. For new members your 1st lesson is free!

**MONDAYS:** Vardy’s Road Public School
Vardy’s Road, Kings Langley
Preschoolers: 3&4 yrs 4.00 - 4.30pm
Junior Girls 5&6 yrs 4.30 - 5.15pm
7&8 yrs 5.15 - 6.00pm
9,10,11,&12 yrs 6.00 - 7.30pm
Ladies: All ladies 7.30 - 8.30pm

**THURSDAYS:** Marayong Public School
Davis Road, Marayong
Preschoolers: 3&4 yrs 4.15 - 4.45pm
Junior Girls: 5&6 yrs 4.45 - 5.30pm
7&8 yrs 5.30 - 6.15pm
9,10,11&12 yrs 6.15 - 7.30pm

Enquiries please contact:
Robyn: 0414 983 189
Kelly: 0418 623 154
Pam: 9631 1068

**TUESDAYS:** Seven Hills High School
Johnson Avenue, Seven Hills
Senior Girls: 13,14,15yrs & 1st Year Seniors 5.30 - 6.30pm
2nd yr/Novice and Open Seniors 6.30 - 7.30pm

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.


SCHOOL CONTACT CARDS

School Contact Cards will be sent home shortly for students in Years 1-6. Please ensure you complete a form for each child in your family and return to the school front office as soon as possible.

It is very important that the school has your correct address and telephone numbers in case of an emergency.
Come Join Blacktown Workers Soccer Football Club Inc.

2013

Joining Workers FC is easy

   Registration opened after 1st January 2013 
   When selecting club we are under “W” Workers FC

2. Then come to the Blacktown Workers Club: 
   55 Campbell St, Blacktown 
   On any of these days: 2, 3, 9 or 10 February 2013. 
   Between 10 am and 3 pm 
   Please also bring proof of age

Payments taken at the club not on-line. Please note that we only accept cash or cheque payments.

Meet the Committee and learn more about your club. Come join the fun. Coaches and Managers are also needed. So why not be involved.

For more details go to www.bwsfc.com.au or Email registrar@bwsfc.com.au

The school office is in need of any outgrown or unwanted school uniforms (especially small sizes 4-10).

If you can assist us by donating any items of school clothing it would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou.

NO SMOKING

The school premises is a Non Smoking Area. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school’s front office will be attended Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 3:15pm only.
Whether you register as an individual or family with multiple children, our Registration Fees are kept at a MINIMUM cost to benefit you.

Drop into PCYC 30 Second ave Blacktown for registration and training details. Every Player receives complimentary PCYC Membership giving them access to the many PCYC Activities at all clubs across NSW for the nominated activity fee. Boxing, Judo, Cardio, Basketball and Gym to name a few.

In 2012 all PCYC teams filled semi-final positions and won 2 premierships

2013 should produce another exciting season so grab some friends and come along to an exciting and expanding club.

It's Time to become a PCYC SPARTAN
“Honor and Respect”

Training starts for all teams February 5th 2013
Allen Robertson Res Vardy’s Rd Kings Langley

For all Registration and Training enquiries
Phone 0438470599

OUR MISSION:

. We get young people active in life
. We work with young people to develop their skills, character and leadership
. We reduce and prevent crime by and against young people
JOEY SCOUTS

OBLIGATION FREE TRIAL
Why not let your child come and try Joey Scouts?

1st Quakers Hill/Doonside Scout Group
Gollan Park, Doonside Rd, Doonside

TUESDAY 5:45PM - 6:45PM

Joey scouts is for BOYS and GIRLS
6-8 years of age.
Some activites of Joey scouts include bushwalking, environmental care, fishing, camping, crafts, science, games and loads of FUN.

For more information contact gdhjoeys@gmail.com or Joey Scout Leader: Louise 0423 605 586

CRUNCH & SIP

Grapes are great for Crunch&Sip

Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip.

For a cool treat, why not try freezing grapes? Delicious!

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Our school contributions for 2013 are now due.

$20.00 per student or $35 per family

Teachers are collecting money in the classrooms or the contributions can be given directly to the office.

These funds are collected from all families and form a vital part of our school budget. In order to provide for the quality and variety of opportunities at Crawford we need families to continue to support the Contribution Scheme.

We thank our families for their support.

We are asking for your assistance in donating a box of tissues for your child’s classroom.

If you can assist us in this matter, please send a box of tissues to your child’s class teacher.

Thankyou.
Did you know that over 45% of people will experience a mental illness at some point in their life? People living with a mental illness can become isolated and spend a lot of their time on their own, which makes recovery challenging. Compeer, a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, addresses this by matching someone who is lonely and living with a mental illness in friendship with a volunteer for social support.

**How you can help**

We are looking for friendly volunteers to be matched with someone of the same gender and similar age who is living with a mental illness in your local area. If you have four hours a month we’d love to hear from you. You and your friend will meet for an hour a week to enjoy social activities such as grabbing a bite eat, going for a walk, or attending a sports event. It’s a flexible and rewarding program which can be organised around your other commitments.

**What others say about Compeer**

“My world had fallen apart and I felt deserted. My Compeer volunteer was a sudden light in a seemingly endless dark tunnel. These days I am so much better and she is a huge part of that.” - Compeer client

“Compeer has helped me feel that I am not alone.” - Compeer client

“I have a greater understanding of humanity on every level.” - Compeer volunteer

**More info?**

To find out more about volunteering with Compeer, head to the website [www.compeer.org.au](http://www.compeer.org.au) or email [compeer@vinnies.org.au](mailto:compeer@vinnies.org.au) or phone 02 9568 0295

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**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

University of Western Sydney - Great Western Highway, Werring North (Building AO)

**FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS**

Saturday 9 & 16 February – 8pm – 10pm

These nights will include a multimedia presentation, a 3D movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

**Bookings are essential:** Book online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What’s On

**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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**Play Hockey**

**Register now**

with Kings Langley Hockey Club for the 2013 winter season;

- 6 to 9 year old beginner programmes
- Junior competition for 10 to 17 year olds
- Open Age 4-a-side programme

Based at Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Lalor Park

**For more information phone Lyn on 9674 2876**

WE NEED YOU!
To Be Brave And Shave Or Cool And Colour!

Come along to the Dean Park Community Development Project on Friday 15th March at 9 Yarramundi Drive Dean Park.

The event will commence at 10am and conclude at 12.30pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

There will be a hairdresser available from 10am till 12.30pm to “shave the brave” as well as a Colouring Station with a range of washable coloured hairsprays for those who are “cool and colouring”.

Enjoy morning tea with us and check out a range of stalls from local businesses.

**Loads of lucky door prizes as well as a fantastic raffle.**

Why not get together a group of friends or workmates and come and join in the fun while helping to raise money for a great cause?

For more information about how you can be involved please call Karen on 9626 5128

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SOCCER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

St Patrick’s Soccer club is now open for registrations for boys, girls, men and women of ALL ages. Located in Blacktown’s sporting hub, St Patrick’s offers a great environment for everyone to play this great sport.

**Registration Dates**

**When:** Saturday 2 February 2013 and Saturday 9 February 2013 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm; and Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12 February 2013 between 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

**Where:** Anne Aquilina Reserve, Eastern Road, Doonside (directly across from Blacktown International Sportspark)

For more information about registration please go to our website [www.stpatssoccer.com](http://www.stpatssoccer.com) or call Silvana Martignago on 0422 747 235.

The 2013 season is starting soon so register early to secure your spot at St Pats.