Principal's Report

We had a wonderful evening for our Christmas Carols last night and it was wonderful to have the school community together again. Can I thank Kathryn Lane for the planning, preparation and management on the night. I am sure everyone would agree that it was an outstanding night and a wonderful showcase for our students to perform for you all. I would like to compliment the audience on their participation and attention to the performance. Supporting Kathryn were many people, but importantly David Moreland, who makes it all sound so good. Meredith Norton was our charming compere and all other staff were assisting in some way in the preparation and during the night. I would like to thank Deb Dannock and her support team for the beautiful decorations, which add so much to the setting. Deb initiated and has been doing the decoration for 12 years now and her family is moving on from the school.

Our Fair Committee did a great job with the food, drinks and snow cones. All in all a wonderful night, that makes one feel proud to be part of Croydon Hills.

Class Details for 2013

As you will see from the lists we will have 22 classes again next year. We are increasing in size again due to the influx of Early Learning Students. Our largest two groups of students are our youngest two year levels. There are 3 new faces with Tamara Williams, Jacinta Mackenzie and Felicity Puckey joining our teaching team.

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Fortunately for Rebekah Clark, but not for us, she has obtained an ongoing position at Mt Evelyn Christian School, which is where her husband teaches. We have loved having Rebekah with us this year and wish her well at her new school.

You will notice that there are quite a number of staff team changes. This variation is important for staff, particularly the younger members, to develop a broad range of experiences across the primary school spectrum. The other aspect which is a little different is the addition of Dale McInerney to the Learning Support team. Dale will be working to support classes from years 3 to 6, Deb will work with the Junior Team and Noeleen with our Early Learning students. We believe this will provide strong support for all students across the school.

A note also that, as a result of the increased student numbers, we will be changing the Specialist Timetable and therefore our recess and lunch time breaks. We will be moving back to 50 minute specialist sessions. This will provide extra slots and the flexibility to fit all classes. In 2013 our daily timetable will be:

9.00 – Learning Block 1
  2 x 50 Sessions

10.40 - Morning Recess
  2 x 50 Sessions

11.10 - Learning Block 2
  2 x 50 Sessions

12.50- Lunch Eating Time

1.00 - Lunch Playtime

1.50 - Learning Block 3
  2 x 50 Sessions

3.30 - School day ends

Graeme Caudry - Principal

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Sports News

Hoop Time Grand Final
This weekend the Boys Basketball team will be playing at the State Hockey Centre against Lysterfield Primary School. There will be many parents and staff attending. We wish you the best of luck boys. Even with our injuries we know you will give it your best.

Thank you to the many families for all your support this year with the many sporting events and it will be sad to see those families leave the school community. We hope that you will keep in touch.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

Music News

The CHPS “Carols by Sunlight”
Well, what a great night for our concert last night. Awesome weather, huge crowd, delicious food and lots and lots of enthusiastic singing and playing. Congratulations to all the students and staff who performed in the Carols concert last night.

You were all fabulous!! Thank you to everyone for helping out and making it such a wonderful night.

Choir and Uke/IPad/Marimba band performance
Tuesday 18th December
Knox Village Cinema

Well, we’re not quite finished yet. Don’t forget to bring your notices and $7.50 back for the performance at Knox Village Cinemas next Tuesday. Choir uniform must be worn for this gig and then returned to me on Thursday washed, ironed and beautiful.

Carols Night

Carols BBQ Thankyou
We would like to say a huge thankyou to all of the parents and teachers who helped out with the Carols BBQ last night – we could not have done it without you!

To the following families:
SCHELLER, GILMOUR, BELL, LE CLERQ, BAHTAGIC, SCAGNETTI, DOYLE, DURIK, VAN ROOSMALEN, CYSTER, HIOBER and to the EL and Junior School teachers - A HUGE THANKS!!

And to all the families who supported our BBQ by purchasing our food and snow cones - Thank You!

CHAPS Fair Committee
This letter was sent to school this morning by Debbie Dannoch, who is responsible for the decorations which lend such a wonderful Christmassy feel to our Carols Nights:

CAROLS NIGHT
What a wonderful night it was (I love to see the tinsel sparkle in the setting sun!) and the kids all did a great job with their costumes and musical items.
It's a wonderful community event - do other schools do it this well?!
I must say a HUGE THANKYOU to my helpers Rhona Campbell and Christine Humphrys and their families for all their help with setting up and taking down of the decorations. It's a big job and I wouldn't have managed without your support. This my last year at the school - so after 12 years I'm handing over the job to Daina Dines. So good luck Daina and thanks everyone.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Debbie Dannoch

Canteen News

LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS
Please note Friday 14th December is the last day for lunch orders, the canteen will be open for the last week of term for window sales only.

AFTERSCHOOL SALES – Effective Wednesday 7th November
During the warmer months the canteen will be open after school for 15 minutes for sales of drinks and frozen items only.

WHAT'S NEW?
Sumo Cookies (very similar to mini oreo’s) – 50c
Chompies – Fruit juice chews – 80c
Fruit Hitz (natural fruit puree) available in tropical - $1.00

OUT OF STOCK
Please note Singapore Noodles will be out of stock for the remainder of the year due to unavailability.

DELETED ITEM
School Straps are no longer available.

ROSTER
Friday 14th December – Danni Bennett, Sonia Newlands, Helen Thompson, Nicole Murphy.
Monday 17th December – CLOSED
Tuesday 18th December – Georgia Gilmour.
Wednesday 19th December –
Thursday 20th December – Deanne Scagnetti, Jo Sudborough.
Friday 21st December – Joanne Duo, Rachelle McNamara, Carolyn Sharpe.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager
**Uniform News**

**SALE! SALE! SALE! – OLD LOGO ITEMS – EVERYTHING HALF PRICE!!!**
The Uniform Shop has a range of items with the old CHPS logo for sale at **50% OFF** – many sizes. Great bargains for “back up” when the washing machine or dryer breaks down, or life’s simply too busy to keep up!

Visit the Uniform Shop during normal opening hours:
**Monday 8.30 – 10am or Thursday 2.30-4pm**
**GRAB A UNIFORM BARGAIN!**
Meredith Norton - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

**Library News**

Thank you to those students (and staff) who have returned their library books. There are still a few children with outstanding books. A letter will be sent home to these students in the next few days. **If you find a book at home with a Croydon Hills Primary School Library stamp or barcode please send it back to the school, even if you have not received a letter about it.** This can happen for two reasons. 1. It was never checked out of the library in the first place and is therefore missing or 2. It has been checked out in a teacher’s name and has been taken home from the classroom. This means a teacher has it against their name and is trying to find it.

As we get to the end of the year I would like to thank those students who did return their books on time during the year. There are a lot of you and I only seem to remember to grump at the students with overdue books and not acknowledge that most of you do the right thing.

Also thank you to the students who recommended books for the library. Remember that I am quite happy to look into any recommendations that come my way. Keep reading over the holidays.

I also have a number of books that have been returned to the library that are not library books.

- **Ripley’s Wild Animals (Believe it or Not!)**
- **The Stamp Gang Collecting Book of Dinosaurs**
- **Ben 10 : Rip Jaws to the Rescue**
- **Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Man’s Chest** (This has an inscription inside ‘Dearest Lachlan, Happy 6th Birthday Aunty Katrina & Xanthe’)

If these are not collected from the library by the end of the year they will be considered donations to the library or the school fair.

Have a great break.
**Sue Offer - Library Technician**
KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB
PLAYERS WELCOME for 2013 Winter Season
All ages welcome – from 5 years (turning 6 during 2013) to Open
Registration – 7 pm on Thursday 7th February 2013 at LYVNA Complex, Mooroolbark
For further details email: kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com or ring
Secretary – Phenella Peterson on 0422 434 438, or
Assistant Secretary – Amy Gordon-Brown on 0421 259 248
Come and join our friendly club - the least expensive in the association too!

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM
Learn keyboard, guitar, here at Croydon Hills Primary School
Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at the school. Creative Music for
Schools conducts an Instrumental Music Program of small group classes at school each week aiming to
give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen
instrument. Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted
for term 1, 2013. Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 for more
information or visit our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au

CREATIVE MUSIC END of YEAR SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT
The school community is invited to see the Creative Music students perform their End of Year Concert

James’s Wednesday program concert is on: Wednesday, 5 December 2012 at 4:15 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
James’s Thursday program concert is on: Thursday, 13 December 2012 at 4:15 PM in Multi-Purpose Room
Janice’s Wednesday program concert is on: Wednesday, 5 December 2012 at 4:15 PM in Performing Arts Room

The Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park
Christmas Services
Family Christmas Celebration
(Come and be part of the Christmas story)
Monday 24th December @ 6.30 pm

Christmas Eve Service
(Traditional carols, multimedia and Holy Communion)
Monday 24th December @ 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service
(Communion, carols and a children’s booklet)
Christmas Day @ 8 am

Don’t forget Messy Church starting
24th February 2013 at 5 pm

St James’ Anglican Church
21 Bemboka Road
Croydon Hills