Principal’s Report

Newsletter Alert
We have over 300+ families in the school and yet we have only 124 parents registered for receiving the reminder and link to the school newsletter each week. The change over to the new system from the same company has not been as smooth as anyone would have hoped, but it is settling down now. The registration to this system will in time enable us to use this function in more flexible ways, so it is important. If you are one of the 180+ families who have not yet registered, please do so. I know that many families have 2 parents registered so they are both in the information system. We will shortly be stopping the printed version which we reverted to during the changeover period.

Stop Work Action
Thursday of next week our school will be significantly affected by the Stop Work Action being conducted across the state on a rolling basis. An individual note went home to all families in the school yesterday, detailing the staff who will be stop work for the morning on Thursday October 25th. These details are also available on our website in the recent news section. 17 of our 21 classrooms will not have a teacher on that morning. I ask that you keep your children at home this morning if their teacher is stopping work. Of course any students in those classes for whom alternative arrangements cannot be made and who attend will be supervised, but as you will understand resources will be limited.

iPad Information Nights
We held an information night for the parents of our senior students this week. We had about 25 parents attend to discuss the program this year, to provide feedback and to ask questions of our senior school staff. It was a very positive and informative meeting. I thank the parents for their interest and the positive feedback they have provided to us. I know the parents appreciated the staff giving up their time and their willingness to listen and discuss the strengths of the program and the areas for improvement.

Another iPad Information Night will be held for parents of 2013 year 5 students who will be new to the one2one iPad program in our school. I would encourage all families with a student moving into year 5 next year to

Calendar

October
Friday 19th 2013 Y6 Polo Shirt orders due
Friday 19th Junior Hooptime Reg. Final
Monday 22nd Senior All Stars Hooptime Girls & Boys
Wednesday 24th Melb Aquarium EL Excursion
Tuesday 30th Snr School MCG Excursion
Wednesday 31st Y5 2013 iPad info night, 7pm

November
Tuesday 6th Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 7th Melbourne Cup Day Lunch
Monday 26th Middle School Scienceworks Excursion
Friday 23rd School Disco

December
Tuesday 4th Canteen – Sundae Day
Wednesday 12th Christmas Carols, 6pm
Tuesday 18th Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 19th EL & Jr Christmas Pantomime, 2.30pm
Friday 21st Billy Cart Grand Prix & Soap Box Derby
Friday 21st Term 4 ends

2013 Students begin Thursday January 31st
Zone Athletic Sports

Congratulations to our students who represented the school at the Zone Athletic Sports last Thursday. I know they all did their best and performed very well indeed. Noreen has a full report of the results. Thanks also for her training and preparation of the team.

Class Placements for 2013

Could I ask that if there are families or students, other than those currently in year 6, who are not returning to CHPS in 2013, that they send a letter to me so we can plan our numbers and staffing as accurately as possible. If there are still any parents who have Preps starting, or you know of neighbours in this position, please contact the office. We currently have 125 Preps enrolled (yes that is correct!) to commence next year. This is a huge increase compared to the 79 who started this year and that was our biggest group for many years. With one of our smaller cohorts of 63 exiting this year, I expect our overall student population to be around 535 up from 470 this year.

Later this term staff will begin the task of making up classes for 2013. As always our staffing details and final class structure may not be known until early December. Our final staff numbers for the new year are determined by our projected student enrolment and then the number of students we have at census on the last day of February. Nearly all funding from the Department of Education is dependent on that census count.

Class lists for the new year are made up after careful consideration, balancing a range of issues. All classes are made with a balance of students. Factors such as academic ability, behavioural issues, friendships, and previous teachers are all taken into account. This process is completed by the current year level teachers with other teachers and discussed with senior staff. The current class teachers are in the best position by far to know what class students are best suited to in the next year. Sometimes the teacher placements for the following year are known, but this is not always the case so students are put into suitable groupings and teachers are allocated later. We are fortunate that because of our larger number of students compared to most schools, we have more class options for students. Some schools only have 1 or 2 classes at each year level, which does not enable them to vary the mix of students in the class very much from year to year.

Any parents who believe there are factors concerning class placement for 2013 that the present class teacher is not aware of, should either discuss it with the teacher if it is a minor consideration, or write a note to me if you deem it more significant. Issues relating to friendship groupings, learning styles or behavioural issues are relevant. Students do get the opportunity to nominate students they would like to be with in the coming year and we ensure that they get at least one student from that list.

Parent input on placement (or not) with a particular class teacher is not an aspect where parents have a choice. In some cases the teacher placements are not always known until late in the process. Balanced class groupings are formed, then teachers are allocated afterwards.

Letters regarding placement should be addressed to me before Friday November 2nd. I am sure that you would understand that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests in this area but we do endeavour to provide student groups that are in the best interests of individual students and the school as a whole.

We are very fortunate at Croydon Hills to have such high calibre teaching staff who implement our school programs in such a conscientious and team oriented manner.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Sports News

Division Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who competed last week in the freezing cold wind and rain at the Division Athletics Carnival. They soldiered through their events and did very well.

11yr Boys Relay team – Mitchel L, Jack P, Zane W, Lachie C.
Jack P - 100m & Long Jump 11yr B – 1st in both, 2nd in relay
Carli F - 100M & Long Jump 11yr G – 1st in both
Zane W – 2nd in Relay, 2nd in Hurdles, 3rd High Jump
Neisha C – High Jump – 3rd, Hurdles, 3rd
Lachie S – Triple jump – 2nd
India V – Triple Jump – 5th
Jennifer M – 200M – 3rd
Jemme E – 800M – 3rd
Holly G – 11yr G Discus & Shot Put – 2nd in both
Joel B – 1500M – 2nd
Aaron T – Shot Put – 2nd
Nathan H – Discus – 1st

Students with a Disability:
Carlee M – 100M & Long Jump – 1st in both
Sean M – Shot Put, 1st
Matthew S – Shot Put 1st
Louisa T – Shot Put 1st

Congratulations to the following students who competed today at the Region Athletics Carnival at Knox: Results will be written up in next week’s Sports News.

**Tennis in Schools Program**
Thanks again to the Saliba family for coming out and doing the tennis clinic for the Middle school children. There will be one more clinic next Wednesday for Md-M, who have not had their turn yet.

**Noreen McMenaman - Sport/PE**

**Music News**

**CHOIR NEWS:**

A notice has gone home today regarding two performances that are coming up in November:

1) Maroondah Festival 11.30 Sunday 11th November as part of a community choir made up of local primary schools
2) Croydon Centro 12 noon Saturday 17th November

Please return those notices to me by Thursday 25th October

**Celebrating the benefits of music education in Australian schools**

**One Song. Your School. More Music.**

**Two weeks to go!!**

We have all been learning the song “Different People” both in music classes and with our class teachers and it’s sounding fantastic. The whole staff attended a workshop on singing in the classroom last Wednesday and have been using some of the material in their classrooms. We will be performing the song all together at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday 1st November in the P.A.C.

Check out the website below and have a look at some of the videos and the fun animation that has been made. The username and password are both: “moremusic”

[www.musiccountusin.org.au](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au)

Thank you for your continued support of the performing arts program and don't forget to join the “Specialists” wiki.

Kathryn Lane
Canteen News

FRESH MILK
We are now supplying Oak Flavoured Milk (300ml) in Chocolate, Strawberry & Banana for $1.50.

WHAT’S NEW?
Gooey Toffee Apple Paddlepop - $1.60
Animal Cookies – 0.10c

DELETED ITEM
Cheesters, Gingerbread Babies and Number Cookies are no longer available.

MID WEEK SPECIALS
Tuesday only - Nachos with cheese, salsa and sour cream - $3.50
Wednesday only - Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce - $3.50

ROSTER
Friday 19th October – Joanne Duo, Carolyn Sharpe, Rachelle McNamara.
Monday 22nd October – CLOSED
Tuesday 23rd October – Kati Wilkins, Althea Page.
Wednesday 24th October – Paula Catt, Rhonda Wheeler, Liz Rollo, Kerryn Low.
Friday 26th October – Lea Green, Trish Unwin, Nicky Finney.

Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

Enviro News

The Middle School has been working on a Change Makers unit….. and now want to become Change Makers, by helping to make a difference and improve the lives of others. Students, groups and classes have agreed that they can be Change Makers by contributing Christmas Shoe Boxes to children in another country, who do not enjoy the high standard of living as children here in Australia.

This is an "action project"; which involves a change or growth in understanding and attitude, in addition to head knowledge and our Middle School student have been enthusiastic in contributing to our project.

Further details have gone home to Middle School parents through the Shoebox ChangeMakers notice and also in the Term 4 Middle School News, out this week, which can also be downloaded from the CHPS Middle School Blog site at: http://www.middleschoolchps.wikispaces.com

Students can now bring their shoebox, wrapping paper and any gifts they already have to their classroom.

Middle School Shoebox “Wrap & Pack” Day - 12:30pm next Tuesday, 23rd October (parent helpers welcome!)

It has been encouraging to see some families develop our efforts into a family project. Extra shoeboxes from siblings etc are most welcome, and we will add them to the CHPS Shoebox grand total.

Thankyou Middle School parents for your fantastic support!

Elmar Lumpreiks

Staff Profile:

Name: Rhonda Wheeler

What is your role at CHPS?
School Council Member, running Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls.

What is one of your hobbies:
Collecting Tupperware and linen.

If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?
For people not to judge others and treat all equally.

If you could visit one place where would you visit?
Disneyland – I’ve already been there once and would go back tomorrow.

What is your greatest achievement so far?
My two children, Amy and Thomas.
The Good Yarra Hills Safety House Committee represents Croydon Hills Primary School, Yarra Road Primary School and Good Shepherd Primary School. We manage in excess of 100 houses in our area and run Yellow Days for our schools. The Committee comprises volunteer parents from these three local schools. I have been a member of the Committee for the last 8 years and now, due to our youngest daughter finishing primary school at the end of the year, wish to resign in order to pursue other interests. In order for Croydon Hills Primary to be part of this fabulous program, volunteers for the Committee are desperately needed. I have loved being part of this program and have shared some great times with the people I have met on the Committee. Several of our members have friends with children at these three schools and find it a good way of keeping in touch while doing something worthwhile. If you have friends at Yarra Road Primary or Good Shepherd ring them as all three schools will placing similar ads for new Committee members. It hasn’t been a huge commitment. We meet every second month at a coffee shop or our houses. We have all had small children with us and this hasn’t posed a problem.

**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th October at 2pm, at Good Shepherd Primary School. Please give me a ring if you think being part of this wonderful program interests you. Unfortunately if we can’t get some new volunteers, then the Good Yarra Hills Safety House Committee will resign and the three schools will no longer be a part of this program. At this stage, none of the three schools have been able to recruit anyone new.**

*This will be the last notice before the next meeting. At the meeting we will proceed with winding up the committee and the program in our area.*

Christine Humphrys
9723 0242

**MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT 2PM – “THE COTTAGE”, GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL – please don’t let this program collapse.**

**WAKAKIRRI PARTY**

All those involved in Wakakirri 2012 are invited to celebrate our wonderful performance at the Frankston Arts Centre.

**WHEN:** Monday October 22nd
**WHERE:** Multi-purpose Room
**TIME:** 6.30pm – 8pm

Parents are invited to come along and join us for the “Wakakirri Awards” at 7.45pm.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Do you live in the vicinity of Humber Road, Croydon North? Would you have a spare seat in your car for school drop-off and pick-up? We have a family who are having enormous difficulties with transport for their junior-aged child. If you can help out, we’d be very grateful to hear from you - please contact the office as soon as possible.

**UNIFORMS**

Now that winter has officially come to an end, could all parents please check your child’s uniform to make sure it is labelled with your child’s name. Please return anything that is not yours to the office. There are a number of families who have named uniform items missing, which may have been accidentally taken to the wrong home. Thanks for your help.
CHPS - Walk to School Focus Day

Wednesday 31st October, 2012

Join in so your class can have the most walkers, and riders on our CHPS Walk to School Focus Day at the end of October. Walk with parents and friends...

A certificate for each walker on the day!

Walk to School encourages school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents, and older children on their own (when their parents decide it’s safe).

As many children as possible are encouraged to walk to school on Walk To School Day. Children may choose to walk in groups, ride to school, or be dropped off to walk locally, if home is further away.

Classes will count and collate how many children walk / ride to school on the day, and we’ll add up for a grand total of walkers for the whole school.

Today is.......

Walk to School

CHPS Waste Audit Day

Today (18 October, 2012) all of our WASTE has been collected for auditing.

We wanted to see how much waste we generate at CHPS from our lunchboxes, classroom bins etc.

Class and total results soon!

Meanwhile, let’s keep preparing those Rubbish-Free Lunches.

We have collected, counted and sorted our waste form a “normal” school day, to see how much it is and how big it looks.....

This is part of our Environment Footprint.
The Jr School are taking part in the Footsteps dance program this term. The students thoroughly enjoyed the first session (as seen in the photos) and look forward to learning new dances each week.

We welcome parents and visitors to come and see what we are learning. We dance each Thursday at 12:30 in the stadium.
Fashions on the Field Dress Up Day

Friday 2nd November
Gold Coin Donation
Money raised will go towards Fair Teacher stall.
Come dressed in your “finest” or jockey outfit.

WEEKEND BABYSITTING
Saturday & Sunday
Morning, day & night
Own transport
WWCC, Extensive Experience, References available
Please call Erin
0423 890 947
WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE NEXT TWENTY20 CRICKET SUPERSTAR

U10 TWENTY20
PLAYED ON FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH A SOFT BALL AND EQUAL PLAYING TIME THIS IS THE IDEAL START FOR JUNIOR CRICKETERS

MILO CRICKET
FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:30 - 6:30PM
PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A BAT, BALL, BAG, HAT AND SHIRT
FREE BBQ PROVIDED EACH WEEK

REGISTRATION
WHEN: FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER
WHERE: EAST RINGWOOD RESERVE
TIME: 5:30 - 6:30PM
PLEASE CONTACT NICK ON 0423 202 696 FOR MORE INFORMATION

SPRING FAIR 2012
Sunday 21st Oct 11am - 5pm
Warranwood Primary School
1 Wellington Park Drive
www.warranwood.vic.edu.au

Food & beverages
Cake
Milkshakes
Wine tent
Coffee tent (barista coffee)
Hot chips, deli salad, potato salad, calamari, chicken nuggets, Nachos, hotdogs, BBQ
Hot donuts. Fairy floss

Market stalls
Have some fun in the "NEW" photo booth

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Even bigger Silent Auction

Telephone:  9725 1206  OHSC 9724 4514  web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
It is time again for the Kalinda Primary School Community Fete!!

This year our year 5/6 students will be helping organize the fete as part of their Challenge Based Learning unit.

If you would like to come and join in the fun, the Kalinda Fete is on **Sunday 28th October 2012** at 11:00am - 4:00pm

on Kalinda Rd, Ringwood!!!

There will be:
~ Rides: Cha-Cha, Bumble Bee, Twister, Giant Slide and a Jumping Castle.
~ Face painting
~ Cake stall
~ Plant stall
~ Pre Loved Toys
~ Pre Loved books
~ Food stalls
~ White Elephant
~ Sports Activities
~ Pre school activities
~ Art Sows
~ Live entertainment

Visit the Kalinda Primary School website, [http://www.kalinda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kalinda.vic.edu.au) or call on 9876 3289 for more information about the Kalinda Fete 2012.