Principal’s Report

I have returned from a couple of days on the Year 5 School Camp. The students are having a terrific time. The Coonawarra Camp setting is a beautiful one, nestled in its own valley - you feel like you are in your own special part of the world. The range of outdoor adventure activities is unmatched and provides our students with safe and challenging endeavours. The weather was great for getting involved in all activities, including an impromptu dip into the lake during canoeing. The photos say it all really…

Calendar

November

Saturday 17th Working Bee, 2pm
Friday 23rd Prep Orientation, 9.30-10.45am
Friday 23rd School Disco PARENT HELPERS WANTED
Monday 26th Middle School Scienceworks Excursion
Wednesday 28th Prep Orientation, 12-1.15pm
Wednesday 28th Prep 2013 Parent Information Session, 7.15pm

December

Tuesday 4th Canteen – Sundae Day
Tuesday 4th Fair Co-ordinators Meeting - 2.15pm, Multi-purpose Room
Wednesday 5th Prep Orientation, 12-1.15pm
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
Kyla D from year 6 is a finalist in the statewide film competition “Screen It 2012”, a competition run by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image - ACMI. She is one of 10 finalists from across the state and will attend a presentation night and screening in early December. The theme for the competition this year is “Belonging” and many of our students entered movies created on their iPads. We are very proud of the creative endeavors of our students and it is lovely to get this recognition from outside the school.

Facilities Update
We have a Working Bee this Saturday - you will find the full details in this newsletter. This is one small way that families can assist in keeping our school facilities to a high standard, to provide the best learning environment we can for our students. I know everyone is aware how scarce funding is from the government and it is appreciated when we are able to use parent power to assist in the development of our grounds. It is also a great way to meet other people from your community. Our Building & Grounds committee relies on parents to assist and make the most of their careful planning for the day. If you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon it would be very much appreciated.

We have been making regular checks of the area which is fenced off, where the pieces of asbestos were found in early September. Follow up checking of the area has been taking place on a regular basis, with no further issues found. We will continue to monitor this area and follow the advice of the experts in the field as to the long term treatment and use of the area.

Over the last holidays I organised for the toilets to be upgraded, with painting and updating the fittings. There are still a couple of sections to be completed, but it has been upsetting to have had many examples of damage being done over the past 5 weeks. Walls have been marked, new toilet roll holders broken, wet paper on the ceiling. It is sad, but unfortunately some of our students (a very small number I am sure) are showing little respect for their environment and the efforts that we are taking to improve it. If the opportunity arises at home this would be a good topic for a dinner time discussion, regarding respecting our surroundings both at home and at school.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Sports News

Interschool Sports Finals:

Rounders
The Boys/Mixed Rounders team played in the Division final on Friday against Park Orchards. The boys lost the game, however, they played as best they could. Well done on getting to this level boys.

Volleyball Team
Congratulations to the Volleyball team for competing at the Region finals last week. Our team is made up of predominately girls, with a few boys in it. They won their games last week to 3 boys teams, so well done for that great effort and not getting intimidated, but just playing the game how it is. The Volleyball team is now through to the State Championships on the 30th November. We wish you the very best of luck and are very proud of you all for reaching such a high level of competition.

Basketball Team
Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team which won the Regional Finals today. The boys won convincingly in all of their games to make the finals. The Grand final game was a bit more nail biting with the score becoming within a point of each other. Well done on the final score of 43 – 28. The Basketball team now plays in the State Championships on 28th November. We also wish you guys the very best of luck and what a fantastic effort for getting this far in the competition.
Thank you to all the parents who have supported the teams with any help at all whether it be with transport, scoring, coaching etc. It has been a great help throughout the year and for those who are still in the process of assisting with the State Championships, thanks again.

Boys Mixed Netball Team
Cast your mind back to the State Netball Championships on the 7th September when our all boys team won this event. They were presented with the trophy by one of the Melbourne Vixens players Geva Mentor. We have now been invited to play in the Jason Bedding Cup on 22nd November against the Melbourne Vixens team. This will be a very exciting match where the boys can now put their learned and earned skills through their paces against this Netball team. This will be played at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, Point Cook. This is the winning Girls team’s school, who will also have a game against the Vixens.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

Music News

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN PERFORMING ARTS AT CHPS

The CHPS Rock Band performing “Livin’ On A Prayer” and “Eye Of The Tiger” for Sr NB. Good luck at “Battle Of The Bands” on Sunday the 25th November. Why don’t you come along and cheer for our awesome Rock Band on the day?? It’s at Andersons Creek Primary School at 12.30

QR CODES
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE???
Students in senior music classes this week turned into “spies” and their mission (“if they chose to accept”) was to answer the question …… “Who Am I”? So, once they had downloaded a free app for their IPads that read QR Codes they were ready to scan for the clues. They were sent to various websites, a piece of music, youtube and then……the answer. Of course it was a very well known musician who had a no. 1 song in the charts for a number of weeks. If you have a QR Code-Reader you can find out too. Here is one of the seven clues. Keep your eyes open around the P.A.C. for more QR code clues.

CHOIR AT THE MAROONDAH FESTIVAL LAST SUNDAY
The choir performed as part of a massed community choir at the Maroondah festival last Sunday to a packed audience on a beautiful, sunny day. The Mayor introduced the item that took place on the main stage at 12.30. Congratulations to all the performers and thank you to the parents who attended to support their children and our school.
JUST A REMINDER THAT THE CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT CROYDON CENTRAL AT 12 NOON THIS SATURDAY THE 17TH OF NOVEMBER.

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

Kathryn Lane
ROSTER
Friday 16th November – Joanne Duo.
Monday 19th November – CLOSED
Tuesday 20th November – Georgia Gilmour.
Wednesday 21st November – Lauretta Pitts, Sheryl Woolley.
Thursday 22nd November – Kim Maggs, Kellie Mortlock, Elizabeth Woods.
Friday 23rd November – Lea Green, Nicky Finney, Trish Unwin.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

Staff Profile:

Name: Elise Jones

What is your role at CHPS?:
School Councillor

What is one of your hobbies:
Basketball.

If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?
Bring back manners and respect for people.

If you could visit one place where would you visit?
The wide sandy beaches and warm blue waters of the Caribbean.

What is the funniest or most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
When I was 21, I was trying to be supercool and learn to rollerblade. I got ambitious one day and set off down a hill, but gathered speed way too quickly and was going so fast I couldn’t stop. As I neared the bottom of the hill I was silently high-fiving myself that I had almost made it without falling .. I was a little premature .. seconds later my foot slipped and I went down, smashing into the gutter in front of a few people. An ambulance was called and I was taken to hospital – nothing too serious but I was super embarrassed .. you’re supposed to have these accidents when you’re a kid, not when you’re an adult!!!

What is your greatest achievement so far?
2 funny and fabulous kids who brighten up every day!

SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23RD – PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

Our hugely popular – and fun – School disco will be held on Friday November 23rd: see our full-page flyer with all details later in the newsletter. However, the night cannot run without a team of parent helpers. It’s a great night for the kids and a lot of fun for everyone involved, so please consider helping out to make the end of year celebration a success. If you can help, please email chpsfair2013@ymail.com.

FAIR CO-ORDINATORS MEETING

The next Fair Co-ordinators meeting will be held on Tuesday December 4th, beginning at 2.45pm, in the Multi-purpose Room. Please mark it on your calendars.

CHRISTMAS CHOOKS – CAN YOU HELP?

Our seven school chooks need a family, or families, to help them through the summer holidays. If you can provide holiday accommodation, or have space in your chook pen to take even one two, you will be rewarded with some beautiful eggs. If you can help, please see or call Ben Burch (JBB).
Hear our CHPS Eco-Leaders talking about our environment and Recycling Right at CHPS this Saturday - on Radio Eastern 98.1 FM - during the broadcast from the Croydon Centro shops (this Saturday, 17th November) ... and see our CHPS Choir singing at the shops too on Saturday, between 12 noon & 1:00pm.
CHPS Change-Makers 2012

Md-O -
Big Box Bearers

Md-M -
All round Christmas Cheer

Md-K -
Boxes on the Move

Md-S -
Ready to Assemble

Md-L -
Great Wall of Christmas

Middle School Sends Off Shoeboxes

Telephone: 9725 1206    OHSC 9724 4514
web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2.00 PM

Meet at the Shed Gate C (behind the Grade 2 Playground)

All parents are invited to assist with the Working Bee on this day. We will be concentrating on the following around the stadium:

- Building sleeper walls & timber edging around the gardens beds
- Planting & mulching garden beds
- General clean up of the school grounds

If any parent is able to bring a trailer that would be terrific because we need to transfer mulch to various garden beds.

Please come and pitch in, even for an hour or so and join one of the small task groups that will be organised on the day. Don’t forget to sign the register and come along and enjoy the afternoon with your kids.

Stay afterwards for a chat and some light refreshments and get to meet other parents who care about our great school. There will be certificates of appreciation for every student.

See our Croydon Hills Primary School Choir & Environment Display at Croydon Central Shopping Centre 12 noon - 1:00pm this Saturday - and on the Radio!
Let’s celebrate the end of a fantastic school year with a **DISCO!!!**

**Friday 23rd November**

Prep-Grade 2  
5:45pm-6:45pm  

Grade 3-6  
7:00pm-8:30pm  

Entry is $5 per child. Please pay at the door when you sign your child in.

Footsteps Dance Program will be running it for us again and keeping the kids entertained. They did a fantastic job last time!
Cobras Futsal Club
Have fun with Futsal!

The Cobras Futsal Club with Eastern Recreation and Leisure Services (ERLS) are hosting Futsal skills sessions for males and female participants with a disability who are ambulant.

No prior experience is needed. Come to one week or every week. Have some fun while learning new skills!

Sessions will have a maximum of 12 participants. Whether both sessions run will depend on the level of interest.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from anyone with a disability who would be interested in trying Futsal or attending future sessions, but are unable to attend on the dates listed below.

Venue: Veneto Club, Basketball Court, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen
Cost: Free

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For further information or to register:
Contact Olivia Nam (ERLS) on 9720 5944 or email onan@erls.net

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Free COMMUNITY COED FITCAMP
limited spaces
Every Wednesday AM
body resistance | boxing | cardio | circuit

Lilydale Lake
contact paul to secure your spot
0416 147 590
paul@makemedoit.com.au

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Food  Crab
Games
Drama

Get into the Spirit of Christmas at our annual Christmas Workshop
and find out who the real star of Christmas is!

Where: St James Anglican Church
21 Bonahora Road,
Croydon Hills

Date: Saturday 24th November, 2012
Time: 2 – 5 pm
Cost: $5.00

Register online: www.chwpar.org.au
or Phone Judith on 9723 8430

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