Principal’s Report

A big thankyou to one of our parents Rick Alsop, who undertook the awkward job of replacing all the sand in the sandpit last Saturday. It was not at all straightforward but was done very well. The students have really enjoyed the new sand and again a reminder for parents to ensure that children and pre-school siblings only play in the middle section. The fake grass in the outer section is there to keep any sand overflow and dirt separate, so we can keep the sand clean.

Information for those students joining the Senior School for 2013, and hence the one2one iPad program, went home in an envelope to all Year 4 students on Tuesday. If the information did not make it home, please follow this up. That information and further details regarding the program are on the one2one website. https://chps-one2one.wikispaces.com.

As a result of some issues with a sports excursion on Tuesday with our Year 4 students we have revisited our SunSmart Policy and looked at our implementation of it within the school. There are some areas which we can improve on. A copy of the policy is included in this newsletter and I would encourage all parents to read it. Although we encourage students to bring their own Sunscreen, we have obtained containers of sunscreen for each classroom which will be available for students to use throughout the day if needed. The policy states that sunscreen should be applied to students prior to coming to school. Sunscreen will also be taken on all out of school activities as part of the first aid kits. We are providing sunscreen of the brand Sun Sense Ultra Milk SPF 30+ (red Label). We will keep this consistent in the future and inform you if it changes. If you believe your child might be sensitive to this sunscreen then you will need to make arrangements for them to keep some personally suitable sunscreen available at school.

We are regularly reminding students that they must have a hat on while outside at school, but one issue which has come to light is the need to ensure they have the chin strap operating properly. This is important when at PE & sport, in keeping the hat on their head and therefore keeping them protected. Please ensure that the hat is at school and the chin strap is effective.

An envelope with the details for 2013 School Requisites and Levies will be coming home shortly, so be on the lookout for this information. The letter will also contain details regarding changes for EMA and the Schoolkids bonus, which is new in 2013.

I would continue to encourage parents to register for the newsletter on our website. Remember it is the ‘Subscribe to Newsletter’ icon on the middle right of the Homepage - not the register at the top of the page. We are continually adding information in the calendar. If you are ever chasing down the details of a school event or the associated permission forms, they should be available there.

Graeme Caudry - Principal
Croydon Hills Primary School

Policy   SUNSMART

Rationale
A healthy balance of the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health. Too much UV from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians will develop some form of skin cancer before they reach the age of 70. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is known to be a major cause of skin cancer.

Sun protection is needed whenever UV levels reach three and above. In Victoria average UV levels are three and above from the beginning of September to the end of April. During these months particular care should be taken during the middle of the day between 10am – 3pm when UV levels reach their peak.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D regulates calcium levels in the blood. It is also necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones, muscles and teeth. From May to August in Victoria, average UV levels are below three so sun protection isn’t usually needed during these months unless in alpine regions or near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or water.

Policy Statement
This policy encourages the school to minimise the danger of excessive UV radiation exposure for staff, students and parents, to ensure a healthier environment with long-term benefits for the whole school community at Croydon Hills Primary School. Our general duty of care as educators is to ensure the wellbeing of students under our care or supervision; this extends to a specific duty to protect them against harmful exposure to the sun.

The goals of the SunSmart Policy are to:
• Ensure that all children and staff maintain a healthy UV exposure balance.
• Encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.
• Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for children, staff and the school community at appropriate times.
• Assist children to be responsible for their own sun protection.
• Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school’s SunSmart policy.

Implementation
Curriculum
• Programs on skin cancer prevention and healthy UV exposure levels are included in the curriculum for all year levels through Life Education and Healthy Inquiry units.
• SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment.

Environment
From September to April in Victoria
When average UV Index levels reach 3 and above.
• Children and staff use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above. Particular care is taken between 10am and 3pm when UV Index levels reach their peak during the day.
• Our SunSmart policy is considered when planning all outdoor events, i.e. assemblies, camps, excursions and sporting events. Where possible, have outdoor activities or events earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon, or we try using indoor venues. Notices for parents related to outdoor activities must mention the school’s sun smart approach and say that students should bring sunscreen.
• In the event of extreme temperatures (35C or above), students will be kept indoors during recess and lunch times.

1. Shade
• The school council makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where children congregate, i.e. lunch, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.
• In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
• The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all outdoor activities.
• Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
• Children who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

2. Clothing
• Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is made of close weave fabric and includes shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

3. Hats
• Children and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears whenever they are outside. Students without hats at school are required to stay in a designated area in the shade.

4. Sunscreen
It is recommended that:
• SPF 30+ is applied on children prior to arriving at school in the morning. Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school for reapplication during the day.
• Children are reminded to apply sunscreen before going outdoors or when at outdoor activities. Teachers to take sunscreen with the first aid kit from September to April

Role modelling
Staff act as role models by:
• wearing sun protective hats, clothing and sunglasses when outside.
• applying SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.
• seeking shade whenever possible.
• Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures (sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses and sunscreen) when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

References:
• Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
• Education and Training Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools -Government Response
• Safe Work Australia: Guidance Note for the Protection of Workers from the Ultraviolet Radiation in Sunlight
• Cancer Council Victoria

Review
• As part of the school’s cyclic process.

Music News

BATTLE OF THE BANDS THIS SUNDAY

Did you know that

Croydon Hills Primary School’s Rock band will be competing at the
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
They need your support!

Sunday, 25th of November – 12.30pm start.
Anderson’s Creek Primary School Hall

Tickets can be purchased at
www.wonniesbattleofthebands.com

Rock Band “rockin’ it out” at a lunchtime concert on Tuesday!!
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

**CHOIR AT CROYDON CENTRAL LAST SATURDAY**

DON’T FORGET OUR WHOLE SCHOOL “CAROLS” NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER STARTING AT 7 P.M.
The choir, rock band, guitar trio, ukulele/iPad band, violin group and EVERY class will be performing.

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

All library books are due back by tomorrow, 23rd November, as I have to commence stocktake. As you can imagine this is a huge job as all books are removed from the shelves and put through the computer individually. Please help by making sure your child’s books are returned on time.

**If your child has an overdue book at the end of the year it does not magically disappear from the system** – it is carried over to next year and your child will not be able to borrow until this is rectified. If you have previously paid for a lost book and it turns up in good condition during stocktake (sometimes it has been in the classroom and is only found when tubs are cleaned out or teachers return their books and other times it is found in the library in the wrong spot) your money will be refunded. Unless it is a very popular title I do not purchase a replacement until after stocktake for this reason.

Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays. Reading is not just a quality pastime it has been shown to improve children’s spelling and grammar as well. Remember that the Ringwood and Croydon libraries are just around the corner and often have things on over the holidays.

Another place to consider for a visit is the State Library of Victoria in the city. They often have free exhibitions (and not just about books). Their Web address is [www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au) and click on the ‘What’s On’ tab.

I also have a book that has been returned to the library that is not a library book and it has no name on it. It is ‘Ben 10 – Rip Jaws to the Rescue’. If this is not claimed by the end of the year it will be considered a donation to the library.

*Sue Ofer* - Library Technician

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**Canteen News**

**SUNDAY** – Tuesday 4th December

Available from the Canteen for one day only at lunchtime or recess, Chocolate or Strawberry Ice Cream Sundaes topped with treats, for only $1.50 per cup.

**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 – 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.

**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 23rd November** – Lea Green, Nicky Finney, Trish Unwin.
- **Monday 26th November** – CLOSED
- **Tuesday 27th November** – Kati Wilkins, Alithea Page.
- **Wednesday 28th November** – Paula Catt, Rhonda Wheeler, Kerryn Low, Liz Rollo.
- **Thursday 29th November** –
- **Friday 30th November** – SallyAnne Forbes, Jenny Trabucco, Nicky Finney.

*Karen Cyster* - Canteen Manager

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**Uniform News**

Thank you to those parents who have kindly donated second hand uniforms to the school. The uniform shop will continue to appreciate the donations of second hand uniforms to sell, but the uniforms will no longer be sold on consignment.

New stock of Year 6 sizes 12 and 14 have arrived for those who missed the original order forms.

Thank you to all CHPS parents for supporting the uniform shop.

**A special thank you to Anissa Silver and Susan LeClerq** for their valuable assistance each week and through this very busy period. Your help is very much appreciated.

*Meredith Norton* - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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**Telephone:** 9725 1206  OHSC 9724 4514  
**web:** www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
Staff Profile:

Name: Peter Unwin

What is your role at CHPS?:
Member of School Council and Finance Committee

What is one of your hobbies:
Father of 4, Husband and BIG V Basketball Coach

If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?
Children living in poverty – it just breaks my heart.

If you could visit one place where would you visit?
Calgary, Canada.

What is the funniest or most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
Losing my shorts whilst riding a tube behind a boat on the bay. The driver of the boat decided to keep on going and the shorts were never found!

What is your greatest achievement so far?
My 4 great kids and understanding wife, followed by playing basketball in the USA as a teenager as a very distant second.

ANACONDA SAUSAGE SIZZLE – SATURDAY DEC. 1ST

This is a huge opportunity to fundraise for next year’s Fair, but to ensure its success we need your help. If you have a few hours to spare between 12 noon and 4pm on December 1, please consider making a contribution to our fundraising effort. This barbeque is a fantastic opportunity to fundraise ‘foreign’ dollars for a minimum of time and effort from a relatively small number of people. If you can help or require further information, please contact Liz Doyle or 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.

WORKING BEE WRAP

Last Saturday afternoon only Michael & Lisa Miller joined Pete Simpson, James Martens-Mullaly & Todd Murfett from the Buildings & Grounds Committee to mulch, build edging & install pavers on the garden beds in front of the new basketball stadium. We had planned many more tasks to complete but were unable to undertake them due to the lack of numbers who attended. A big thank you to the five parents above who did a great job improving this area of the school & also to Adelle Simpson for organising the afternoon tea. All parents need to understand that the improvement in our school grounds will not occur without your assistance. Leaving it to “someone else”, does not enhance the school community. We hope more parents can join us at future working bees next year, so we can achieve so some much more for our children.
Roger Wills - Building & Grounds

LOST & FOUND

There have been a number of valuable items handed into the office after having been found in the school grounds. If the following belong to your family, they can be collected from the office at your earliest convenience:

- Valco pram or stroller sun protection cover
- “Ear Muff” headphones (2 pairs)
- iPod

Telephone: 9725 1206  OHSC 9724 4514  web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
BANK SOME MONEY
AND YOU COULD
BANK YOURSELF
AN iPad MINI.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Minis' valued at $369 each for Christmas*.

Here's how it works -

- Make a deposit into your CommBank Youthsaver account at school any time between November 19 – December 14 2012.
- Every student that makes a deposit during the competition period will go into a draw to win one (1) of twelve (12) iPad Mini's (16GB with wi-fi).
- For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 498.

Start saving more today and you can be a winner!
CHPS Environment News

CHPS Eco-Leaders join the Choir

CHPS Enviro Display at the shops

...to become

Radio

Eco-Leaders + Choir members speak on the radio

Stars

CHPS Choir at the shops

Eco-Leaders on the Radio - Telling it like it is
Circles

Throughout the term, our focus in Circles has been on bullying. We have been working on understanding what bullying is and becoming equipped with the skills and strategies to identify and prevent it. In Mrs Clark’s Circles group this week, we talked about trust. We learnt about the importance of knowing that we can trust one another and that we have each other for support. We went on a trust walk where one person was blindfolded and had to trust the people around them to guide them and inform them of any obstacles along the way.

We have also learnt how to get along with other people and build friendships through activities that work on communication through games with other Circles’ groups. This week we played kickball with Miss Twining’s Circles group.

It has been great learning that we can trust one another and rely on the people in our Circles group.
Chicken For Christmas?

No - we’re not roasting them!

...... But we do need to find good holiday homes for our 7 CHPS chooks...

Our chickens are child friendly and after a year of going to school, doing their homework (all over the Chook Chalet) and endless school bells, our fine feathered friends also deserve a break.

Can your family find it in your heart to billet out all or some of our chickens for the Summer break?

If you may be able to help for this or perhaps for future holidays, (or if you would like further information), please phone the school on 9725 1206, or send along a note via your child’s class teacher.
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!
Monkami Rocks the Carols

BAABBA

Live at Monkami

Monkami Centre
2-6 Queen Avenue
Croydon 3136

Ticket bookings are essential
Telephone 9725-8677

Thursday 13th December

Bring your chairs, picnic rug, wine, nibbles, wear your flares
and enjoy an evening of fun and Christmas
celebrations ...... and ABBA music!

Gates open at 6.00 pm. Concert commences at 6.30 pm.
Tickets - $15.00 per adult and $40.00 for a family.

CROYDON NORTH NETBALL CLUB
(CNNC)

- Now taking enrolments for next year
- From beginners (aged 5) to experienced
- Become part of a team and make new friends
- Have fun while keeping fit
- Accredited coaches at all levels

For more information visit our facebook page or
contact us at cnnc@live.com.au