Principal's Report

Carols
The Carols are coming up next Wednesday evening and the seven day forecast is very positive, with 30 the current expected temperature. It is a great community night and please remember the food offerings by our fair committee which will be available from 5.30pm.

Parents, please be aware that this is a school function and we are here for the students. Please make sure your attention is to the student performances and fluid intake fits with a child focused event. It is very disappointing and inappropriate for parents to be talking through any of the performance items. Please join in the spirit of this community Christmas activity which means a lot to our students. Many families choose to arrive early with a picnic, or stay on afterwards and chat, which is great and the right time to catch up with friends.

This year we are not asking students to come in school uniform but in appropriate casual clothes (sun smart) with a theme twist where it can be easily achieved. Children aren't expected to purchase anything special at all. They can use clothing that they already have at home. Keep it simple and just dress the outfit up with a Christmas hat or ornament of some kind. We look forward to having a fun night together.

Class items:
EL – "Parade Of The Wooden Soldiers" - Xmas t-shirts
Junior C/H/M – “Santa You're My Hero” - superhero type clothing with a Christmas hat
Junior PB/B/R - "Gonna Catch That Santa" - Christmas outfit with dark sunglasses or "spy" theme
Md L/O/M - “Santa Fever” - Christmas/Disco gear
Md K/S - "Let's Hear It For Mrs Claus" - Santa or Mrs Claus outfits, Xmas t-shirts, or Xmas hats.
Senior LB/NB/M - "Aussie Xmas Style" - a PSY (Gangnam Style) outfit. Suit or matching dark pants and jacket, with white shirt and tie. Dark sunglasses. Finish off with something Christmassy like a hat.
Senior D/S/U - "Toy Sack" - colourful Xmas clothing. A sack or decorated box that you can wear over the top of long pants and a top.

On Wednesday we had a lovely morning tea to say thank you to the many volunteers who assist us in the school in so many ways. The staff prepared an absolute feast for the
parents who were able to make it on the day. I wanted to also thank those parents who have assisted but were unable to make it to the morning tea for your efforts in supporting our school. Volunteers are very important to our school and add significantly to the school experience for all our students, not just the children of the parents who help out. There are many and varied ways this support materializes and it all adds to the richness of what our school can offer. Being a community means we draw on our skills and energy to assist others. A huge thank you to all who have contributed to make Croydon Hills Primary a better place for all students.

We look forward to your continued assistance in 2013.

School Reports

Reports go out on Friday Dec. 14 and on this day next week students will find out their class placement for 2013 with our final transition session.

As you are aware from previous actions within the school and coverage in the media, the Australian Education Union (AEU) has been endeavoring to negotiate a new agreement for teaching staff in schools for two years. The process is not progressing well and the union has recommended a number of actions for members to implement. You will be aware that there have been 3 strikes during the year.

Staff who are AEU members have been requested to take a number of actions other than strikes, which have a variety of effects. It has been a difficult decision made by some teachers to follow this ban as suggested by the AEU. Some of our staff have decided to support the request to not provide written report comments which would normally be part of end of year report. For the classes affected the report will include a graphic assessment of your child’s achievement against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and a record of attendance. However, there will be no further written comments as part of the normal report.

The staff understand that for many of you, the report comments are valued and are sometimes sought by Secondary schools as part of the application for enrolment. Also, they want to be able to let your children know how well they have performed this semester. So staff implementing union bans will prepare a Statement of Achievement which will support the information contained in the dot points in the reports. The full assessment schedule has been completed and recorded and a copy of this statement of achievement will be placed in your child’s file in addition to coming home with their report, as normal.

The staff taking this action in support of the AEU are Sr-LB, Sr-NB, Sr-D, Sr-M, Sr-S & Jr-BB. Some of these staff will be sending home a personal letter to their class, with my approval.

School Dates

School will commence for students on Thursday January 31st 2013. I can also advise that we will be having a Curriculum Day on the First day Term 2 which is Monday April 15.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Sports News

The end of the year is coming fast and we still have sporting news! These past 2 weeks has been action packed with our Boys Netball team playing the Melbourne Vixen’s team and beating them! What a sensational game, even though Geva Mentor, their Goal Keeper, gave Tyler R. a bear hug to try and stop him from shooting a goal. The boys and Vixens had a ball. We were given a signed ball from the Vixen’s team, which is displayed on the trophy cupboard in the school entrance. See attached sheet for more photos.
Hooptime Championships
Congratulations to the Senior Boys Hooptime Basketball team who won their Preliminary Championships last week and are now playing the Grand Final on Sunday 16th December, prior to the Melbourne Tigers game. They will be playing Lysterfield PS in this game. Good luck boys, what a thrilling way to end your fantastic year in Hooptime.

State Basketball Championships
Congratulations to the Boys Interschool Basketball team who won the State Championships last Thursday, a day after winning the Hooptime championships. It has been a truly successful year for you boys. Most of these boys were also the State Netball Champions who won in September. Their photo was on the front of the newsletter last week but I have added just a few more shots. Thanks to the parents this year who have driven these kids around Melbourne for their finals.

State Volleyball Championships
Unlike our Netball and Basketball champions, the Volleyball team narrowly missed making the Grand Final. However, we are very proud that they made it to the finals and they did win one game against one of the top schools. Most of this team was made up of girls, with 2 boys. They fought their way through the day and just kept going at it. Well done kids, you have made history at this school, as this is the first time we have had Croydon Hills represented at the Finals in Volleyball.

National Track & Field Championships
Congratulations to Nathan H, who competed in Discus at the National Championships in Adelaide last week against students from all over Australia. Nathan threw 35.16m to gain 9th place from a field of 16 boys. The winning throw came from a Queensland boy who threw 50.11m, which is an enormous effort. Many of our Victorian athletes were blown away by some of the performances from students from the other states and territories. There were also some of our own who did very well and broke records also. Nathan has been training hard for this event and even though he didn’t do as well as he would have hoped, he is still keen to keep training and improve his technique. This is great to hear Nathan. Regardless of where you came, we are proud that you made it to these championships, as you are a winner anyway! Nathan was also in the Shot Put relay where they boys came 3rd and the Long Jump relay where they came 5th. Great work Nathan.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE
Music News

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.

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 7th December - Rachelle Robertson, Kylie Gaudion, Lucy McDaid, Lia Biasuzzo, Wendy Hantzipavlis.
Monday 10th December – CLOSED
Tuesday 11th December – Lee Smart, Holly Unwin.
Wednesday 12th December – Kylie Van Roosmalen, Justine Wratten.
Thursday 13th December – Jo Aldridge, Jessica Bell.
Friday 14th December – Danni Bennett, Sonia Newlands, Helen Thompson, Nicole Murphy.

Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12TH
7PM - MAIN OVAL
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

I am now in the middle of stocktake. Books are taken from the shelves. I then check under and behind the shelves and then enter the books individually into the computer. I have completed the ‘Picture Story Book’ and the ‘Non-Fiction’ sections. As at Wednesday there are still 35 students with 49 overdue books between them and while this may not sound a lot, they have a total value of over $750.00! I have written out notices for all these students. Please ask them to have a good look at home and at school for these books. It is surprising the number of books that remain in school bags until the last minute. A book is not considered returned until it comes back to the library.
Remember – these books will still be in your child’s name next year if they are not returned.
Sue Offer - Library Technician

LOST PROPERTY SALE !!!
Due to the large number of un-named, unclaimed uniform items currently in Lost Property, we will be holding an END OF YEAR CLEARANCE SALE next TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH, from 3:00 – 3:30pm, in the courtyard outside the canteen.
With the end of year just around the corner, all items which are unsold will be sent to charity bins. If your child has lost clothing, please check Lost Property before next Tuesday – lost items cannot be reclaimed after that date and will have to be purchased on sale day.

Matthew is a Top Cub Scout
Congratulations to Matty F in SLB, who has just earned the Cub Scouts’ highest honour, the Grey Wolf Award. This award is rarely given and acknowledges the highest level of organization, leadership and achievement in the final year of Cub Scouts. Well done, Matty – the skills you have shown to earn this award will stand you in good stead throughout your life!
CHRISTMAS CAROLS BBQ

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12TH

Bring your family & friends and join us for a delicious BBQ meal on the Oval before the Carols. Meals available from 5.30pm - service finishes strictly at 7pm, to allow the Concert to begin.

Available for purchase:
SAUSAGES: $2 / $2.50 with onion
HAMBURGERS: $4
HOT ROAST BEEF ROLLS: $4
ASSORTED DRINKS: $1
SNOW CONES: $2
CHRISTMAS NOVELTY ITEMS:
Limited stocks - only available until sold out
Headbands: $3; Flashing Badges $2
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

**BY: SUE AND ROD SALIBA**

**FOR: ALL ABILITY LEVELS**

**DATE:** JANUARY 14th – 16th, 2013
(Monday-Wednesday inclusive Thursday to be made available if weather is inclement)

**3 DAYS OF INTENSIVE COACHING INCLUDING:**

- **BALL MACHINE**
- **TOURNAMENT PLAY**
- **EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IF NECESSARY**

**COST:** $86.00  (INCLUDING GST)

**SESSION TIMES:**
- 9:00am – 11:00am (Junior Program)
- 11:15am – 1:15pm (Junior Program)
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm (Adult Program)

**VENUE:**
- PARRAMATTA PARK RESERVE
- READING FLOOD
- RINGWOOD OVAL

**BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:**
**TELEPHONE** SUE: 9876 3286 / 0437199603
ROD: 9879 0084 / 0408593357

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**HOT SHOTS TENNIS CLINIC**

**JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- Ages 3 to 7 years old

**QUALIFIED COACHES:**
- SUE SALIBA, ROB SALIBA, ANETA SALIBA

**DATE:**
- MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2013
- TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013
- WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013

**SESSION TIMES:**
- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
- 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
- 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

**COST:**
- $40.00 (O.S.T. INCL. VAT)

Hot Shots is an introduction to tennis, using specialized equipment to teach the basic skills of tennis in a gentle, fun way.

**PARKWOOD TENNIS CLUB**
- PARMA RESERVOIR, WESTMORELAND, WEST MOOROODUC

**OTHER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AND COACHING DURING SCHOOL TERMS.**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING, PLEASE PHONE SUE ON 9876 3286 OR ROD 9879 0084.”**