

News

Week 6 of 10, Term 2

Thursday 28th May, 2009

Diary: 2009

June

Monday 1st Yellow Free Dress for Safety House, gold coin donation

Monday 1st Senior Hooptime

Monday 1st IMA Safety House visit

Monday 1st CHAPS Meeting

Wednesday 3rd Zone Cross Country

Friday 5th Prep Swimming commences

Monday 8th Queens Birthday holiday

Thursday 11th Canteen Pasta Lunch

Friday 12th Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 17th School Council Meeting

Monday 22nd Junior Hooptime

Wednesday 24th House Athletic Sports Yr 4-6

Friday 26th End Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

September

Saturday 5th CHAPS Trivia Night

**CROYDON HILLS
DECLARES WAR ON
HEAD LICE**

*Yellow Free Dress for Safety
House – Monday 1st June
Gold coin donation*

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

**MONEY/CHOCOLATES DUE
BACK TOMORROW**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had a wonderful time celebrating the 21 Years of Croydon Hills Primary School last week. The students were involved through the Open Day activities and Art Show then on Friday with a Free Dress Day which had everyone heading back to the 80's style. On Saturday we had a wonderful afternoon welcoming back many past students and parents to share memories and to re-connect with past school friends. There was a good number of people from the school's past in addition to many from the present. On Saturday we even welcomed 70 past and present staff to a lovely sit down dinner. It was wonderful to see the connectedness to the school and appreciation of its growth and development which was evident from staff that have left but still have a strong affinity with us. It was a fitting way to celebrate the school's coming of age.

I would like to thank current and past staff and parents who were on the planning committee and to the many others who assisted on the day. I know that our visitors from the past were so impressed not only with the facilities and resources that we have on offer but also the feel and spirit of cooperation we display. The "Vibe" was fantastic. Sometimes we lose some perspective of what we really have as we are surrounded by it all the time. I received this letter of thanks from the first Principal, Ken Baxter. It made me reflect on how fortunate we are. I am sure he will not mind me sharing it with you



Graeme Caudry

Dear Graeme

Thank you, your staff and students for a wonderful afternoon and evening at the school on Saturday. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with teachers and students and parents from the past, and to see how the school has developed up to the present.

I was most impressed with our tour of the facilities - the school has made amazing progress since its first day on Thursday 4th February 1988. On that day the first School Council President, Graeme Hunt, told "The Croydon Mail", "This will be one of the best schools, if not the best primary school, in Victoria". I am sure his prediction has been borne out over the past 21 years and is clearly true today.

The outstanding displays in the classrooms and the artwork around the school were a credit to your staff and students. I enjoyed the performance of the choir and musicians who looked very smart in their vests. The technology throughout the school was also astounding. Obviously everyone enjoys the school and the rich learning environment you are providing.

A lot of development has gone into the school grounds which are in beautiful condition with colourful play equipment, shade areas, chess rotundas, and excellent ovals and asphalt areas for games and sport. I was fascinated by the Sustainable "Farm" zone, including the "Frog Bog".

You must be very proud of the quality of your teaching staff who obviously project a friendly, encouraging, enthusiastic and energetic spirit which generates a wonderfully positive and productive atmosphere throughout the school.

I am very proud to have been part of the early development of Croydon Hills Primary School, and was honoured to share with you in cutting the birthday cake.

You and your whole school community are to be congratulated on the outstanding excellence of the school in its 21st year.



Thank you,, Ken Baxter

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS PHOTO

If you would like to order this photo which is on display at the front office please send \$17.00 cash or cheque to the office. . The photo is 30cm x 20 cm in size. Orders will close 10th June, 2009.

STAGESTRUCK 2009

The StageStruck school concert is on Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th June, 7:00pm in the school hall. It will be great to again see the varied talents of many of our students in the Performing Arts areas.

Please encourage your child who is talented in these areas to apply.

Audition / Application forms are being distributed to children who express interest this week. Forms are also available from the Office or Music Room.

See further details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

CHPS SENIOR CHOIR

First Performance:

Many thanks to the CHPS Senior Choir members who performed so well for the 21st Birthday Ceremony last Saturday. Staff and former students alike made positive comments about how great it was to have some of our current students involved in the event. It was a great performance experience for the Choir.

Special thanks also to the Choir Parents who so ably assisted in getting the Choir ready and packed up again, whilst the teachers were busy with other aspects of the afternoon - particularly Helen Thompson, who also spent several hours on Friday afternoon preparing Choir uniforms, and Kellie Anderson, plus other parents who dropped in to lend a hand.

A photo of our Senior Choir on stage last Saturday appears elsewhere in this Newsletter, promoting our forth-coming StageStruck 09 school concert - the next Performance date for our Senior Choir, and the first performance opportunity for this year's CHPS Junior Choir.

Our Senior Choir performers were:

Yr 4B - Chloe Black, Lachlan Dummigan, Carly Matthews, Ashlee Henshaw

Yr4W - Jack Anderson, Matthew Williams

L4DK - Rachel Aing;

L4SK - Christopher Thompson

L4M - Hailey Moran, Matthew Sage, Katie Williams

L4S - Ruby Heaver, Addison Holland-Hughes, Georgia Kane, Riley Moran, Amelia Murtagh, Jack Rottinger, Hannah Steane

L4T - Emily Brewer, Maria Iaria, Tegan Lepre, Olivia Low, Tessa Nalder.

Bookfair Update

The Bookfair is over for another year. Thank you to all those families who supported the Book Fair by either purchasing books or suggesting books for the library. It was wonderful to see so many children purchasing books with their own money. We sold nearly \$5000 worth of books which is down on last year. This was expected due to the economic climate; however I think that the number of books sold would be about the same. There were a lot of good books at heavily discounted prices.

The Book Fair takes a lot of time and effort and it is at times like these that we appreciate the wonderful community that we have at our school. Thanks to the office staff for their constant unseen efforts. Many staff gave up their time to assist at the Bookfair and some of the student teachers here on placement also found

themselves setting up, selling books and helping to pack up. This is not easy at this time of year as the teachers are preparing for open afternoon/evening and sorting out last minute details for the Art Show. Thank you most sincerely to those who helped.

Books that were sold out have now all been ordered. They will be sent to the child's class as soon as they arrive. We will advise in the newsletter of any books that are out of stock at the suppliers and will therefore take longer to come in.

Sue Offer & Ruth Errey

SAFETY HOUSE – YELLOW DAY

Monday 1st June

Yellow Free Dress – gold coin donation

IMA will be visiting morning assembly and spending time with the Preps.

Every day children and teenagers are on our streets and exposed to circumstances they sometimes cannot handle by themselves. This is where the Safety House Program comes in.

The Safety House Program is a community based network of safe places aimed at ensuring the safety of children and teenagers/

The Good Yarra Hills Safety House Committee covers three primary schools in our area, Croydon Hills Primary, Yarra Road Primary and Good Shepherd.

This committee was originally formed in June 1983 and currently there are around 120 Safety Houses and shops in this area.

Feeling Unsure? Knock on a Safety House door.

You can use a Safety House when you are lost, frightened by animals, being bullied, feeling scared or when you are hurt.

CANTEEN NEWS

PASTA BLASTA - Thursday 11th June

The Pasta Blasta lunch order forms have been sent home, if you have not received one, extra copies are available from the canteen. Prep orders are welcome; we will coordinate an appropriate lunchtime in conjunction with their swimming program.

SPECIAL LUNCHES - \$3.00

Wednesday 3rd June – Homemade Pasta Bolognese.

Wednesday 10th June – Nachos – cheese, salsa & sour cream.

Wednesday 17th June - Chicken Schnitzel Roll with lettuce & mayo.

Wednesday 24th June – Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce.

ROSTER

Friday 29th May – Kathy Thomas, Sharon Luiyf, SallyAnne Forbes.

Monday 1st June – CLOSED

Tuesday 2nd June – Alisa Wills, Sharron Savage, Glory Aulia.

Wednesday 3rd June – Bronwyn Pratt, Liz Honey, Wendy Hantzipavlis, Megan Parker, Deb Alsop.

Thursday 4th June – Karen Kane, Deanne Brun, Debra Smith, Tracey Omond-Smith.

Friday 5th June – Rachelle Robertson, Lia Biasuzzo, Kylie Gaudion, Lucy McDaid.

CHAPS CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Due back this Friday (29th May).

HELP!!!!

We have quite a lot of unsold chocolates, if anyone is able to help sell an additional box could they please contact me to arrange this.

Thanks for your support.

Karen Cyster 9725 1206, CHAPS Fundraising

FOUND – Furbie, ask at office

WANTED TO BUY –Child's cot and high chair. Contact school office.

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