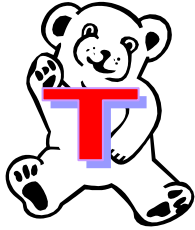




Curriculum Chatter

No. 1 2006

Croydon Hills Thinking, Learning and Caring Program



THINKING

Thinking about thinking
Thinking about Learning
Thinking about Caring



LEARNING

Learning to think
Learning to learn
Learning to care



CARING

Caring about ourselves
Caring about others
Caring about our environment

CHPS GIVES EVERYONE LOTS OF TLC

Our Whole School Understandings for our TLC units.

1. Everyone is special but we learn in different ways and have a range of abilities.
2. There are switch-ons and switch-offs that affect our learning.
3. We learn when we have positive relationships and positive environments based on our community values

Howie helps us think, learn and care.

During Term 1 our whole school focus is our TLC program and every level concentrates on community building using particular thinking strategies and tools. This is the time when each of our classrooms establish their codes of conduct and set up the framework for their learning communities for 2006. Whole school activities in the last week of Term 1 will focus on the Commonwealth Games which commence during the break.

The 'C' of our TLC program involves caring about ourselves and others and the environment.

1. **Ourselves** – our healthy eating and healthy activity based curriculum is continually reinforced at classroom and whole school levels.
Eg. next Friday we have another healthy Canteen Watermelon Day – just 50c a slice and please turn over the page to read our **Curriculum Chatter 2** "Active School Curriculum and Healthy Eating" written by Mrs Mac



2. **Others** – 'CIRCLES' a whole school approach integrating our values program and relational learning will commence in week 2 and a special time once a fortnight has been set aside in our timetable for this very important program

OTHER CURRICULUM NEWS.

Science Fair 2006

This year our Science Fair will take place during Education Week in May. The Science Fair book and timeline will be handed out to students in Levels 3 and 4 very soon. The book will also be available for any students and their families in Prep, 1 and 2 who wish to submit an individual project. More news next week.

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