

# News

Week 3 of 11, Term 4

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009

## Diary: 2009

### October

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Camp returns
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	State Athletics
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Assembly
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fair Meeting 7.30 pm
Wednesday 28	Prep Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wakakirri Final

### November

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Canteen Cup Day Lunch
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fair Meeting
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Billanook Crescendo
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Working Bee 6.00 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Orientation Session for 2010 Preps
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Healesville Sanctuary
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hooptime Senior Future Stars Regional Final
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fair
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Level 4 Parent Forum on Drug Education 7.00 pm

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL – OCTOBER

Hey You - The CHPS community needs your help.

I looked up the definition of “Community” on Wikipedia and it told me that a community is defined as “a group of interacting people living in a common location”. That’s us.

Your school community could do with some help from you in the following areas:

**Security:** The next 8 weeks of each year is usually the time our school experiences its highest rate of vandalism. Our security cameras have done a great job in the last 18 months and have resulted in the identification of offenders and subsequent arrests. However, they cannot see everything. It would be helpful if the community could keep an eye on our school and stay involved in our children’s social network. It is more than likely that our kids may know someone or hear something about hanging out at CHPS in the middle of the night – when all the damage is done. If you see or hear of anything please contact the school.

**Parent survey:** The school management circulated a survey to all CHPS families in term 3. It would be fair to say that the response has been poor. We would like to hear some more comments from the community about how the school is performing. The Parent Survey is a great way for you to have your opinion heard. If you are happy or unhappy with some aspect of the curriculum or if you have some good ideas that you think would be useful to the school then this is your chance to have your say – we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in completing the survey please contact the school office.

**Volunteers for the canteen:** Our school canteen provides a very important service to the school and in recent years has made some significant and healthy changes to the menu. However this service is heavily dependent on the volunteers and the numbers are currently low. To overcome this problem we may need to either increase the prices on the menu and employ extra staff, or close the canteen for one or two days during the week. So if there are any parents, or even grandparents, out there who would like to help on the canteen please get in touch with the school office.

**The Fair:** The fair is our best community day for the year and there are several ways you can help out. All you have to do is show up and spend a few hours roaming around, chatting with friends over a coffee, maybe have some lunch, visit a few stalls and let the kids go wild on some rides – it doesn’t get much better than that!!

***FAMILY FAIR  
ONLY 16 SLEEPS TO GO!***

***PLEASE RETURN  
VOLUNTEER  
FORMS NOW!!***

If you would like to help out on some stalls keep an eye out for some notices from the Fair Team in the weekly newsletter.

CHPS is a great school and it does need your support. Make a difference, get involved. Cheers  
**Brendan Rodoni, School Council President**

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

#### **Parent Forum – Level 4 Drug Education**

Please see flyer attached to the newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to hear about this most important issue in our society. Please return reply slip by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Successes!!!!**

It was fantastic to get feedback from a parent informing us how well our ex pupils were doing at secondary school. At Luther College most of the awards given to the year 12 students were given to students who had attended Croydon Hills Primary School. The awards ranged from academic to citizenship to sporting awards. We have also had feedback from other secondary colleges letting us know how well our ex students are doing it. Congratulations must go to staff who work very hard and it's great to get positive feedback letting us know what a great school we are!!!

#### **Homework**

Last year we updated our homework policy and implementation guidelines and it's been pleasing that many parents expressed a positive response in their parent surveys. Parents play an important role in setting up routines at home for children to complete homework and it can have a positive impact on student learning. I thought it was worth visiting some important elements of homework.

Parents can help with homework and support students in the following ways:

- Establish sound study habits from an early age. Begin by reading with and to your child every night which can gradually change to more formal homework in later years.
- Establish a predictable routine. You need to negotiate homework routines with your child fitting into other activities your child participates in
- Make homework as pleasurable as possible. If you are sharing a book don't make reading a test. Ensure the reading experience is enjoyable for you and your child. Make yourself comfortable have a laugh and get your child involved.
- Establish a good working environment for your children.

- Encourage children to get organised by thinking ahead and planning. In level 4 students have diaries to write down homework expectations. Assist your child to become organised.
- Take an interest in the homework children are doing. This sends a powerful message that what the student is doing is valuable.
- Talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns about your child's homework.

#### **School Fair**

I would like to support Brendan's comments about the importance of the school community supporting the school. Again this is a powerful message to your children that you value the school and are willing to help and support in any way you can.

#### **Cup Day Holiday**

Just a reminder that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a holiday for the Melbourne Cup but Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> is a normal school day.

#### **Carol Curwood**

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE VICTORIAN STUDENT NUMBER**

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school. The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations. If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm> Brochures available from school office

## CHPS WALKS TO SCHOOL

Thank you to all the families who supported our CHPS "Walktober - Walk To School" Day. We had a great result with lots of walkers.



The Drop-off Zone was very quiet compared to usual at 08:55 in the morning. We had 325 walkers and all walkers should have received their coloured Walk to School certificate (they will receive a sticker too, when these arrive)...



(Parent Pics: - Skye, Jordan & Zac enjoy "Walk to School Day", but MrL is not sure of the name of the dog!)

## EMPTY ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

Please collect your old ice-cream plastic containers for school. We need them to collect water from the taps to help water our gardens with re-used water over the drier months.

Please send ice-cream containers along to your child's class teacher - thanks for your support.

## CERES EXCURSION

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of October Year 4 went on an excursion to C.E.R.E.S (Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies). It was all about caring for the environment and using water effectively.

It took about 45 minutes to get there by bus. 4W and half of 4C went on Bus 1. Once we got there we got to participate on some fun activities.

First 4W went with a lady called Isabella. She showed us how to try and catch some aquatic animals in the Merri Creek with nets. We divided our class into about 5 groups. In my group there was me, David, Corey, Jack and Noyal. We caught some freshwater shrimp.

After our netting session we went for a walk with Glenn around Merri Creek. Glenn showed us which plants are edible and which plants are poisonous. We also passed a litter trap. It was interesting to see how it works.

Our last activity was inside the Eco-House with a lady named Sarah. The Eco- House was fully of environmentally friendly things like solar panels. It even had an eco friendly toilet!

CERES was GREAT!

**Jess A. 4W**

## DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING 2S

If anyone has any of the following to donate, we would be very pleased to have it:

- Dress ups
- Mirror on a stand
- Toy cash register
- Materials we could use in constructing or collage.
- Anything we could use for science investigations. **Sandy Smyth**

## ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE

Next week will be the last week that wristbands and fair money will be on sale so get in quick. Orders can be dropped at the office and will be processed for collection at the end of school the next day from the canteen.

Window sales from the canteen at 3.25 will be Friday 23rd, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Friday 29th. There will be no sales the week prior to the fair. Please fill in attached form ASAP so you don't miss out.

**Alisa Wills - Rides and Fair Money**

## CHPS RAFFLE:

Congratulations to Ellanya Spagnolo 1S our first weekly prize winner for books returned. Great to see so many books sold, with just over 2 weeks to go to Fair we need to keep these books coming in. ALL Raffle tickets whether sold or not need to be returned to school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The competition is very close for this week's student prize and the overall family prize for most books sold. Keep selling with only "4800" tickets available.

Any Queries phone Tricia on 0400548792 or Email: [tricsparkes@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tricsparkes@optusnet.com.au)

## CANTEEN NEWS

### CUP DAY LUNCH – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Orders are due back Monday 26<sup>th</sup> due to the Year 5 Camp.

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.**

### WHAT'S NEW?

Hash Brown Triangles are available in a pack of 3 for \$1.50 for a limited time only.

### SPECIAL LUNCHESES - \$3.00

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Wedges** with sour cream or tomato sauce.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – CUP DAY LUNCH**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Nachos** with cheese, salsa & sour cream.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Homemade Chicken Schnitzel Roll** with lettuce & mayo.

### TERM.4.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Carolyn Sharpe, Lorraine Dennis, Tricia Sparkes, Jo Wolff-Short.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – CLOSED**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Sally Anderson, Sharon Hackett, Jenny Vickering.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Rhonda Wheeler, Paula Catt, Fiona Quayle, Penny MacDonald, Kerry Low.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Adelle Simpson, Tanya Evely, Sarah White.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Sharon Luiyf, SallyAnne Forbes.

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE

Last Saturday and Sunday we had a tremendous turnout for the Prep mowing roster from the parents of Prep J.

Thank you to Wayne Grant–Dobbs, Paul Gillies, Linton Ball, John Colledge, Wayne Dodkins, Darren Hayman, Phillip Everett, Danni and Dave Bennett, Victor Ting, John Connor, Tim Bell, Sukunesan Sinnappon, Pirate Pete Williams and Spider Murphy for an AWESOME effort.

A special thanks to Paul Dousset who continues to service our mowing equipment and manages to keep our trusty old tractor (that is older than Mr Caudry) purring!

**Free sausage sizzle:** Now that I have your attention we would like to promote our **Twilight Working Bee on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6pm.** Whilst Prep J did a great job mowing last weekend, the combination of lots of rain and sun, means the grass is growing at a rapid rate. The purpose of the Thursday twilight working bee is to make the grounds look magnificent for the school fair which will be held 2 days later. Therefore, the working bee will concentrate on mowing, line trimming and weeding. Anyone is welcome. Parents can bring the children along with footballs, basketballs and bikes. At the completion of the working bee (around 7.30pm) there will be a free sausage sizzle, refreshments and singing by Todd Murfett.

**Andrew Parker, Buildings and Grounds Committee**

## SPRING FAIR

Warranwood Primary School

1 Wellington Park Drive, Warranwood

12pm to 6pm SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October

Food Stalls, Rides, White Elephant Stall, Show Bags Country Produce, Silent Auction, Pre-loved Toys and Books Plus a variety of entertainment items!

## TRANSITION TOWN – Maroondah City Council INFORMATION NIGHT

Be part of local solutions to climate change and life beyond oil

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 -9.30 pm

Karalyka Centre, Mines Road Ringwood East

Contact Sandra 9725 3829

Yarra Valley Railway's Halloween Ghost Train

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.**

Trolley rides \$22 or \$18 conc. Dinner & Trolley ride \$38 or \$34 conc.

Fri - Dinner 8pm with ride at 9pm. Ride only at 8pm, 10pm, & 11pm.

Sat - Dinner at 8pm with ride at 9pm. Ride only at 7pm, 10pm & 11pm.

8pm Friday and 7pm Saturday Ride Only suitable for families with younger children. Not recommended for U5 yo.

**Take the Ghost Train if you Dare**

**For bookings or more information call Patricia on 0400171657**

## COME & PLAY SUMMER HOCKEY AT DONCASTER HOCKEY CLUB

Boys & girls aged 4 – 14 Wednesday evenings

\$50 per season. Contact Ken Scott 9723 9163

[www.doncasterhockeyclub.com.au](http://www.doncasterhockeyclub.com.au)

## CROYDON CRICKET CLUB in2CRICKET clinic



in2CRICKET is a program for 5-10 year olds to have fun and learn the basics of this great game. The clinic is held on Saturday mornings between 9.00am and 10.30am at the fabulous Croydon Park Oval commencing Saturday 24th October 2009 for 16 weeks.

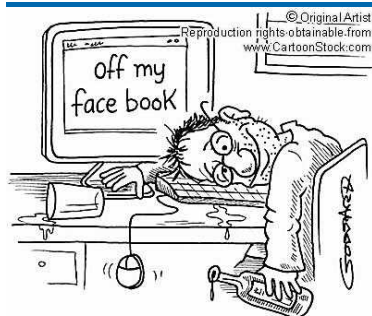
**Registration** for the 2009-2010 in2CRICKET season will be held from **9am** on **Saturday 24th October 2009** at Croydon Park Oval, Hewish Road, Croydon (Mel. 50 K4) and all kids are most welcome.

If you have any queries please contact **Paul Bullen** on mobile: 0438281883

email: [pbullen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pbullen@bigpond.net.au)

[We will have 3 Cricket Victoria Sports Development Officers running activities](#)

*For details on non competitive cricket (8-10 year olds) at Croydon Cricket Club, please contact **John Nucifora** on mobile: 0419 595 41*



Dear Parents

Croydon Hills Primary School requests your attendance at a **Drug Education Parent Forum on Thursday November 12th.**

This forum will assist you in preparing your child to face some of the social challenges they will encounter as they grow. It will also give you first hand knowledge of the material they will explore in class in Level 4 as part of their Drug Education studies.

A professional Drug Education Consultant has been organised to present a forum that will explore a range of concerns and provide the most contemporary research. An opportunity to develop strategies that will assist us in preparing your child for these challenges will occur. This evening will explore substances commonly used by young people with a focus on alcohol use and misuse.

Experts agree that parents in partnership with schools must assist children to address these issues before they find themselves in the centre of an increasingly problematic population. Preparing young people to recognise risk, make informed decisions and promote their individual health and safety is a vital part of their education.

When parents and schools work together it is more likely to have a positive impact on young people. It is for this reason we encourage a parent from each family to attend.

Summary details of the Forum are as follows:

**TOPIC: Young People and Binge Drinking:**

**Who is in Control?**

**DATE: Thursday Nov 12th**

**TIME: 7.30-9.00 pm**

**VENUE: Multi Purpose Room**

**Please complete the attached reply slip and return to your child's teacher no later than November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_