

News

Week 1 of 11, Term 4

Thursday 8th October, 2009

Diary: 2009

October

Monday 12 th	CHAPS Meeting
Monday 12 th	Indoor Assembly
Tuesday 13 th	Zone Athletics
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 to CERES
Friday 16 th	Gaelic Football
Thursday 22 nd	Year 3 to CERES
Saturday 17 th	Solar Boat Challenge
Saturday 17 th	Prep J Mowing Roster
Sunday 17 th	Prep J Mowing Roster
Monday 19 th	Year 5 Camp begins
Wednesday 21 st	School Council Meeting
Friday 23 rd	Year 5 Camp returns
Monday 26 th	State Athletics
Wednesday 28	Prep Zoo Excursion

November

Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Friday 6 th	1 st Orientation Session for 2010 Preps
Saturday 7 th	Family Fair

*FAMILY FAIR
SATURDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER*

Principal's News

Welcome back to the final term for the school year. It is always a busy but thoroughly enjoyable term. I trust that everyone enjoyed the break and had a chance to recharge the batteries.

The new shade sails were erected at the end of the holidays to cover the second junior playground. This will provide additional protection from the sun for our junior students. We had hoped to have the synthetic turf area completed but the wet weather (welcome rain but poor timing) has stopped work for most of the time. The ground works are now complete and we need some dry days for the turf to be put down and secured. The side of the main oval has had the stage area also formed over the holidays. We will be able to show this off at the carols this year.

On a sad note we again had vandal damage over the break in a number of forms. All of them completely mindless. The plantation on the end of the soccer oval near Yarrunga that the students planted 2 months ago has been decimated. All the taller seedlings were pulled out and thrown on the tennis courts. Why, you would wonder! They also destroyed the plantation planted 2 years ago near the 3/4 playground by snapping off the trunks of the saplings that have been growing so well.

We sustained window damage with deep etching to 37 windows which will cost the best part of \$10,000 to replace. This was done on one night by a group of about 6 mid teenage boys who were hanging around from midnight until 3am. The video shows their movements but I am not sure if we will be able to identify them.

How can 6 boys be out at these times without their parents knowing where they are? As a society we are all aware of the apparent increase in violence and unacceptable behaviour which is being regularly reported in the city. It is in the newspapers regularly. What is not reported is that we have the seeds of this problem beginning within communities like ours. These roaming groups of (mostly) teenage boys without supervision and lack of apparent care for where they are or what they are doing is huge. They seem to feel that they are immune from the expectations of acceptable behaviour and have no regard for other people's property. The solution has to be within the communities hands, police resources are never going to be enough on their own. We need every family to know and take responsibility for where their teenage children are, particularly after dark. It is no longer good enough to have them say I will be staying over at a mates place without parents being assured or at least checking that there will be adult supervision and that they will actually be there at all times. If groups are not wandering the streets this type of damage would not occur

As a result of this type of event which costs so much money and time we are going to extend the fenced area of the school so that it is clearly not available for any use after hours and anyone in that area is actually trespassing. This will be similar style to the birches and farm area fence which has worked well for a number of years now. This fence will enclose the junior play area, music room, courtyard and the bbq area and the space between admin and the senior class block. It will mean more gates but will hopefully reduce the mindless damage. The basketball courts and the 3/4 playground will be outside the fence and be available for community use in daylight hours.

Graeme Caudry

CHPS RAFFLE 2009

Raffle tickets were distributed to the **YOUNGEST** member of each family yesterday (7.10.09). If your family did not receive a book please let me know. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are in books of 10 tickets. There are prizes each week leading up to the Fair for tickets sold and returned as well as a prize for the family who sell the most tickets. If you would like extra books to sell, please call or send me an email and we can arrange for them to be delivered to school. Otherwise, simply tick the box on your envelope and any extra books requested will be issued at school.

Please do not hesitate to call Tricia if you have any queries on 0400 54879, or email tricsparkes@optusnet.com.au

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

Welcome back to another really busy term of sport. We have 20 children competing in the Zone Athletics championships next Tuesday. Congratulations to all children who have made it to this level and wish you the best of luck.

Gaelic football

We have 2 Gaelic Football teams entered in the Lightning Premiership Competition next Friday 16th October at Box Hill. This is the 4th year we have been invited to compete in this competition. It is a great game of different skills and the children are doing a great job of adapting to the rules. Again we wish you the best of luck and have a fantastic fun filled day.

Interschool Sport

We have 4 teams in the Zone round of competition this term with our 2 basketball teams, Girls Softball team and Volleyball team competing over the next few weeks against schools in the Maroondah Zone. These 4 teams were the District champions in Term 1 Summer sports competition. The finals for all summer sport are played this term. Good luck to all teams and make sure you have lots of fun.

Sports Shoes

Over the past few years I have mentioned the problem with children having Dunlop Volley runners. They actually are not classified as runners and have no padding or cushioning in the soles. Most families have realised the damage that these shoes are doing to their children's feet and legs. We were at a stage last year where there were only 2 children in the whole school who were still wearing them for Physical Education lessons. It is sad to see that these shoes are slowly creeping back in to lessons. If I could please ask parents to make sure that their children don't wear these shoes to PE lessons as many of the games are played on the hard surfaces where the damage to their feet will be the greatest. A more expensive pair of runners will avoid the inevitable Physiotherapy/Podiatrist bills in the long run.

Noreen MacMenaman

CANTEEN NEWS

WHAT'S NEW?

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

SPECIAL LUNCHES - \$3.00

Wednesday 14th October – Nachos with cheese, salsa & sour cream.

Wednesday 21st October – Chicken Burger with lettuce, tomato & mayo.

Wednesday 28th October – Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce.

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Friday 9th October – Helen Thompson, Nicole Murphy, Sonia Newlands, Suzie McAuley, Danni Bennett.

Monday 12th October – CLOSED

Tuesday 13th October – Janine Synhur, Mesina Kelsall, Antonella Iaria, Lina Fraraccio.

Wednesday 14th October – Mandy Duval, Kylie Black, Sue Williams, Alithea Page.

Thursday 15th October – Tracy Robinson, Natalie Thompson, Deanne Scagnetti, Nancy Ryan.

Friday 16th October – Carole Byron, Carolyn Kelly.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Over a couple of weekends during the school holidays a few hardy souls tendered to mowing and a general tidy up of the school grounds in readiness for Term 4.

Thank you to Kellie Mortlock, Paul and Kerry Cooper, Peter Williams, Spider Murphy, Mark Shield, Brendan Rodoni, Hot Toddy Murfett, Matt Povey and Roger "Punter" Wills for your time and effort over the 2 weekends.

The next Prep parents mowing weekend is scheduled for 17 and 18 October. With an abundance of rain and sun, the grass in the school grounds is going gang busters and our hardy mowers are struggling to keep up. Therefore, even if you are not a Prep parent and would like to lend a hand on the 17th or 18th, you are very welcome to join us on either day. We can supply you with the equipment.

Andrew Parker, Buildings and Grounds Committee

PREP MOWING ROSTER

The Prep Mowing Roster is commencing for 2009. Parents of children in the three Prep classes will be mowing over three weekends during Spring.

We meet at the Buildings & Grounds shed (the shed behind the Music Room & Grade 2 playground) and stay for approximately 90 minutes. Entry is via Gate C.

Most equipment is provided, however if you are able to bring your own mower or whipper-snipper it would be appreciated.

Please contact Peter Williams on **0438 043949** during the week prior to your scheduled time to confirm your availability. Thanks for your support.

Roger Wills, Buildings & Grounds Convenor

Sat. 17 th October	BALL	Samuel
2-2.30 pm	BELL	Lachlan
	BENNETT	Kasie
	COLLEDGE	Zoe
	CONNOR	William
	DODKINS	Jarrood
	EVERETT	Kaitlyn
	GILLIES	James
	GRANT-DOBBS	Layla
	HAYMAN	Bridget
	HEWITT	Aaron
	LEE	Karen

Sunday 18 October	LOUGHNANE	Mia
9.30-11am	MANNINGHALL	Ashley
	MITCHELL	Andrew
	PHAM	Mitchell
	PRICE	Riley
	RICHARDSON	Will
	ROBERTS	Jake
	SUKENESAN	Eishaanii
	TING	Portia
	VERMEULEN	Kyle
	ZACHAR	Isabella

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn keyboard, guitar, here at Croydon Hills Primary School

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of private or small group classes each week here at the school aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children

will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Lessons can be started at any time during the school year. Tuition costs from \$13.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for term 4. Interested parents should call Lorraine during business hours on 9818 2333 or visit our website at www.creativemusic.com.au for more information.

**SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP WITH C.H.A.P.S!
IT'S A SHOPPING
TOUR!**



Ladies, it's time for a bit of "me time".

We all love to shop and it's an absolute MUST with Christmas not far away. Gather your girlfriends together and come along for some serious retail therapy. You will be picked up from school by bus.

The outlets we will be visiting are Olga Berg, Natio, Royal Nut Company, Lush (Giftware), Social Club Books, Converse, Planet Surf, Breville/Kambrook, 1999, Beaches, Faulty Towels and many more.....

Saturday 24th October 7.30 am at school

\$45 per person includes a yummy 2 course lunch & more

To make a booking, complete the form below, and return it to the Office in an envelope marked *Shopping Tour*, with **full** payment as soon as possible but no later than Friday 18th September. Get in early as numbers are limited.

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Shopping Tour – Booking Form

Name : _____

Telephone : _____

Childs Name : _____ Class _____

I wish to book for ____ people.

Total Amount \$_____ Cash/Cheque/Credit card

Please make cheques payable to Croydon Hills Primary School Parents Association

Shopping Tour – Credit Card Payment

Name of Cardholder: _____

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Amount: \$_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____