



# CHPS

## Senior Newsletter

# TERM 1, 2019

### Welcome to 2019!

We hope that everyone had a fantastic break over the summer holidays. A big **SELAMAT DATANG** (*welcome*) to any new families to CHPS or the Senior School. This newsletter serves as an introduction to what students will be getting up to in Term One, as well as any important information regarding things coming up in 2019.

Please take the time to read over the newsletter with your child so that you don't miss out on any of the exciting things going on in an incredibly busy level of the school! Also remember that if you have any questions or concerns about anything going on in the senior school, the first point of contact should always be your child's classroom teacher.

### **The 2019 Senior School Team**

Leigh Dixon (SLD), Kali Fraser (SKF), Aaron Halstead (SAH), Natalie Ridley (SNR), David Bouris (SDB), Sian Yallop (SSY), Robyn Twining (SRT), Paul Brock (SPB) and Danny Gamble (SDG).

### The Resilience Project and Positive Education

Resilience means the ability to 'bounce back' from difficult experiences. Being resilient means being able to cope, deal with changes and carry on with life. Resilience involves behaviours, thoughts and actions that can be learned and developed in anyone. This year, CHPS continues their partnership with The Resilience Project as part of our whole school approach to developing student's resilience, mindfulness, empathy and gratitude. Croydon Hills Primary School is also now a member of the Maroondah Plus 10 Schools Network, who are working together to implement Positive Education in order to raise the wellbeing of young people in Maroondah. In Term 1, there will be a particular focus in Senior School classrooms on developing and implementing strategies relating to these areas. There will be a **parent forum** hosted by **Martin Heppell** from **The Resilience Project** on **Monday, 4th of March at 7PM** in the stadium, which is highly recommended.



### Literacy



This term, students will be learning how they can use Writer's Notebooks to assist with the writing process. There will be a teaching focus on sentence and word-level grammar. Students will be provided with opportunities to write about topics that interest them. They will continue to develop their understanding of spelling rules and will be supported with targeted literacy sessions.

Students will be supported in finding appropriate books which inspire them to enter the 'Reading Zone' and participate in prolonged, uninterrupted reading. Students will share books they have read with their classmates through book talks.

### Numeracy

In Term 1, students will be continuing to develop a solid foundation in their Mathematical understandings by revising and building on their knowledge of Place Value, Shape and Time. They will develop their understanding of problem solving strategies while tackling open-ended problems. Students will also be supported by targeted maths groups to teach them at their individual point of need for each topic. Student feedback on these groups in the past has been overwhelmingly positive.

### Rotations

Students will participate in 3 rotations each Thursday, where they will learn about different subjects from other teachers in the Senior School. This day also provides students with an insight into life at Secondary School. The topics for Term One will be:

**eSmart:** Mr Dixon, Mr Brock & Mr Bouris

**Debating:** Miss Fraser, Miss Twining & Mrs Ridley

**Parliament:** Mr Gamble, Mr Halstead & Miss Yallop

### Important dates this term

**Thurs 14th February:** School photos

**Weds 20th February:** 'Get to know you' interviews

**Fri 22nd February:** Leaders badge presentation

**Mon 11th March:** Labour Day public holiday

**Tues 12th March:** Curriculum Day - no students

**Weds 20th March:** Year 6 and 7 Transition Night

**Fri 5th April:** Term One finishes 1:30pm

## Homework



Homework is an opportunity for parents or carers to act as partners in their child's education. Activities help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, and fostering good lifelong study habits. **Please also note that generally all of the tasks can be completed without using the iPad.**

Students can use the iPad but it is not a requirement.

Information on homework expectations is updated each term and can be found at <http://bit.ly/chpshomework>. There is an expectation that students will also use this time to complete unfinished work from specialist or rotations.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and homework, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

### iPads

Our Year 5 students have been excitedly taking their first steps into managing their personal devices. It is a very exciting time for all of our students.

#### *Just a couple of reminders:*

- Please ensure that the iPads come to school charged (we do not charge them at school)
- iPads should be kept in a hardy and protective case
- Check Google Classroom regularly
- iPads should not be kept in student bedrooms

## Student Wellbeing

We are incredibly lucky to have had Mia Sartori working at Croydon Hills Primary School for a number of years now as our Student Welfare Officer. In 2019 she is also joined by Ashley Wallace.

This week Mia and Ashley ran the first of four workshops that each Senior class will take part in. This session was on the importance of sleep, and strategies to settle your mind to help students get to sleep. The sessions will also cover strategies to cope with difficult situations and emotions.



## Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure Camp



The Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure camp will be held from the 28th Oct - 1st Nov this year. There will be a Compass event published in Term Two with details about costings and paying a deposit. Please ensure this is paid as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers and bookings.

## Year 6 Canberra Tour



Year 6s are off to Canberra in Term 2, Week 2 (Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May). The initial notice, with required deposit, has been placed out on Compass for families to read. Further details will be provided to Year 6 families in the coming weeks. We would appreciate prompt payment and return of forms to assist with bookings.

We know all students will have a wonderful time. It is a terrific opportunity for students to experience such a wide range of activities. A few of the places we are visiting include: Old and New Parliament House, The War Memorial, The High Court, The Art Gallery, Questacon, The Mint and The National Film and Sound Archive (plus MORE places!)

It is a great week away and we are sure they will have some fantastic stories for you when they return!

# Performing Arts

## Classroom Music



Students will continue to create music using their voices, ukuleles, xylophones, un-tuned percussion, boomwhackers and the other many and varied classroom instruments. They will dance, play games, perform ostinatos, listen to and discuss various styles of music and continue to read and write notation. Students will be focussing on how to create

tracks, compose and record in Garageband this term. Where possible, we will use music technology to consolidate theory and aural training.

Please make sure that your child has the full version of Garageband as we use this app regularly in music classes and that they have headphones.

## State School Spectacular

State School Spectacular is happening again this year. We are allowed a maximum of twenty students who will take part in this amazing opportunity, these needed to be finalized by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Rehearsals and performances are all in Term 3.

*The Victorian State School Spectacular is one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. It is a professionally staged production performed annually to an audience of over 10,000 people. The Spectacular includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition free environment. It aims to provide an invaluable performing arts opportunity to Victoria's government school students and to showcase the enormous talent in our schools. It comes together in a three-hour show that celebrates the performing arts – choir, dance, vocal, drama and orchestra. Students are provided with a unique opportunity to work with internationally renowned industry professionals across all disciplines, as well as the amazing experience of performing live in front of thousands of people.*

## Choir

Rehearsals are MONDAY lunchtimes and THURSDAY before school beginning at 8.15am. All rehearsals are in the PAC and the first rehearsal will be held Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The choir has many opportunities to perform during the year including open night, Stagestruck and performing for the retirees at Yarrunga.

## CHAMP

CHAMP is a new program delivering our instrumental music program at CHPS this year. If your child would like to learn an instrument they offer lessons in guitar, drums, singing and piano and you can choose private or shared lessons. If you are interested, head to

[www.champlessons.com](http://www.champlessons.com)

where you can find more information and the form for enrolment enquiries.



If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact me.

***Amana Temple***





# Physical Education & Interschool Sport



Physical Education in Term 1 in the Senior school will consist mainly of Tennis as we have a coach, Sue Saliba coming in for 4 weeks to teach the students how to play using the different strokes of forehand and backhand. Sofcross is also the focus for the term. We will also be doing the Beep test towards the end of the term so that children will then have something to compare themselves

against from November last year as well as doing the test again in November this year.

Interschool Sport commenced on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, so we will be training at lunchtime on Thursdays each week to improve our skills and game sense. The Sports Program has been extended this year to include many more of the students as we have 9 classes in the senior school. We now have a CHPS Red stream and CHPS Blue stream. Both of these streams will have 9 sports – T20 Cricket – Girls and Boys, Hot Shots Tennis, Basketball – Girls and Boys, Teeball – Girls and Boys, Volleybounce and Sofcrosse. Both the streams will also play all the schools in the District as well as play against each other.



Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist with supervising some of the teams.

## District Swimming

The District Swimming Sports are on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>. If there are any students who can swim 50m competently and at a reasonable pace, then please record your time at *Aquanation* – 50m pool and send it to me so I can compare it to the qualifying times.



## Uniform

All students are expected to wear runners to PE classes and girls to wear their polo shirt and shorts/skorts or tracksuit pants, not only for comfort, but also for safety reasons. Please do not wear a dress on your PE day and I would also like to see all children who have shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back for safety reasons. Mrs Yorke and I are sharing the Senior classes once again this year. We are looking forward to having another great year with the Senior students.

**Noreen McMenaman**

## Science

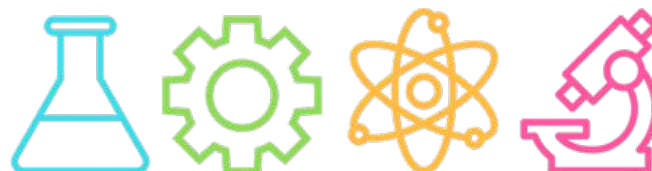
This term in the Senior school, the students will be studying a Physical Science unit called “Essential Energy”. Throughout this unit, the students will learn about different types of energy, both renewable and nonrenewable.



They will have hands on experiences, which promote discussion around how energy is generated, transferred and transformed. The students will be encouraged to make positive choices about energy in their own lives, and be encouraged to consider how sustainably they use their energy, as well as the types of energy they choose to use.

At the conclusion of the unit, students will research an energy source of their choosing in order to gain a deeper understanding of the positive and negative impacts of various types of energy. Throughout the year, the students will cover the four areas of Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science and Earth and Space Sciences.

**Laura Kitching**



# Indonesian



Welcome back to a new school year everyone, I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break.

Indonesian for Senior School is on Monday and Wednesday. Classes consist of 50 minutes per week.

In Term 1, students will be introduced to linguistic aspects of Indonesian in order to provide information about themselves. Throughout the term, students will explore ways to introduce and describe themselves to others and participate in general conversation. Students will learn Indonesian phonics, essential questioning words, and phrases. Students will learn how to structure questions and answers in order to introduce themselves, describe how they're feeling, their age, where they live, where they were born, numbers, year level, greetings, likes/dislikes, answer yes/no and converse about hobbies. Students will look into expanding their pronoun knowledge and will learn how to use adjectives when talking about themselves and others.

Students are encouraged to practice vocabulary from the unit, either on a device if available for use or from their workbooks.



**Bu Shannon Irwin**



# Visual Arts



A warm welcome back and I am looking forward to another creative year.

Students will continue to create art works using a variety of materials, techniques and skills and exploring a number of artists along the way. It is Art Show year so please save the date, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

This term students will explore drawing, photography and digital art works. Students will develop a front cover for their Visual Diary displaying their drawing skills. We will investigate the art medium of photography and best practices. Students will use a photograph to develop a digital image using the iPad app Brushes Redux.

Art Academy will run a little differently this year where we will have a level a term. Seniors will start the Art Academy year and sign up sheets will go out in week 3.



It is a requirement in art that all students have an art smock. This does not need to be a store bought smock; an old jumper or t-shirt will suffice, as its main purpose is to protect students' clothes from paint and other materials.

As part of our term's work, students will be required to use an app called Brushes Redux to complete a digital storyboard. This is a free App. Brushes Redux is a painting app allowing students to create digital paintings using a variety of settings, colours and effects. Students will be able to import a photo and create a digital painting over it. This particular app also records how students are working, so once they have completed their digital painting we can watch from start to finish their creative process.










David Hockney, an 81 year old British artist who's last exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria centred around his exploration of landscapes through digital drawing/paintings.

Students will be required to have the app downloaded by 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If there are any problems please do not hesitate to ask.

**Ms Claudia Michielin**

## MEET THE SENIORS!

	<p><b>Leigh Dixon</b> I can't believe I've been at Croydon Hills Primary School for six years now! I'm really excited to be spending another year in the Senior School and working with such a great (and large) group of students and teachers. In January I had a pretty quiet break at home, spending a lot of time doing odd jobs around my house, but I managed to get away for some camping over New Years and for Australia Day.</p>
	<p><b>David Bouris</b> I am very excited to be here in the senior school for another year at Croydon Hills Primary School. I spent my holidays doing some of my favourite things; Fishing at Lake Eildon and Jaimeson, going to the movies and renovating my house. My wife and I will be expecting our first baby in March, Exciting!</p>
	<p><b>Paul Brock</b> I've been working across Croydon Hills Primary School for the last seven years and 2019 marks my first year in the Senior School. I can't wait for all the action, laughs and challenges I'll share with my class and the opportunity to work with many students I first met back in Year 1! Most of my holidays were spent kicking back with family and friends, with trips away to Inverloch, the Grampians and Toorong Falls.</p>
	<p><b>Kali Fraser</b> This is my sixth year at Croydon Hills Primary School and I'm pretty excited to be in the Senior School again. This holidays was a very relaxing one for me, I spent most of my time at home, reading or catching up on some movies and tv shows I don't have time to watch during the term. I also managed to go away to Rosebud and Lakes Entrance for some beach time. I can't wait to get back into life in % this year and learn more about my new class!</p>
	<p><b>Danny Gamble</b> This is now my third year teaching at Croydon Hills and I am really looking forward to my first Year in the Senior School. There is so much to be excited about this year in SDG, helping all students challenge themselves and to flourish in all areas. Over the Christmas holidays I enjoyed playing and hanging out with my two amazing kids and spending some time by the beach in our caravan.</p>
	<p><b>Aaron Halstead</b> I'm the eldest statesman of the senior school. I spent the holidays chasing around my two boys; Callum and Noah. We spent a couple of weeks in Venus Bay, where we spent lots of time at the beach. This year, I'm looking forward to spending lots of fun times with the students and challenging their learning.</p>
	<p><b>Natalie Ridley</b> This is my third year at Croydon Hills and I'm delighted to be back in the Senior School again! I enjoyed a thoroughly relaxing time over the holidays, spending much time with family and friends. I am particularly excited about working with SNR this year, enjoying lots of laughs and helping them achieve their goals. I'm also looking forward to welcoming a new baby in mid June! What an exciting year 2019 is going to be!</p>
	<p><b>Robyn Twining</b> I am very excited to be in the Senior School again this year! This will be my 11th year at Croydon Hills and I have taught in the Junior, Prep and Middle teams, so this year it will be great to work with the Seniors again. Over the holidays I travelled to country Victoria to have Christmas with my family. I also spent some time painting the house, which is always very exciting. This year I am really looking forward to Year 6 camp and being apart of graduation.</p>
	<p><b>Sian Yallop</b> This is my sixth year at CHPS and my second year working in the awesome Senior School! Over the holidays I spent time at the beach and in country Victoria, and the majority of my free time was focussed on planning my upcoming wedding. I can't wait to work with the students of SSY this year and help them achieve their goals.</p>