Principal’s Report

Welcome back to term 2. I trust everyone had the chance to enjoy the lovely Autumn weather over the break in some way. It is a terrific time of the year in Victoria. I am back on deck though still moving slowly after recovering from damaged ankles. It was great to see everyone again this week.

Yesterday’s news from the teachers’ union and government regarding a new agreement is welcomed by everyone. It has been a difficult period for both parents and teachers.

On Monday the staff commenced a Professional Learning project with a renowned consultant, working with teachers on a whole school approach to Writing. Lisa Keskinen presented on the day and will be coming back in to work with teams to take demonstration lessons and work in classrooms. Lisa will provide us with support throughout the year to develop our program.

During the holidays we had work done to re-surface the softfall area around the EL Playground near the Early Learning classrooms. The new surface is a longer pile than the other synthetic areas and it contains shock pads around and under the equipment areas. This will be a long-term solution and make the surrounding areas usable even through the wetter months. This type of work is very expensive and would not have been possible without the funds that have been made available as a result of fundraising events like the School Fair. Fundraising is hard work, but it is great when you see the benefits which build our resources for our students now and into the future.

On Tuesday April 23rd, we have the honor of hosting a Sustainability Fair which is open to teachers and students across the eastern region of Melbourne. Our school is highly regarded for its credentials as a sustainable school - we were in fact the first school in Metropolitan Melbourne to be accredited as a 5 Star Sustainable School, back in 2005.
Fair commences at 9.30am and we will be using the top northern oval for parking. It will be a busy day, which includes tours of our school for the visitors. We are very proud of our school and its many programs and look forward to sharing our experience with other schools starting off their journey with sustainability.

A reminder that for the next two terms our Assembly each week will be from 3.10pm on a Friday afternoon. We are changing this to enable students to get straight into the classroom learning programs on Monday mornings. Mornings are the core time for focused learning and we want to maximise this time where we can. As a result, in the terms when our Sunsmart policy permits (terms 2 & 3), we will have outdoor assemblies in the afternoons. This year we also have an increased profile with our students leaders presenting the news and results for the week. We always welcome parents to our assemblies. Indoor Assemblies will still be on Monday mornings at this stage and the first of these is on Monday April 29th at 9am.

Parents will notice that some work was undertaken in the area where some asbestos pieces had been identified last year. This area has been fenced off since that time and has been monitored by experts appointed by the Department of Education. Sadly it was determined that the trees and roots needed to be removed so the upper layers of soil could be checked and cleaned if needed. This has been completed and the site cleared. We will be leaving the fence up for the time being and will continue to monitor the area with regular checks.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Sports News

Interschool Sport Term 2
The Sports program will commence next week with or first game against Good Shepherd.

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The information about the draws are on the Senior School Wiki.

Could parents please make sure they fill in all the details on the permission forms so that students don't have to return them home to be completed correctly? We will need some parents to assist with coaching and umpiring in certain sports again this term, as we don't have enough staff to cover all sports. We need a parent to assist Liam Sommers with umpiring the football, we need an umpire for the Netball A team and a coach for the Netball C – Beginners team. We also need a parent to assist with scoring the boys Softball and to assist with supervision of the Bat Tennis team. If you are able to assist with any of these sports please let me or the class teacher know. Sports teams cannot compete against other schools if there is no adult present for each team, so we would certainly appreciate your assistance with this so that the students can enjoy their sport and have some fun.

House Cross Country
The annual House cross Country is being held on Thursday 2nd May commencing at 9.00am. We need a minimum of 22 parents to help out on this morning to assist with supervision of corners and helping with presentations at the finishing line. Please fill in the information slip and return it to school as soon as possible so that we can get the organisation under way.

The top 10 students will qualify to compete in the District Cross Country on Tuesday 28th May. This competition is part of the Sports Program at Croydon Hills and is compulsory for all students to have a go. We appreciate that running long distances is not something all children like doing, however it is a bit of fun and it gives them a sense of achievement once they have finished the course. Running a course like this gives the children the experience and we must remember that this is not about winning, but about participating and putting in the effort. These are all important values in life. The serious and competitive runners will no doubt lead the competition. However, for those who are not interested in competing at the District Cross Country, all runs count towards their House scores, including the last runners. All houses will appreciate full participation, otherwise there will be more numbers in some houses, making the competition uneven. Sometimes parents write notes to cover their student from competing, at the request of the student. This is not showing your support for the child with respect to having a go at things that might be a bit difficult. There are no adverse effects of running in this competition, therefore we hope that we have your support and all students will have a go and enjoy the morning dressed up in their House colours.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport/PE
Music News

Choir Performance Sunday 12th May (Mothers’ Day)
The choir are competing in Heat 1 of the Boroondara Eisteddfod to be held at M.L.C. (Methodist Ladies College) at 11 a.m.. Notices have been distributed today to all choir members. Families and staff are very welcome to attend. There will be 3 heats with around 5 primary choir competing in each. Our section will run from around 11 a.m. until 12 noon. What a lovely way for us mums to spend Mother’s Day morning. Tickets will be available at the door – Adults $7 and children $4.50. Family tickets (two adults/two children) $16. This is a great opportunity for our choir to see and hear what other primary choirs are doing and to perform to an appreciative audience in the wider community.
The choir will also be performing at the Sustainability Fair next Tuesday.
Stay tuned for information regarding our first State Schools Spectacular rehearsal coming up on Wednesday 29th May.
C.D.’s and music will be distributed soon.

Rock Band Rehearsals
Rock band has started back with a vengeance this term. They rehearsed yesterday and are working on “Seven Nation Army” – White Stripes. It sounds awesome already!!

Uke/IPad/Marimba Band
Rehearsals started again at lunchtime today (Thursday) and this band is also sounding great. We are currently working on “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” and “It’s My Car” ready for our first performance this year.

Instrumental Lessons
These have started this week. Make sure you check your lesson time on the timetable attached to my office door so that you know when they are and are on time.
Kathryn Lane

Canteen News

Wednesday Warmers
Available on Wednesdays only for the duration of Term.2
Meal Deal 1 "Mini Meal" $5.00
Wedges with tomato sauce or sour cream
Oak Flavoured Milk (Choc, straw or ban)
2 x Homemade Cookies
Meal Deal 2 "Mega Meal" $6.50
Wedges & "Popcorn Chicken" with tomato sauce or sour cream
Oak Flavoured Milk (Choc, straw or ban)
2 x Homemade Cookies

Milkshake Day - Tuesday 23rd April
Available at recess and lunchtime from the canteen in either chocolate or strawberry for $2.00. Large Homemade Anzac Cookies will also be available for 50c each.

Roster
Friday 19th April - Joanne Duo, Rachelle McNamara, Sue LeClercq, Anissa Silver.
Monday 22nd April - CLOSED
Tuesday 23rd April - Alithea Page, Kati Wilkins.
Wednesday 24th April - Rhonda Wheeler, Paula Catt, Kerryn Low, Liz Rollo.
Thursday 25th April - ANZAC DAY
Friday 26th April - Jessica Bell, Deanne Scagnetti, Jo Sudborough.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

This week’s birthdays at CHPS
Monday: Martha JMA, Mitchell M-L
Tuesday: Zara JMA, Ella JMO
Thursday: Jeya J-D
Friday: Jade, J-D, Maddie M-B, Jamy S-M
Sunday: Daniel S-D

Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your special day.
The Android App is here!
If you have an android smartphone or tablet, you can now download our very own Croydon Hills Primary School app to keep you in even greater touch with all that's happening in our school. We have been trialing the iPhone app for some weeks and the response has been fantastic. For your free android download, go to: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.croydon&feature=search_result#?t=W251bGwsMSwyLD EsImNvbS5za29vbGJhZy5jcm95ZG9uIi0.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Help Woolies to help our school. Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points today!

It’s on again! Woolworths Earn & Learn Program begins during the holidays. Every $10 you spend at Woolies will earn one reward point, which will contribute to our total to collect resources for our students from Modern Teaching Aids. Points sheets are available from supermarkets and completed sheets can be returned to the collection box in the foyer. In 2012 we Earned & Learned some fabulous gear for our Early Learners and we hope to do even better in 2013. The program will end on June 9th, so please get behind this great initiative – it’s a real winner for the kids!

ANZAC Appeal
We have a range of Anzac Day badges, wrist bands and key rings for sale at the office. All proceeds go to the RSL and ultimately help the families of defence force personnel who have been killed or injured while in action overseas. Your support of this appeal is very much appreciated. ANZAC items will be available to purchase from the office at the beginning until ANZAC day, April 25th.  

CRE 2013
Do you have a heart for children and could be available as a volunteer to either teach or help with Christian Religious Education (CRE) during the week? Training is provided through Access Ministries, and joining our team would be a great start to your New Year at Croydon Hills P.S. For further information please contact CRE Convenor Matt James 0409 725 313.

Blackburn High School – Open Night – Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 6pm – 8pm
There have been a lot of changes at Blackburn High School. Come along and see the new facilities and hear about our new learning model.
Leaders of the four Houses will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the House and Mentor Class organisational model at 6pm in the House areas.
The Principal, Dr Sandra Woodman, will be speaking in the School gymnasium at 7pm.
All Faculties will be on display and Faculty Heads, staff and students will be available to speak with you about the educational opportunities available at Blackburn.
Eco-Leader Sustainability Fair

@ CHPS

CHPS on show - as 300 Primary and Secondary Students, Teachers & Environment Educators from around the eastern suburbs visit CHPS next week.

Our CHPS Eco-Leaders in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to participate in, and represent our school at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Sustainability Fair 2013, being held next Tuesday, 23 April at CHPS.

The Sustainability Fair is a unique opportunity for our Eco-Leader students and Environment Team teachers to meet and learn more about environment education and ways we can improve the learning environment of our school. Students will learn from the various displays and presentations at the Environment Showcase on the day, and have a rare chance to learn and discuss with environment student leaders and teachers from other schools within the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

As our school is the host venue for this event, we are in the fortunate position of being able to select considerably more Eco-Leader student delegates than the other participating schools.

Our Eco-Leaders will represent our school as effective learners and leaders, as well as having a guide, presenter, photographer, recorder or similar ambassadorial role for this special event at our school.

If you have any questions concerning this event, or the CHPS Eco-Leader program at CHPS, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Burch or Mr Lumpreiks at the school.

EMR Sustainability Fair 2013 - in association with: - CERES - Community Environment Park, Sustainability Victoria, VAAE - Victorian Association for Environmental Education & CHPS.
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard or guitar here at Croydon Hills Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in Term 1.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

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Open Day
Saturday 4th May 2013
11am - 1pm

Free Sausage sizzle, balloons & face painting
Sandgate Avenue, Croydon Ph: 9723 2456

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Nth Ringwood Junior Football Club

Are looking for players in the U12 age group

We will be fielding 2 teams at the U12 level

And are looking for new players to join

Our Premiership winning group of boys.

The club is offering

Free Registration For the 1st 10 New, Registered Players.

Coaches have been appointed and training has commenced

Tuesday at North Ringwood Reserve & Thursday at Quambee Reserve

- both 4:30 – 6:00

Contact Leon Hatton 0409951160

“GO SAINTS”
All Our Own Work Quilt Fair 2013

Heathmont Baptist Church, with the Sew & Sew Quilters, will hold a quilt fair at the Church, 78 Cuthbert St. Heathmont, on Friday 10th May and Saturday 11th May, 10am - 5pm. Admission $5.00. You are invited to visit the fair or provide quilts, patchwork and other textile art for display and/or sale. Further information and entry forms available from Carol, 9720 8722.

Celebrate Mother’s Day at Café on the Park

Sunday 12th May 2013 from 12:00pm

Glen Park Community Centre would like to invite you to celebrate Mother’s Day at our community café. Why not spoil Mum by taking her out for a delicious and leisurely lunch in our relaxed café.

* Please turn over to see menu options *

Bookings are essential and places are limited so call us today to reserve a table.

Pre-order & Pre-pay by Wednesday 8th May, 2013

Lucky Door Prize donated by Mike Symons Catering

Mother’s Day Menu 2013

2 course meal

Mains ~ your choice of...
- Pan Fried Fish of the day served with lemon & homemade sauce
- Scotch Fillet with balsamic sauce & avocado
- Chicken breast wrapped in bacon served with a orange & cranberry sauce
- All main meals served with potato bake and fresh ‘in season’ vegetables

Desserts ~ your choice of...
- Chocolate mousse served with fresh strawberries
- Fresh fruit salad
- Pavlova
- Tea & Coffee Trolley

*$10 per head

Kids Menu ~ your choice of...
- Chicken Nuggets & Chips
- Fish Fingers & Chips
- Ice Cream & Topping

*$10 per head
Discipline vs. Punishment

What is discipline? Why doesn’t punishment work? Do you wonder how to get your kids to listen? Join us to talk about your ideas. Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and ideas at this workshop.

Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
When: Wednesday 24th May
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Where: Eastern Access Community Health (EACH)
73 Patterson Street, EastRingwood
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9755 6134 or 0469 901 204

Dealing With Feelings
Yours and theirs

Are you wondering how to help kids deal with feelings? How to handle their anger and stress? Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and ideas at this workshop.

Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
When: Wednesday 15th June
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Where: Eastern Access Community Health (EACH)
73 Patterson Street, EastRingwood
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9755 6134 or 0469 901 204

Behaviour

Why do kids behave the way they do? What is misbehaviour and what to do about it? Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and ideas at this workshop.

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Resilience

What is resilience? Where does it come from? Do you want your kids to have ‘toughness and stickability’? Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and ideas at this workshop.

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