Principal’s Report

Fair assistance

As you would be aware we have our School Fair coming up in just 5 weeks. This annual event doesn’t just happen, but takes a great deal of planning leading up to the event and a huge effort on the day. This is the biggest single community event of the year and it has benefits on so many levels. A community means people are coming together, giving and sharing and enjoying each others company. It also is our most important fundraising activity of the year.

We have had a very disappointing response from parents in offering to coordinate a stall or even to just offer a few hours on the day to work on the stall. We cannot run an effective Fair on the volunteers we have to date, so please please consider offering your services. It is after all for our students and to assist in building our sense of community. We all value our Croydon Hills community but we all need to be active participants to make it work.

Birthday Treat

We have initiated a way to help students celebrate their birthday. We are allowing students to come in Free dress on the day of their birthday and if that falls on a weekend or holiday they can do it on a day either side. We will need to use discretion - if the students are going on an excursion, then uniform is important for safety. Please make sure that the free dress is sunsmart during the appropriate time of the year. We hope it is a bit of fun and assists in making them feel special.

Working With Children Checks

We strongly encourage you to obtain a Working With Children Check if you are working with students at school. It is a Department requirement for parents going on camp and most excursions to have this check. It is also highly preferred for volunteering within the school and required in some circumstances. The forms are available from the post office. It is free other than the cost of the passport photo required. I would encourage all parents to make the effort to get one if you have not already done so. It is useful in many aspects of life you will be involved in with your children.

Student Accident insurance

Parents are reminded that the Education Department, and therefore Croydon Hills PS, does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most
medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and eBM Insurance - www.studentcover.com.au, who provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so but we do not have details.

Graeme Caudry

Music News

Victorian State Schools Spectacular is back!!!

The Victorian State Schools 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. It is also televised.

Senior students from the CHPS choir will again be given the opportunity to be involved in this amazing event. We have been offered 25 places. There will be two performances at Hisense Arena on the 27th of July. Notices will be distributed in the P.A.C. on Monday at lunchtime with all the rehearsal times and dates and will need to be returned to me very quickly.

CHOIR
We had our first rehearsal last Monday and already the choir is sounding terrific. Just a reminder to last year's members that choir has started and as senior members it's important that you are regular attenders so that you can lead and mentor the new members. Choir is open to all boys and girls in years 3-6 that enjoy singing and would like the opportunity to perform with a large group at lots of different events. Rehearsals are Monday lunchtimes and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Performing Arts Centre (P.A.C.)

ROCK BAND
Our Rock Band has filled up and is sounding terrific with two new singers and two keyboard players as well as our existing members from last year. If you are interested in being in the rock band I will still take enrolment forms but you will need to go on a waiting list to be involved in a 2nd band. Rehearsals are in the P.A.C. each Wednesday lunchtime.

UKULELE/IPAD/MARIMBA BAND
This ensemble is open to students that have some skill on these instruments and would like to be extended and perform in an ensemble. If you play another instrument and would like to join, come and see me in the music office. Rehearsals are in the P.A.C. each Thursday lunchtime

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
Enrolment forms are available from the music office. We have tuition available for guitar, drums, singing, keyboard, piano, violin, flute, saxophone, clarinet.

Important Dates:
Telephone: 9725 1206     OHSC 9724 4514     web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au

Kathryn Lane - Music / Performing Arts

Mathletics
Mathletics is an internet based program that we use at Croydon Hills and is paid for by CHAPS. All students have been provided with usernames and passwords and can access the site from home by going to www.mathletics.com.au. Teachers will at times be setting work for students to complete using Mathletics. Thanks again to CHAPS, have a look with your child and if you have difficulties see their teacher. Enjoy!

Canteen News
PIZZA & SLUSHY DAY - Wednesday 27th February (Year 1-6) & Thursday 28th February (Prep's only)
Together with My Mates Pizza, we are offering Pizza & Slushy Day. We have 3 varieties of pizza - Hawaiian, Margarita & BBQ Chicken for $2 a slice and a Whitty's fruit slushy for $1.50.
Order forms have been distributed and are due back by Friday 22nd February. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. No other lunch orders are available on the day.

ROSTER
Friday 15th February - Joanne Duo, Rachelle McNamara, Anissa Silver.
Monday 18th February - CLOSED
Tuesday 19th February - Rachelle Robertson.
Wednesday 20th February - Thursday 21st February - Meagan Parker, Michelle Miles, Kirsty Busiko.
Friday 22nd February - Jessica Bell, Nicky Finney, Deanne Scagnetti, Jo Sudborough.

Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop
Hi everyone and welcome back to school,
I'd like to say thankyou to all the parents for being so patient during this busy time in the uniform shop.
Unfortunately most of our short sleeve polo tops are out of stock. Our supplier has also been short of stock, leading to the delay in delivery. Hopefully we will receive our orders soon and I will notify you of their return to stock.

YEAR 6 HOODIE AND WINDCHEATER UPDATE
Orders have now been finalised for the hoodies and windcheaters and we are expecting delivery in 2 to 3 weeks. There are still some orders outstanding, please finalise payments before delivery.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM NOTICE BOARD
We have provided a notice board for those in the school community who wish to sell second hand uniforms privately. Please speak to us in the shop regarding terms and conditions.
The uniform shop will continue to sell good quality, donated second hand uniforms that have been donated to the school. On a final note, I would like to say thankyou to the school office staff who have helped me in my new role at the school and to my ladies, Sue and Danni, who help me unconditionally in the shop.

Anissa Silver - Uniform shop co-ordinator

School Photos - next Thursday, February 21st
All individual, class and student leadership photos will be taken next Thursday, beginning at 9am.
Please ensure that your students are dressed in correct school uniform for this important school event. Individually named photo order packs have been sent home with your child/ren today. THESE SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL, WITH PAYMENT, ON PHOTO DAY. Please read instructions carefully – photos can be ordered online or paid for with cash or cheque (payable to MSP North East Melbourne) on Thursday.
Family photos are also available – envelopes for orders are available at the office, and should also be returned on photo day.
**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME**

STALL CO - ORDINATORS NEEDED!!

All stall co-ordinators receive
A book of $12 worth of Fair Money to use on the day and
Ride Wristbands at the pre-Christmas discounted price.

The Fair is fast approaching and we still have several stalls without co-ordinators

WHITE ELEPHANT       ROVING ANNOUNCER       ROAST BEEF ROLLS       BAKED POTATOES
SKATE PARK TICKET      ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDE TICKETS       SNOW CONES

It is a great way to get to know people and rewarding to know you are giving something back to the school
You will get as much or as little help as you need. Your child’s class will be assigned to your stall for parent helpers
If you are interested in helping out please contact one of the fair committee in person or send us an email at
chpsfair2013@ymail.com

NEXT STALL CO-ORDINATORS’ MEETING to be held in the Conference Room on Tuesday 26th February at
7pm. As there will be less than 4 weeks until the Fair by then, please let us know if you can or cannot attend :
chpsfair2013@ymail.com.

For this year’s Fair we are not asking for specific hamper donations from the classes. We are instead seeking
donations from parents or classes for items we would require to purchase for the food stands. Items such as
paper plates, plastic cutlery and serviettes and condiments such as tomato sauce, mustard sauce, bbq sauce etc.
If you are able to help in any way with a donation of any of these items it would be hugely appreciated! All
donations can be left at the office for us to collect.
Many thanks – 2013 Fair Co-Ordinators

CRAZY HAIR and SNOW CONE DAY

MONDAY 18th February
All students, for a gold coin donation, are encouraged to come to school with their hair:
Sprayed, decorated and/or styled as crazy as their imaginations (and parents) allow!
School Uniform is still to be worn.
Prizes awarded for the most impressive crazy hair!

SNOW CONES AVAILABLE AT LUNCHEONTIME
$2 - Outside the canteen
(All money raised will go towards purchases for the face paint, tattoo and hairspray stall at the fair)
Birthdays at CHPS

This year we are going to be recognising each other and helping to celebrate our birthdays!! Each week during assembly we will announce the students who are having their birthday that week. To feel extra special on your birthday Mr Caudry is going to give you a day off wearing school uniform and you can come in appropriate sunsmart free dress!! How cool is that? These students have already had their birthdays this year and we wished them a belated birthday.

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This week’s birthdays.

**Spencer** EL R and **Matthew** EL W who had their birthdays on Monday

**Jasmine** JrBB, **Connor** MdK and **Bailey** SrD had their birthdays on Tuesday

**Ela** MdT, **Jemma** SrS and **Teagan** SrB had their birthdays on Wednesday

**Jake** JrD had his birthday yesterday

Happy Birthday! 😊
A GREAT EXCUSE FOR BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL!

On Friday the 8th of February as we all got in the van to go to school, a grey kangaroo came bounding into our front yard. We couldn’t move our van because it would scare the kangaroo away and we didn’t want him to be hit by a car. So I stayed home from school and Mum called Wildlife Victoria to come and get him. We waited all day. Finally at 3pm Mr. Manfred came and put him to sleep. We got to pat him while he was sleeping and then Mr. Manfred took him to animal hospital in his van. He had been hit by a car and his leg was hurt. They’re going to make him better and then set him free, somewhere he can be away from cars.  ~ Jasmyn Jr-D

EMA

Completed application forms for those wishing to claim the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) must be returned to the office no later than February 28th. Holders of a current Health Care or Centrelink card may be eligible to claim the allowance, which provides $200 for Preps and $150 for students in other year levels, to help with education expenses. When returning forms, please also bring your current card with you for verification. Forms are available at the office.

SCHOOL CHARGES

Families who elected to pay their School Council Levy & Facilities Development Levy in two credit card payments are reminded that the first instalment of $60 per child will be deducted from your nominated card next Friday, February 22nd. If you chose to pay the instalments in person, please arrange to do so by the due date – or call at the office to discuss any changes to your plan.

Good Friday Appeal

This year we will be holding a Free Dress Day on the last day of term, Thursday March 28th. We ask all students who wear free dress to bring a gold coin donation, which will be sent to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.
COME ‘N’ TRY HOCKEY

Doncaster Hockey Club is running a FREE “Come ‘n’ Try” clinic for boys and girls aged 5-14 years old. It’s fun and safe way to give hockey a go without making a commitment

When: Saturday 2nd of March.
Time: 11am-12pm
Where: Doncaster Hockey Club, Mullum Mullum Reserve, corner of Springvale and Reynolds Roads East Doncaster.

Coaching staff will include National junior squad member Samantha Snow, Spanish and Victorian Coach- Victor Romagosa, and various other experienced club coaches.

Cost: Free

All equipment will be supplied (including shin guards, hockey sticks, balls)

At the end of the session, participants will have the opportunity to learn about Doncaster Hockey clubs range of programs and winter competitions that are available for 5-17 year olds.

Contact: Sam Snow at sam.doncasterhc@hotmail.com
COME AND PLAY SOCCER IN 2013!

WHO WITH?
Eastern United Soccer Club (E.U.S.C). E.U.S.C is a part of the Victorian Churches Soccer Association. Junior teams range from Under 8s thru to Under 17s.

WHERE?
Home grounds are located at Gracedale Park, Ringwood East and Belmont Park, Croydon South.

WHEN?
Games are played on Saturday mornings, primarily in the eastern suburbs. Season commences in Term 2. Training is once per week.

HOW TO REGISTER?
Registration evening is next Thursday (21st February) at Belmont Park: Olympus Dve, Croydon South (Mel 50 K8) between 6.30 - 7pm. Fees for junior players are $110. To be paid prior to playing.

For further information or to answer any of your questions please contact Jeff Barr (President) on 0414 462 078 / jeff.barr@optusnet.com.au

INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on
THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2013
at
Reay Road, Mooroolbark, 3138
Melway Ref: 51 G1

Come and join us for a night of fun and information starting at 6.30pm
Formal proceedings commence at 7.15pm

Tours are available on request
Please call 9839 8800 or email yarra.hills.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au to make an appointment

We look forward to meeting you.
LOST DOG

Her name is Chloe. She is a small dog, Bichon Frise, 16 years old and has a blue collar. She went missing on Saturday 19th January from the Croydon Hills area. If you have any details on her whereabouts or possibly have seen her please call 0412 703 445. She is a much-loved member of her family and they are missing her very much.
UNFORGETTABLE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

What's on? A glass of water, bowl of steamed rice and guest speakers. Assist those less fortunate and gain an understanding of the plights they face.

Sunday Feb 17
Croydon Cricket Club
Hendrik St Croydon-Malvern 50 50 left
Event starts at 12 noon - concludes 2pm.

Special guest speaker: Tony Wheeler - travel guru and co-founder of Lonely Planet Publications.
Be informed and entertained throughout the event.
Family and friends welcome.

Tickets $30 p.p. (no charge under 16)

Donations and tickets can be paid in advance via direct deposit.
(Bank: OHS; Acc No: 2019 4412 119; Acc Name: The Mile Meal) or cash at the door on the day.

Contact: Michelle Reiling 040752 6806; Michelle_reiling@hotmmail.com.au; Vivien Coghill (0432307858; vivien.coghill@tiscali.com.au) or Graham Jones: 0412 056 279; graham Jones@bigpond.com.au and for more information:

http://themilemeal.com.au

PIANO/KEYBOARD MUSIC THEORY LESSONS

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Flexible lessons in your home or mine.
Group lessons for two or three available - great for children’s lessons (join with a friend/sibling)
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Please contact Deb on 0408 840 679 to discuss your requirements

**First Music Book provided free for all Beginners**

Present...

The 5 Keys to Style & Confidence WORKSHOP

Has your body shape changed and you’re just not sure what to wear anymore or how to shop for your shape?
Would you like to learn to focus more on the positive attributes of your body and dress for them?
Would you love to look and feel like the best version of your everyday and still have time to get on with the business of life?

Image and Confidence Stylist, April Noel is giving you the opportunity to learn about
The 5 Keys to Style and Confidence. Learn now how you can use these to develop a clearer understanding of your own style and what you need to do to achieve style and image confidence.

During the 10 hour Workshop you will:
• Identify the importance of image & the vital role it plays in your daily life
• Understand the role the brain plays in image perception & how you can control it
• Identify & list your 5 style categories & learn what style you want to create for yourself
• Understand how shopping strategies are created & why you can hold you back from achieving your desired style
• Understand how to dress to suit your body shape & what suits you best

So get the girls together, bring along a friend or just come as time for yourself to the 5 Keys to Style and Confidence Workshop and begin 2013 with Lifestyle Confidence!

Workshop Details
Date: Monday 4th March, 7:30pm onwards
Where: Club Ringwood, 125 Dean Road & Maroondah Hwy Ringwood
Cost: $125
How to book your ticket: Email April at sales@lookgoodfeelgreat.com.au or phone 0408 721 863

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