Student Welfare Officer Feedback

As part of our federally funded ‘School Chaplain and Student Welfare Coordinator’ program we are required to gain community feedback on the program. As you know, Mia Sartori has been working at both Croydon Hills and Warranwood Primary Schools since late 2012. Can I please ask parents to take the time to complete the survey monkey related to the very valuable work Mia does in our school. Mia has supported many students and families in the school. She works with students to help develop their social skills and resilience as well as many other things. Mia has developed great rapport with many students and spends time outside at recess and lunch time to support students. We have been given funding to have Mia in the school. We require community feedback to keep this funding, so I would greatly appreciate parents taking the time to provide some feedback. The program has funding until the end of 2014. Your feedback as to her role is important to us. Please complete the following short survey before Friday 15 March.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLMKNH6

Thank you!

School Fair

It is not long until our School Fair. The coordinating team have done a wonderful job of doing all the background work to bring this community activity together.

The School Fair is the biggest single community event the school runs. It can only be a success if we get lots of hands helping on the day. The stall coordinators have all the planning and resources in place, but they need help on the day to operate the vast array of stalls and activities which make it so much fun. If you have not already put your name forward to assist please don’t delay any longer and find a few hours to help out and contribute to the success of the day.

Cyber Safety

Kids today have access to and are accessible by many millions of people worldwide via the vast array of websites, applications and online-games. The unprecedented amount of personal information available on these sites makes them a perfect place for people who would happily identify their victims and gain their trust. Other identified dangers include exposure to inappropriate content, cyber bullying and harassment, exchange of inappropriate images and identity theft. Children are often not aware that their words and or photos, which may have been intended for a small audience, sometimes find their way to a larger one, often with both
unexpected and undesirable consequences.

Below is an information sheet from the Australian Government site, “Cybersafety”:

**Tips for Socialising Online**

Below is a checklist of important things to do when helping children to navigate social networking sites, search engines or online games safely.

*Look after each other online – talk with your family and friends about how to be cybersafe.*

Download the Government’s **Cybersafety Help Button**. The Help Button provides internet users, particularly children, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia.

*Think before you post! Posting personal information – including photos – may seem harmless but could put people at risk. Once it’s online, it’s really hard to take down.*

Keep your passwords secret. To make your password really hard to hack make sure it includes numbers and symbols, and change it often. Visit **Stay Smart Online** for more information.

Smartphones can pinpoint your exact location and publish this online. Think carefully before you check in and tell the world where you are. Learn more at **Cybersmart’s Geolocaters page**.

*Check if the site has an age limit or rating. Some have age limits to protect you from inappropriate content.*

Use the **Cybersafety Help Button** to report cyberbullying and inappropriate content directly to social media sites, the **ACMA** or the Australian Federal Police.

*Use the privacy settings to control who can see your personal information. You can also use a site’s settings to block users who make you feel uncomfortable.*

There is no such thing as safe sexting. You could be breaking the law if you send, receive or forward these types of pictures. Learn more at **Cybersmart’s Sexting page**.

*Tribute pages dedicated to the memory of a friend or loved one need to be carefully monitored – it can be very upsetting if people make disrespectful or offensive comments on these pages. Carefully manage your page permissions to control who can access and post to the page.*

Carol Wyatt - Acting Principal

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**iPad Lease Payments**

Senior school families who elected to lease their student iPads through the school, and who provided the office with credit card details, please note that this term’s agreed payments will be deducted tomorrow, FRIDAY MARCH 15TH.

**Facebook & our own Skoolbag App**

Have you downloaded our new iPhone App yet? Parent feedback suggests this is “the best thing since sliced bread”, in terms of keeping up-to-date with school events and activities and in tune with your child’s learning experiences. The App can be found in the App Store by searching for our full school name. This App is a trial for a month to see how it works for us to complement our School Website, which is the central source of information. We would be interested in your feedback regarding the App. If we go beyond the free trial period and purchase it then an android version of the app will be available to support the other large segment of the smartphone market.


You can also find us on Facebook. Simply go to [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Croydon-Hills-Primary-School/208030342674690](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Croydon-Hills-Primary-School/208030342674690)

Good communication is vital to the smooth running of a good school and at Croydon Hills PS we aim high. Both these links are designed to complement our website. Please let us know your thoughts on the way all three communications are working for you – good communication is, after all, a 2-way thing.

**Sports News**

**Region Swimming**

Congratulations to Harrison L (SRB) who competed last week at the Eastern Region Swimming Championships. Harrison came 9th in his heat. Well done Harrison, what a great achievement.

**Interschool Sport**

Last week we played against Antonio Park PS. It was another very successful week. Well done to all the teams for their efforts. We did receive some great feedback from the school with regards to our students. They commented on how well our students presented themselves in the games with regards to manners, being courteous and their general positive outlook and having a lot of fun. We know this already, but it is always good to hear it from an outside source.
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This week we are playing against Ringwood North PS.

Venues: CHPS – Cricket, Basketball Boys, Teeball Boys & Girls
Ringwood North: Basketball Girls, Rounders Boys & Girls, Volleystars, Bat Tennis.

**Team Vic Trials:**

Last week we conducted the Team Vic trials in Football, Soccer and Basketball. Today we will be doing Netball trials. The successful children will be competing at the District trials next week.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport/PE

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### Library News

Two weeks ago a call was put out to the Senior Levels for those interested in training to become library monitors. Almost 40 students put up their hands to attend training sessions at recess. It was explained that it could take up to six lessons.

We finally completed the training after five sessions and we managed to have 8 students stick with it! Congratulations to the following students who showed the necessary commitment:

- Molly S SrD
- Rhiannon W SrM
- Grace F SrM
- Ellanya S SrM
- Matty F SrM
- Natasha M SrD
- Lucy K SrNB
- Brianna O SrNB

I look forward to your help.

Sue Offer

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### Canteen News

**Hot Cross Bun Day - Thursday 28th March, 2013**

To celebrate Easter we are having our annual Hot Cross Bun Day. We are offering yummy Bakers Delight Choc chip or Fruit Hot Cross Buns at recess or lunchtime for only $1.00 (RRP $1.30)

Half dozen take home packs are also available to enjoy over the Easter break in both Choc chip and fruit for $6.50. Order

Telephone: 9725 1206    OHSC 9724 4514    web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
forms have been distributed this week and are due back by Monday 25th March. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

TASTY TUESDAY’S
Together with Bakers Delight, we are offering Meal Deals on Tuesdays only for the remainder of term.

Meal Deal 1 "Mini Meal" $4.50
1 x Small Cheesymite Scroll
1 x Oak Flavoured Milk (Choc, Straw or Ban)
2 x Homemade cookies

Meal Deal 2 "Mega Meal" $6.00
2 x Small Cheesymite Scrolls
1 x Oak Flavoured Milk (Choc, Straw or Ban)
2 x Homemade cookies

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

This week’s birthdays at CHPS
This week’s birthdays.
Emily and Logan ELV who had their birthdays yesterday
Tyler ELO is having his birthday today
Carys ELSH and Josh P MdT are having their birthdays tomorrow
Rhea ELBH is having her birthday on Saturday

Congratulations and we hope you have a special day.

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.

National Ride to School Day
Friday 22nd of March is National Ride to School Day. Children are encouraged to ride their bikes, scooters, skateboards or walk to school to help look after the environment by encouraging the use of alternative forms of transports that are good for the environment. Children can ride/walk all the way from their homes or can be dropped at the top of Campaspe Drive to travel the last part of their trip if they live further away.

Fresh, Organic Produce For Sale
Our school garden is currently producing a range of organically-grown veggies: zucchini, corn, tomatoes, pumpkin. And the chickens are laying up a storm. This produce is available for sale to the school community, with monies raised going towards maintaining the garden and the chickens, and social service projects.
Produce for sale will be displayed in the foyer at school pick-up time, or enquire and pay at the office.
Great food, great price and great benefit to the school.
Badge & Key Ring Stall
The teachers will be running a badge / key ring making stall at the Fair.
If you have a photo, drawing or magazine image at home that you would like made into a badge or key ring, you need to make sure that it is cut to the size below.
The inner circle is what you will see once the badge is made – the outer circle is the size that the image MUST be cut to.
We will have blank paper for people to draw their own creation on the day.

CHAPS NEWS
We have a visit to the Cadbury Factory coming up on Monday 25th March at 10.45am for CHAPS members. If you are interested and have not yet joined CHAPS, please do so (there is a joining form attached to the newsletter) and contact me on 0438-271948 to let me know you would like to attend. Places are limited to 25 people, so it will be first in best dressed.
Unfortunately, our AGM which was held last week was only attended by existing committee members and one other lovely prep mum. Although it was a disappointing turnout I am pleased to say we will have enough volunteers to fill the major roles. Our committee is made up of the following people:

Justine Wratten - President
Kylie Van Roosmalen – Vice President
Jacqui Durik – Secretary
Elise Jones – Treasurer
Rachelle Robinson – Fundraising Coordinator

If you are interested in helping out, we still have positions we would love to fill so please contact me to discuss the details.

We will also be revamping our database over the coming month. CHAPS membership is per annum and therefore you do need to complete a new membership form each year. I will be starting from scratch and creating the database based on this year’s membership forms so if you do wish to stay updated please return your completed forms ASAP.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 9.00am in the staff room. We will endeavour to hold every second CHAPS meeting during the day to accommodate those who are unable to attend night meetings. We would love to see as many members there as possible as we will be discussing a number of important issues.
If you have any questions at all about CHAPS, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Justine Wratten – 0438-271948
CHAPS President

There is a CHAPS Membership Application Form attached to the end of this newsletter.
Telephone: 9725 1206 OHSC 9724 4514
web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
Carnival Dress Up Day

Friday 22nd March
Come dressed in your best CARNIVAL attire or Dress Up
Prizes for the best dressed
Gold Coin donation required if you are out of uniform

Please note any students who do not dress up but choose to come in Free Dress must also pay a gold coin donation to do so.

Guess the amount of lollies in the jar!
The competition is back for this year’s fair. YAY....

Every Monday and Friday until the fair:
Guess at the number of Gummy Bears in the jar for your chance to win the entire jar!

Cost $0.50 per guess

On these days we will come to your class to collect your money and record your guess.

If we have any guesses left over you will find the jar and the guess sheet at the lolly shop in the stadium on fair!

The winner will be contacted at the end of the fair

GOOD LUCK!
So far this year, Junior school students have been building a solid foundation for understanding number and shape to become confident and creative users of mathematics in everyday life. This term we have been conducting open-ended maths activities using hands on materials to help students understand the mathematical concepts and cater for all learning types and abilities.

Skip counting using hopscotch. Students could focus on skip counting to their own needs.

We joined forces with JRMO to play a hands on place value game - Make the number, break the number. This helped students to understand place value with tens and ones, using language such as "I have 3 of the tens and 4 of the ones which gives me the number 34.

Exploring delicious 3D shapes students could create, visualise and investigate the properties of 3 dimensional shapes using marshmallows and toothpicks.
CHPS Footy
Tipping Competition

What is a footy season without a footy tipping competition?!

The AFL is back in about a week, and the school will be running a footy tipping competition for a bit of fun. This competition is open for anyone in the CHPS community to join - students, teachers, parents, grandparents, friends of the school - anyone who is involved with the school.

This year the competition will be run through ‘footytips.com.au’, which allows us to create our own, private competition just for members of the school.

To join our competition, you will need to create an account at ‘footytips.com.au’ and then go to the following link:


Password: yarra

It would be great to see as many join as possible to battle it for the title of the ‘School’s Best Tipster’!
CROYDON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAMILY FAIR

- Loads of Stalls
- Silent Auction
- Great Food
- Entertainment
- Show Bags
- Market Stalls
- Cakes and Jams
- Street Machines
- Victoria Police, CFA

& Community Stalls

RAFFLE

- $2000 Harvey World Travel Voucher
- Maroondah 1 Year Gym Membership
- I Pad 2 16GB
- Jumbuck 4 Burner Hooded BBQ
- Mc Adam Flix DVD Vouchers
- Gloria Jeans Coffee Machine

Rides and Activities

- Hurricane & UFO
- Pirate Ship
- YMCA Skate Park Clinic
- Giant Slide
- Jumping Castle
- Keyring & Magnet Making
- Snow Cones & Fairy Floss
- Petting Farm
- Pony Rides
- Plaster Painting
- Sand Art
- The Balloon Man
- Face Painting
- Hairspray/Tattoos

SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH

10am – 3pm

Campaspe Drive, Croydon Hills

Telephone: 9725 1206    OHSC 9724 4514
web: www.croydonhps.vic.edu.au
URGENT HELP REQUIRED
STALL HELPERS NEEDED FOR
ALL STALLS!!!

With the fair only 1 week away and so many stall co-ordinators without helpers we need your help now!

Months of organising have gone into this day but it cannot physically run on the day without your help!

Parents, grandparents, past students – we’d love to see you, you’ll have a great time and THE FAIR NEEDS YOU!

Please, if you can spare just 1 hour out of your day, put your name down to help. If you do not have a form please contact the office or email chpsfair2013@ymail.com
THIS IS A MAJOR FAIR FUNDRAISER
VOUCHERS AVAILABLE AT OFFICE - SIMPLY PAY $5 AT OFFICE AND TAKE STAMPED VOUCHER TO OUR MATE GREGO’S PIZZA AT CROYDON CENTRAL TO REDEEM FOR ONE LARGE PIZZA OF YOUR CHOICE TO THE VALUE OF $14. CROYDON HILLS FAIR KEEPS YOUR $5 FUNDRAISER AND YOU ENJOY THE CHEAPEST, MOST DELICIOUS PIZZA AVAILABLE IN MELBOURNE!
A WIN FOR EVERYONE - WHAT COULD BE SIMPLER?
PLEASE SUPPORT THE FAIR AND GRAB A VOUCHER TODAY!
Does your child like to sing?

THE AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Widely regarded as one of Australia’s finest mixed voice children’s choirs, The ACC provides outstanding musical tuition for boys and girls aged 7-18 years under the direction of outstanding staff.

THE CHOIR IS CURRENTLY HOLDING AUDITIONS FOR ENTRY IN 2013

Auditions for all age groups will be held on SUNDAY 17TH MARCH, 2013 from 1.30pm – 5pm

Venue: Mountview Uniting Church, Mitcham (cnr Whitehorse Rd and Doncaster East Rd)

Audition bookings Ph: 9873 0277  Email: info@theacc.com.au


Visit our website: www.theacc.com.au

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013

IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, and Latin America. We are looking for volunteer host families to welcome these students into their homes for between 2-10 months.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. The whole family….and relatives and friends….will grow and learn as they all get to know their new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

Express Facial $30

This 45 minute facial includes cleansing, exfoliation, massage, mask and moisturizer using 100% natural Melbourne made products.

NORMALLY $45 SAVE $15

Gift Vouchers Available

Phone Deb on 0432 281 877 to book your appointment.
Welcome to the first Community Newsletter for 2013

We aim this Newsletter to communicate with the local community about our school, who we are, what services we provide and that we have with the children of our centre.

Here at Bumble Bee, highly trained staff are always looking to further their studies and their knowledge in regards to the children's services and preschool industry. With regular professional development courses, you will find that all staff has a wide range of knowledge to enable them to work to their full potential across all 5 rooms of the centre. We cater for children from birth to school aged as follows:

- Infants: Birth - 18 months
- Toddlers: 18 months - 2 years
- Pre Kindy: 24 months - 3 years
- Kindy 3 - 4 years
- Kindy 4 - 4 years plus

Our Kinder room is led by a qualified Kindergarten Teacher who runs for program 5 days a week.

What a wonderful start to the year we have had so far. We welcome many new families and children and have had many fun activities on the centre. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a fantastic Lion Dance that came and amazed us all. We learnt about fire safety with a visit from the local fire brigade on their fire truck. We have had a variety of dress up days including pajama day, Australia day and Shark Tuesday. In the months to come, we will be holding events such as the Wildlife Fanon show, dressing hatchings, Kindy 4 excursion to the Chesterfield Farm, excursions to the Aged Care Home for the Kinder 3 and 4, a range of incursions including dentist visit, water safety and recycling along with the usual Hairdressing, May Day 56th music program and other special events such as Mothers Day and Grandparents Day.

Please feel free to visit/call/email our centre if you have any questions or queries or as we would be more than happy to answer them.

Leanne Betsiel, Director

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**THE COLLEGE AT WORK**

Parents are encouraged to tour the College during March, April and May.

Please phone the General Office to arrange a booking.

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**ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Enrichment is a commitment to the full development of each child in our care. The Enrichment Program is designed to encourage personal responsibility and leadership within the College through the ongoing provision of a wide range of activities.

The program includes a wide range of activities, such as performances, sporting teams and community services.

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CROYDON HILLS ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS (CHAPS)

2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ..............................................................................................................

Phone No: ........................................ Mobile No: ...................................................

Address: .............................................................................................................. Postcode: ..........................

E-mail:  ..............................................................................................................

(please provide if you wish to receive Minutes and e-mail updates of CHAPS events)

Children ................................................ Grade(s) ..................................................

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Membership Category (please tick)

☐ Financial (this includes voting rights)  
Cost: $1.00 per annum

☐ Non-financial (no voting rights, but still an active member)  
No cost

I am interested in being involved with CHAPS in the following ways:

☐ Attending CHAPS meetings
☐ Accepting a position on the CHAPS Committee
☐ Assisting with fundraising
☐ Assisting with morning teas/Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls
☐ Assisting with other CHAPS activities

Please return your complete form and payment to the office.  
For any enquiries please contact Justine Watten (CHAPS President) on 0438-271948