Principal’s Report

We come to the final newsletter of the year. I believe it has been a terrific year for our school, full of many highlights for our students. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all our teachers, classroom support and office staff. There are many highly skilled individuals who combine together to support our students and create what I believe is a really great school. I thank them for their individual contributions, we are so fortunate they put in so much effort to make the school the best it can be.

Thanks for the effort through the year by our School Council and CHAPS and other parent volunteers who support and assist us in so many ways.

It will be exciting to have some extra classroom space for next year and there are a number of works projects which will be completed over the break. We will return to see the new classrooms finished, solar panels on the roof, 8 new air conditioners in classrooms and a re-surfaced stage area on the edge of the main oval.

Staff Farewells

Noeleen Yates retires after a very long and successful career as a wonderful educator. Noeleen has been at CHPS for 13 years and supported students in their first few years at school over that time. In recent years she has been supporting the development of our younger staff and providing learning support for the students. Noeleen’s passion for curriculum and willingness to share her expertise with others has been of significant benefit to our school over many years. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

Neil Butler joined the staff at CHPS as a graduate 12 years ago and, apart from a couple of years exploring the world, has been working in the middle and senior school. Neil was also the Performing Arts teacher for one year and his passion for the Performing Arts has been demonstrated in his fabulous contributions to our school productions. As Senior School leader for the last 3 years, he has done a wonderful job of leading a high performing team. We congratulate him on his successful selection to a Leading Teacher position at Old Orchard PS, which is a wonderful career opportunity for him. I know I have gained great personal satisfaction in seeing Neil grow and develop over the years and we look forward to keeping in contact in the future.
MELISSA DEN ELZEN has been an important part of our Junior School over the last 3 years and has been instrumental in supporting our literacy program within the school. Melissa has a position in Amsleigh Park Primary where she can continue to share her knowledge. We wish her all the best for the future.

VIRGINIA DONALD has been our Social Worker at the school for many, many years but with a re-allocation of resources from the department program for the specialized support in schools she will no longer be with us. I would like to thanks Virginia for her long and loyal service to our school and the work with the individual students and families she has provided.

Graduation

On Tuesday we held our Graduation Ceremony for our students who are leaving after having completed Year 6. It was a wonderful evening of reflection of their time at CHPS, as well as some thoughts for the future. As our graduates move on to a wide variety of secondary schools we wish them the very best. I would like to thank the senior staff and the parent assistants for making this all possible. Those who attended on the night know how much time goes into making it a memorable evening. It was a fitting way to farewell our students of whom we are very proud.

We will not be using Schoolbag App next year. We have Compass now, which is covering most functions and the company which provides our website will have a mobile version available soon. More information will be made available in the new year.

A reminder that book collection for 2015 is on Wednesday Jan. 28th.

School Calendars for 2015 will be available for the start of the new school year. I have just run out of time to get that project completed, so it is a holiday job yet again.

Tomorrow has the Billy Cart Grand Prix and Soap Box Derby at the start of the day, where spectators are welcome. It is always lots of fun, although of course it is weather dependant.

Final Assembly tomorrow will be on the main oval starting at 12.50pm, finishing at 1.20pm, with students then returning to their classrooms to be dismissed for the year at 1.30pm. Students should bring a substantial morning tea, as there will be no lunch break tomorrow. If the weather isn’t kind the assembly will be in the stadium.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their support of CHPS throughout this year. I believe it has been a terrific year for the school and would like to again acknowledge our hardworking staff for their amazing contributions.

We look forward to welcoming back our students, safe and happy for their first day of school on Friday January 30th.

GRAEME CAUDRY - Principal

Sports News

Thank you to all the children who had a go at any sports competition this year, especially those who tried something new. Well done to everyone for always trying their best.

A very big thank you to all those parents who have supported and helped with sporting events.

Billy Cart Grand Prix & Soap Box Derby

The big races tomorrow commences with the Middle school boys Soap Box Derby and will be followed by Juniors, then Foundation. The last race for the year will be the Year 5/6 Billy Cart Grand Prix.

We look forward seeing some magnificent constructions!!

NOREEN McMENAMEN - PE/Sport

Music News

What a wonderful performance by our Senior Choir at Croydon Centro on Tuesday. Their beautiful voices brought Christmas cheer to shoppers and Santa obviously loved it as well!

Telephone:  9725 1206    OSHC 9724 4514
As advised in our last newsletter, instrumental music lessons next year will be provided by Junior Rockers, replacing Wonnies. At the end of this Newsletter you will find an explanatory letter from Junior Rockers and an enrolment form. If your child is interested in continuing, or beginning, instrumental lessons next year, please fill in the enrolment form and drop it back to the office either tomorrow or when school starts next year.

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts.

Art Corner

Congratulations to all the Art Palette award winners this year. The National Gallery of Victoria is a free space where they usually have terrific art space programs and activities on offer, as well as being able to walk around the gallery and viewing the terrific collection. The gallery is split over two sites – the International gallery on St Kilda Road and Ian Potter Gallery at Federation Square. Do check the website to check what they have: http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au

Senior NGV Local Landscapes Program/Excursion 2015

Due to the success of this program I will be taking 20 senior students again to the National Gallery of Victoria to participate in the Local Landscapes program in 2015. It's a terrific program where students receive an extensive talk from both the Education officers and contemporary artists about landscape paintings and explore the gallery. Students also have the opportunity to paint their own landscape back at school on a canvas, which is then placed on display at the gallery for their presentation day. The students who have participated this year have had their work on display in the office foyer this term. Not only did they have a terrific experience, but their paintings were outstanding. I will post dates and prices will for this program closer to the time in 2015. The program will be first open to students who have not participated this year, and if there is room available I will extend it to past participants.

Thank you and have a wonderful Christmas break.
Claudia Michielin - Visual Arts Teacher
Uniform News

Flexischools
Uniform orders can be placed over the holiday break through FlexiSchools.com.au. Your order will be processed on the morning of January 28th and available for collection after 3pm from the office.

Anissa Silver - Manager

CHAPS NEWS

Our first event for 2015 will be a Cheers and Tears Morning Tea on the first day of school for our 2015 Foundation families. The morning tea will be held in the servery near the PAC from 9am. Please stop by and catch up with other Foundation families.

Early in 2015 we will introduce the new committee, but in the interim if you haven’t considered joining CHAPS before I would encourage you to do so in 2015. It is a great way to get to know other parents, have fun and stay involved with what is happening at school.

From everyone at CHAPS, we wish you a merry Christmas and a very happy and safe new year. See you in 2015!

Keddie Waller
CHAPS President
0402 289 782
chaps@croydonhps.vic.gov.au

Mia’s MessageBoard:
FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

Our school has been lucky enough to host the 5 session Parentzone Parenting Course In February next year. This is a FREE program that covers everything from Behaviour to Resilience. I recommend you take up this opportunity to empower yourself in your parenting role and help achieve harmony in the home. Places are limited so book your place ASAP, see flyer below for details.

For those of you who cannot attend evening sessions the Bring up Great Kids 6 week program is another great opportunity. Again this is FREE and will equip and empower you in your parenting role. For any further info or advice email me: sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Holiday Bliss to you all!
Mia

**PARENTING SEMINARS**

**VENUE:** Croydon Hills Primary School, Campaspe Drive, Croydon Hills
**CONTACT:** Helena Laverie Anglicare Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 264
**COST:** FREE (bookings essential)

**Parentzone Parenting Course**

- Discipline vs Punishment
  - Thursday, February 26th 7pm - 9pm
  - Where’s纪律？Where don’t I get my way?
- Behaviour
  - Thursday, March 5th 7pm - 9pm
  - Why do kids behave the way they do? Where is my child’s behaviour?
- Rules and Consequences
  - Tuesday, March 10th 7pm - 9pm
  - Where are your rules? How do you make them work?
- Dealing with Feelings
  - Thursday, March 12th 7pm - 9pm
  - How do you negotiate your child’s emotional intelligence? What a do I do next?
- Selfcare
  - Thursday, March 19th 7pm - 9pm
  - How can we keep our children as a healthy as our child?

**Bring Up Great Kids**

- A free program for developing positive relationships between parents and young children.
- The aims of the program include:
  - Reflecting on beliefs, values and goals of parenting
  - Understanding how a child’s learning experiences shape behavior
  - Exploring new ways of communicating with children
  - Understanding children’s development, learning and growth
  - Understanding the importance of developing a positive self-identity.
- WHERE: Croydon Hills Primary School, 54 - 58 Durham Road Kilsyth
- WHEN: Weekends - 15th February to 7th March 2015 10:30am to 12 noon (6 sessions)
- COST: FREE Bookings essential

**Connections**

- Limited Occasional Care places are available at Yarra Ranges Council.
- Please phone 9723 8305 to book a place

**CONTACT:** Lorraine from Connections 9723 2222

**CHAPS NEWS**

- Keddie Waller

**Telephone:** 9725 1206 **OSHC:** 9724 4514
Thanks to everyone for supporting the Salvation Army Toy Appeal and the Wesley Mission Food Drive. It will certainly make a difference.

The JSC wish everyone a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Well done to all our School Captains and all the Year 6's on a great 2014. Good luck next year!!

Birthdays next week and beyond!!
Monday 22nd December
Ethan MdK
Tuesday 23rd December
Tayah SrD
Wed 24th December
Thomas MdD
Thursday 25th December
Jasmin JrBB
Friday 26th December
Sarah JrBB
Saturday 27th December
Taylor SrM
Sunday 28th December
Edward FH & Josh MdD
Tuesday 30th December
Mrs Mangan
Wed 31st December
Jake JrS, Serena JrD, Jacob SrP & Felicity SrP

Birthdays this week….
Monday 15th December
Jack JrBB & Kyle MdT
Tuesday 16th December
Anastasia FW
Wed 17th December
Lilla JrD
Saturday 20th December
Grace MdU

CONGRATULATIONS!
SERVING GOD AND OUR COMMUNITY.

St James Anglican Church Croydon Hills invites you to celebrate Christmas here at these times:

Christmas Eve:
6 for 6:30pm- Family Christmas

Christmas Eve:
11:30pm – Midnight Christmas with Communion.

Christmas Day celebration: 8:00am

All services are located at 21-23 Bemboka Road Croydon Hills.

We would love to celebrate the birth of Christ with you!

Telephone: 9725 1206 OSHC 9724 4514
Junior Rockers comes to Croydon Hills Primary!

Guitar, Drums, Piano, Singing, Flute and Clarinet Lessons

Dear Parents

Junior Rockers is a program designed to teach primary school students music in a fun and contemporary way. Starting in Term 1 2015 we are very excited to be able to offer all the students at Croydon Hills Primary School access to our instrumental programs.

Students who have learnt an instrument in the past at the school will need to complete an application form for Junior Rockers if they wish to continue with their music lessons.

Lessons are held either privately or in shared groups of two. The group sizes are deliberately kept small because children get greater value out of individualised tuition and the lessons can be tailored to the children’s specific needs. Shared lessons cost $23.90 per week and private lessons $31.20 per week.

Lessons will be held during school hours on Tuesdays. Lessons times are coordinated around specialist timetables and any other in-class activities children may have. After submitting an application form, you will be contacted by one of our administration staff to finalise details before lessons begin.

Students have the option of purchasing or hiring instruments through Junior Rockers and it is recommended that they have an instrument at home to practice on.

All Junior Rockers teachers are fully qualified and have current Working With Children Checks. If you would like any more information on this, our lessons, lesson timetabling or any other aspect of Junior Rockers, please call our office on: 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 7625).

To apply for lessons simply fill in the hard copy application form and return it to the school office. Alternatively, go to www.juniorrockers.com and fill in the online application form.

Thank you and I look forward to working with the Croydon Hills Primary School community and adding further value to the music program at the school.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Adam Pallozzi
Founder & Director
Junior Rockers Pty Ltd

1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 7625)
info@juniorrockers.com
Music Lessons At
Croydon Hills Primary School

To apply for music lessons with Junior Rockers log on to www.juniorrockers.com and fill
in the online form or return the form below to the school office. If you have any questions
please call us on 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 7625) or email info@juniorrockers.com

NOTE: Do NOT send any money with this application form - Prices at bottom of form

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class Code: _______ Year Level: ___

Parent’s Name: ___________________________ Mobile: ______________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

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|                            |   | $230.00                   |
|purchase keyboard           |   | $34.95                    |
|keyboard stand             |   | $20.00                    |
|keyboard carry case        |   | $40.00                    |

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Shared lessons $23.90 per week - No more than 2 students per lesson
Private lessons $31.20 per week - No more than 1 student per lesson