Calendar 2014

October

Friday 31st  Indoor Assembly, 2.45pm

November

Monday 3rd  CHAPS Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 4th  CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Monday 10th  Year 6 Canberra Tour departs
Monday 10th  Year 5 Camp departs
Friday 14th  Years 5 & 6 Camps return
Thursday 27th  Foundation 2015 Parent Info Night, 7.15pm
Saturday 29th  State Election, CHAPS BBQ

December

Wednesday 10th  Christmas Carols
Thursday 11th  Middle School BBQ
Tuesday 16th  Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 17th  Book Collection Day 1
Friday 19th  Billy Cart & Soapbox Derby
Friday 19th  Last day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal

2015 - January

Wednesday 28th  Teachers return
Wednesday 28th  Book Collection Day 2
Thursday 29th  Pupil Free Day
Friday 30th  Students begin Term 1

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

One2One iPad Info night (to Year 4 students)
Library Overdue Notices (not on website)

Click on the link below to download copies of these Notices and those from previous weeks:

Principal’s Report

Junior Cross Country

Congratulations to our Foundation and Junior students with their terrific effort at our first ever Junior Cross Country event last Friday. It was great to see the students giving it their best effort and knowing that they can make the distance, either running or with a combination of running and walking. Thanks to Mrs Mac for all the effort in organising the event and to all the parents who helped us out with marshalling and encouragement. It was such a positive environment for all our students and I know they felt encouraged and supported by the parents cheering them on. We look forward to this becoming an annual event. Our senior students who assisted at the front and the tail of each group were awesome and great role models for our younger students.

Welfare officers

Parents may have seen in the news over recent months that the Federal Government is no longer going to fund Welfare Officers in schools. We have had our Funding for Mia as a Welfare Officer over the last 2 years, but the funding ends at the end of this year. The program was funded for schools who applied and were successful with their application for either a Chaplain or Welfare Officer. The future
program at this stage is to only fund Chaplains. As a result of High Court action the Federal Government cannot run the program and is currently negotiating with states to operate it if they fund it. At present it is still expected that they will only fund Chaplains. My view is that this is an outrageous decision from the Federal Government and that the core of the work has its basis in welfare. I know schools who have Chaplains whom they are very happy with, but clearly (to me anyway) someone with formal welfare qualification is also ideally placed to undertake the work they do and therefore they should not be excluded as an option. It is a shame that Education is operating in such a political environment presently but I suspect it is not going to change any time soon.

We are acutely aware of the value of Mia’s work to many of our students and their families and as a result we will fund Mia’s two and a half days a week for next year. Warranwood, who share the other half of the week, are doing the same. Of course this comes as a cost to us, but one I know parents will support. Our School Council has written to our Federal Member expressing our disappointment at the policy change but we have not had a response yet.

**Second Assistant Principal**

We have just been through the process of appointing a second Assistant Principal to join Carol & I as the Principal Class team to start 2015. Congratulations to Dale McInerney on being the successful applicant. With the increased size of our school over recent years, Dale will be a welcome support in many aspects of the schools operations.

Parents might have noticed that the 2nd of the **new double classrooms** is now in place and work will commence next week in building the gallery to connect the two buildings.

I have been remiss in not reporting earlier that the **Korean Study Tour** which took place at the end of last term was a great success. Everything went very smoothly and our students were warmly welcomed by our 2 sister schools. They had a weekend homestay in pairs with a family from Maewon Elementary School which was a wonderful experience for them. It is a huge trip for Primary School students, but I know that they have had experiences and have memories they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and our country.

**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

**Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

**At this stage the CHPS Indicative Budget for 2015 from the Department will not receive any additional funding.**

Further information regard the Fees for 2015 will come out in the next few weeks through Compass.

**Graeme Caudry - Principal**

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**Please Support Remembrance Day**

Tuesday November 11th is Remembrance Day. We have a range of badges, wrist bands and bag tags available to purchase at the office, ranging in price from $1 to $4. The Junior School Council will be offering students the chance to purchase items in the classroom over the coming week. Please support the RSL and their Remembrance Day Appeal.
Sports News

State Athletics Championships
Conratulations to Sam W (SRB) who won a silver medal in his category at the State Championships on Monday at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park. Sam has now qualified for the National Championships, which will be held in Tasmania later this month. Well done Sam, we are very proud of your achievements.

Junior House Cross Country
Last Friday, we held our first Junior House Cross Country. It was a terrific morning with all children in Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2 running their best in their class category. Some children chose to race quite fast, whilst others finished the course in a relaxed and fun manner, all participating at their level. Congratulations to all the children who ran in these races and a big congratulations to all the children in Kiewa House who actually won a spot for 2014 on the Junior House Cross Country trophy. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on Friday and gave up their time to stand in the same spot and make sure the children ran the correct way for the 6 races. Thank you also to the Year 6 students and Hallan (MDL), who assisted the Juniors in each race by being the leaders and a few of them ran last to make sure the children were ok during their run.

There is a great picture page later in this Newsletter.

Running Club
Thanks to the fit staff who have been running with the children during the past many weeks to improve their fitness and to just have some fun. Last Thursday was a huge run as many of the Juniors and Foundation children were using it as the last minute practice for their Junior House Cross Country. Thanks to Paul Brock, Sian Yallop, Jacinta McKenzie and special guest appearance by David Slater who made sure the course was the correct distance. The teachers have mentioned that they will continue to do the running for the rest of the year. Thanks from all the children.

Kilsyth Cobra Basketball Clinic
Earlier in the year in Term 1, the Kilsyth Cobra Basketball club came out to give all classes a clinic on basketball fun games and skills. Each Foundation student was meant to get a basketball to keep, but the sponsorship changed, therefore we had to wait until they became available. This week, the Basketball Club was generous enough to come and give the Foundation children another clinic for the day and then give each child a new basketball to keep. We thank the club as they have supported us for many years and we know that many of our students play in their teams.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport/PE

Music News
Check out the awesome Music, Count Us In page later in this Newsletter
Kathryn Lane

Canteen News

CUP DAY LUNCH – Wednesday 5th November
‘Chicken & Bubbly Lunch’, must have been pre-ordered.
No other lunch orders are available on the day.

CANTEEN CLOSED – MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
Please note the canteen will be closed on Monday 3rd November.

WHAT’S NEW?
Dragon Popper Paddle Pop - $1.60
Chocolate Orange Moosie – Jaffa flavour $1.00

SUSTAINABLE BAGS
Please ensure sustainable bags are regularly cleaned as we cannot use them if they are too dirty.
Sustainable bags cannot be used when ordering online, apologises for any inconvenience.

MONDAYS – ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
NO ORDERS ARE TO BE SENT FROM HOME. ONLINE ORDERS ONLY.
All orders placed for Mondays must be done online via the Flexischools website, no manual orders. The online ordering system helps the canteen operate more efficiently and as we run with reduced staff and no volunteers on this day, we need your
cooperation to register with Flexischools and help make Mondays a viable option that we can hopefully continue with in the future. Any further manual orders received will be served a basic lunch item.

**ROSTER**

**Friday 31st October** – Jenny Trabucco, Elise Miller

**Tuesday 4th November** – CUP DAY

**Wednesday 5th November** – Alisa Wills, Sandra Horgan.

**Friday 7th November** – Lia Biasuzzo, Sharron Savage, Simone O’Dea.

Karen Cyster – Canteen Manager

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**Uniform News**

**EXISTING PARENTS WITH CHILDREN STARTING FOUNDATION IN 2015: UNIFORM ORDERS HAVE BEEN PUT TOGETHER AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION DURING UNIFORM SHOP HOURS.**

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours:**
Monday 8.30am to 10am
Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm

Orders can be placed any day through [FlexiSchools.com.au](http://FlexiSchools.com.au). Your order will be processed during normal opening hours and delivered home via your child’s classroom.

Order Forms can also be left at the office.

Orders and enquiries can be made by phoning the Uniform Shop during our opening hours.

All orders will be sent to your child’s classroom, unless otherwise specified.

Anissa Silver – Manager

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**SCHOOL CROSSING CLOSURE**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**

Please note that the flagged crossing outside Luther College will not be operating on Monday November 3rd (day before Cup Day).

If your student/s normally use this crossing, please instruct them to use the light-operated crossing in front of Good Shepherd.

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*Saying Thank You is easy – write a thank you message and give it to your teacher tomorrow.*
WE WERE ALL AWESOME AS WE ALL SANG TOGETHER TODAY AT “MUSIC, COUNT US IN” 2014
CHPS STUDENT CORNER
THE JSC WELCOMES YOU TO THE

Student of the Week Awards
that were presented at last
week’s assembly

F-W Talleah
F-R Abigale
F-O Katrina
F-H Dion
Jr -PB Victoria & Keeley
Jr-Y Will & Rhea
Jr-T Ryan & Cohen
Jr-S Isabella & Abtin
Jr-F Scarlette
Md-K Tayla & Josh
Md-U Emily & Jessica
Md-L Lily
Md-D Amelia & Alex
Sr-S Portia & Gideon
Sr-P Kiandra
Sr-D Ben
Sr-B Thomas
SrM Anthony

CONGRATULATIONS!

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE
What do you call a bear that is a missing an ear?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE
Where do fish keep their money?
A riverbank!!! (thanks Ebony!)

Write the answer to the challenge, with your name and
class and place it in the box outside the office by
Tuesday morning. First name drawn will get a prize.

Birthdays this week....

Tuesday 28th October
Jasmyn JrY

Wednesday 29th October
Zach F-H, Alex F-R and
Will SrP

Thursday 30th October
Harriet JrPB, Brody SrD &
Kiandra SRP

Friday 31st October
Allira JrBB, Jaime JrD,
Caleb MdL & Tahlia MdU

Saturday 1st November
Joshua JrPB & Sophie
JrF

Sunday 2nd November
Kara F-J

Well done to these very
clever students who
participated in the
Chess Victoria State
Finals
- Roy SrD
- Hazza SrD
- Matthew SrP
and Chengyun JrD

A wonderful
achievement and you
should be very proud of
yourselves. Thanks to
Chengyun’s dad,
Matthew’s dad and
Hazza’s mum for
supporting the boys
CIRCLES at CHPS.

Circles is part of our Student Wellbeing strategy at Croydon Hills.

Circles groups meet regularly on Monday afternoon and activities are designed to support students making new friends, sharing their strengths and concerns and discussing the school values.

Last term we talked about Resilience: bouncing back, never giving up, trying again if you don’t succeed the first time. This term our focus is “Do your best”. Miss MacKenzie’s class have had a great discussion and tried out their skills as jugglers.

Doing our best.

What fun!!

It’s not about being THE best.

It’s about being YOUR best.
This week, Foundation students have been working hard on their numeracy skills including:
- Naming and creating 3D shapes
- Using a calculator for simple addition sums
- Skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.
Maths with Jr-Y

Fruit Salad Fractions

Making halves and quarters of whole objects and collections using fruit - yum!
On Tuesday, the Senior School cohort had the opportunity to visit the M.C.G.

The excursion included a tour of the famous ground, where all areas were explored. The students were able to view the ground up close from on the grass, and also from afar in the back row at the very top of the grandstand. They saw all the private sections of the Members Stand, and experienced what it is like to be a professional sportsperson in the the change rooms. The tour guides shared some great stories and interesting facts and history about the ground.

The National Sports Museum showcased some of the most amazing moments in Australian sport and had the students really engaged and fascinated about the information and displays. Finally, the Game On Zone allowed the group to test out their own skills in a range of interactive sporting games, which included archery, cycling, football, netball, soccer, cricket and others. The excursion wrapped up with lunch and a play in Birrarung Marr Park in what was a very enjoyable day for all involved.

We’d like to say a huge thank you to the parent helpers who attended on the day and assisted with supervision of the groups.
Walk to School Day

On Friday 24th October the students of Croydon Hills walked to school in an effort to contribute to a healthier lifestyle and planet. Congratulations to those students whose golden ticket was drawn from the raffle.

Our Eco Leaders

I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year’s Eco Leaders for their ongoing enthusiasm and dedication. Your sense of fun, passion and commitment has inspired our school to enjoy taking care of our environment. Thank you, Connor, Austin, Jacob and Sara. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Rubbish Free Lunches

We encourage students to bring a rubbish free lunch to school EVERYDAY with Mondays being our weekly target. Bring a rubbish free lunch to school on Mondays and be counted!

The class with the most rubbish free lunches will be presented with a trophy each week at assembly. For ideas for rubbish free lunches visit http://goo.gl/buQ5Q1
MARCH 15TH 2015
CHPS FAIR

143 Days to go.............

FAIR
FUNDRAISING

A MASSIVE thanks to all those who have returned their Pizza/ Ramp it Vouchers. If you haven’t already done so please return your form along with payment back to school by Friday 7th November.

Proudly supported by Mates Pizza.

Entertainment
Wanted
If you know anyone that might be interested Drop us a line at chpsfete2015@gmail.com

LIKE US ON facebook

Stay up to date with all the latest fair news with our facebook community page at CHPS Fair 2015. See our latest entries in the logo competition.

LOGO COMPETETION

The Logo Competition closes tomorrow, don’t miss your chance to win an Unlimited Ride Pass

White Elephant Stall
Please hold off donations to the White Elephant Stall until further notice. We are very limited for storage space at the moment.

It’s all happening with the CHPS Fair, the logos are still coming in and the winner will be announced soon. Don’t forget we need all the help we can get if you can spare any time on the day, we will have something for you to do, so drop us a line at chpsfete2015@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fair.
Natalie, Sherryn, Priscilla and Kylie
PARENTING POSITIVELY

SCHOOL PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
Is your child ready for school?
Are you ready for school?
Is the rest of the family ready for school?

How:
1 x 2 hour workshop

Date:
Monday 17th November
7:00 - 9:00pm

Venue:
Parenting Positively
Unit 3/13128 Canterbury
Road
Kingsley VIC 3137
(In the Milton Park Industrial Estate)
(Melways Map 533F10
Parking available on site)

Cost:
$40 per participant or
$60 per couple

Preparing your child for school

This 2 hour hands-on workshop will assist you to help your child, and the rest of the family, be as prepared as possible to start school next year.
Guided by an experienced prep teacher you, your family and your child will be able to gain confidence and learn strategies like:

- Getting my belongings ready
- Getting my thinking ready
- Getting my talking ready
- Visiting my school
- The “goodbye” moment

Registration:

You can send a query or register your interest by emailing your name and contact details to:
admin@parentingpositively.com.au

Maximum of 12 participants per workshop so register your interest early to guarantee your place

Note:
There are also child minding facilities available at this venue.

www.parentingpositively.com.au

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LEARN TO SWIM

VICSWIM Summer Kids Program is a great way for your child to learn how to swim & stay safe in & around water!

ENROL NOW FOR SUMMER

$25 FOR 5 SESSIONS

VICSWIM Summer Kids is coming to a pool or beach near you. For dates, locations & times go to www.vicswim.com.au & enrol online today!

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GREAT RYRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FESTIVAL OF COLOUR

Sat 8th November 12-7pm
Great Ryrie St, Heathmont

PLUS: trash & treasure, photo booth, plants, international crafts, cakes, prizes, second-hand clothing, free activities

*Appearance by Norm Smith medallist Brian Lake 1pm
*Live music by “The Banned” from 5.30pm.

Dress up in colourful costume for extra fun!

Pre-order wristbands and fete tokens at
www.trybooking.com/101725

Early bird special of $25 for unlimited ride wristbands available until 5pm, Tuesday 4/11/2014 ($30 if purchased on the day)

www.greatryrie.ps.vic.edu.au

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CELEBRATE MAROONDAH FESTIVAL AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Croydon Library will be open from 10am - 4pm

Sat 8th November, 11:00am
Croydon Library Civic Square Croydon

Andy Griffiths is the most recognised name in Australian children’s literature.

Author of more than 25 books including the “JUST!” books, “The Day My Bum Went Psycho” and the “Treehouse” series.

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Biddy Ball - Play
5 to 11 years Friday afternoons
For skills drill for agile, technique, match rules and match skills on the track.

More information
maroondahleisure.com.au

How to Register for the Hawks!
1. Visit t20blast.com.au
2. Enter your postcode into the register now section
3. Select South Warrandyte Cricket Club

Sign up ASAP!

Billanook College
Tour & Crescendo Exhibition
Saturday 8 November
10.15am for a 10.30am start
Tours of the College and Exhibition are led by students and staff, concluding with a morning tea.

Billanook College
2014 Crescendo
Art & Technology Exhibition
A display of work from EDP to VCE
Annabelle Jenkins - 197 Cardigan Road Mooroolbark
May 2014

Telephone: