Principal’s Report

Christmas Carols Evening

We had a great evening last night. It is a wonderful occasion for our school community to come together and celebrate our students. Huge thanks must go to Kathryn Lane for bringing such a significant event together. Kathryn takes the time to ensure our students love to perform, which they do to such a high standard. Also to Jaclyn for a sparkling compering performance, Leigh for doing the sound and the many other staff who work in the background to help present this event to the school community. Special thanks must also go to Priscilla Tkatchenko, Melissa Harmer and Michelle Barry for their brilliant decorations, which set the stage (literally) for a wonderful Christmassy evening!

School Structure for 2016

Next year we expect to start the school year with a little over 650 pupils. We will have 2 additional classes, bringing us to 27 in total. Next year we will have 6 Foundation, 8 Junior, 8 Middle and 5 Senior Classes. We can accommodate the new classes in our current classroom space and still retain the LOTE room, which is something the Department does not provide. As you will have seen from 2 weeks back, there will be a new building

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Foundation parents please note, 1pm dismissal on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Foundation students are not at school on Wednesdays until the week beginning March 21<sup>st</sup>.
with a double multi-use learning space which will be available to use early in the new school year.

We have had a change of staff in and out of the school for 2016 and also re-deployment of some teachers to different levels within the school. This change of teaching levels is important for developing staff professional knowledge and experience.

We will farewell Jonathan Wilisoni, who has a position at Ivanhoe Grammar, Ruth Terpstra who is going to Manchester PS and also Geoff Lamble, who will not be returning in 2016.

We do however warmly welcome as new staff to CHPS Ashley Gray, Aaron Halstead, Katherine Keir, Laura Kitching, Kelly Lawrence, Marc Purcell, Jasmine Scott & Jordan Tate. We also welcome back Laura Yorke & Leah Colverd from family leave. Please note that we have some additional staff in our Learning Support Program.

We are changing our timetable for next year, with the specialists’ times going back to 50 minutes. This provides us with 30 sessions in a week, rather than 25, and with the support of some additional time from other staff we will go back to having all classes having PE, Music, Art & Indonesian each week. This will be a much simpler task for timetabling than we had this year - and certainly easier to implement.

You may recall we went to an hour timetable this year to support our literacy and numeracy programs with longer sessions. We are changing the way classes are scheduled next year so we can still support literacy and numeracy sessions in the classroom, with the longer first sessions of the day.

**Timetable times**

Sessions 1-3: 9.00 – 11.30: Includes a break for brain food.
Recess: 11.30 – 12.00: As is currently the case, a substantial morning tea will be important
Session 4-5: 12.00 – 1.40
Lunch: 1.40 – 2.40: Includes 10 minutes supervised lunch eating time
Session 6: 2.40 – 3.30

Students will have a transition session tomorrow in their new classes, with their new teacher.

Note also that the End of Year Reports will be made available online on Compass tomorrow at 3pm.

A reminder that the first of our Book Collection opportunities is on next Wednesday, December 16th. Levies can be paid on Compass or through the office. To collect the books you either need a print out of your Compass receipt of payment, or if paid through the office, they will provide you with a book voucher. The other collection day is Thursday, January 28th.

A reminder that we start the school year with 2 pupil free days, as we have done in recent years, so the first day for student return is Friday, January 29th.

**South Korea**

I am reporting from the Sister City Forum in Busan, South Korea where I am representing Melbourne (and our school) which is a Sister City of Busan. There are representatives from many countries in Asia and also Chicago from the USA. We have been very warmly welcomed and all the countries presented today on our school systems and schools. There was great interest in CHPS. It makes you realise how fortunate we are with the programs, staff and resources we have. All other countries cannot compare with what we have to offer our students.

I look forward to visiting our Sister School in Yeosu on Friday for a couple of days and we look forward to hosting them in our school in February.

Graeme Caudry - Principal
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge certificates have now been distributed to all students. Thanks very much to the parents who supported the students by encouraging them to read and by putting their books in to the Challenge web site. Hopefully the experience has introduced your children to some new authors and books and given them the desire to keep reading. Look out for the new Challenge in March next year!

INDONESIAN

Another year has flown by and it has been a year of fun and shared learning experiences in the Indonesian room. From Foundation to Year 6, the students have applied their Indonesian in songs, games and creative activities. Many of our Year 6 students will be going on with their study of Indonesian at Secondary school and I wish them well. We are always very proud to hear of our students doing well in year 7 and beyond.

Thanks to the staff and the school community for their support of the Indonesian program.

Selamat Hari Natal dan Tahun Baru.

Libby Browning.(Bu)

STUDIES OF ASIA

We continue to have an inclusive focus on the Studies of Asia at Croydon Hills, and this year the highlights of our year were the excellent Studies of Asia day held earlier this term, and visits from teachers from Malaysia and South Korea.

In 2016, we are maintaining our Bridge relationship with Ibu Kim and her school in Malaysia, and will develop our relationship with our sister school in South Korea. We also have an exciting new initiative which will link Sustainability and Studies of Asia through a program based in Indonesia.

We are looking forward immensely to the visit from some South Korean students in February and we are very grateful to those families who have already indicated that they are willing to have one or two students home stay with them for a weekend. We are looking to accommodate six more students, so if you haven’t indicated that your willingness but think you might be able to have one or two guests for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (19, 20 21 February tentatively) we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes for the Holiday season,

Libby Browning

Music News

Carols Concert Last Night

Congratulations to all of our very talented students who performed so professionally last night!! I am very proud of the way you learnt your songs and movements and delivered them with such high energy and enthusiasm. Junior Rockers Band, you Rocked!! Uke/SteelDrum/Marimba Band, you smashed it!! Staff Band, you really Rum Pum Pum Pummed!! Thank you to all of the CHPS staff who supported this event. Well done everyone!! There will be lots of photos in the next edition of the newsletter.

Yarrunga Performance

It was a big day/night for the Senior Choir who not only performed at the Carols last night, they also sang a selection of Christmas music at the Senior Citizens’ AGM yesterday at Yarrunga Community Centre. The audience absolutely loved it and sang and clapped along with our talented students. We have already been booked for two gigs next year. Wow!!

Croydon Centro and Movies

One more performance for the Senior Choir. We will be leaving school at 10:00am on Tuesday 15th December and performing at Croydon Centro at 10:45. After that we will be off to the movies to see “The Peanuts Movie”. School uniform is to be worn for this excursion as your choir uniforms are due back to me (clean and ironed) in the P.A.C. the day before – Monday 14th.

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts
Library News

I have now completed stock take in all areas from where the students borrow. Books are taken from the shelves. I then check under and behind the shelves and then enter the books individually into the computer. As at Wednesday there are still 20 students with 32 overdue books between them with a value of approximately $425.00. This is much better than at the same time last year but some of these books are out to students who will not be returning next year, so it is important that they are returned now. I have sent emails or letters to all these students’ parents or guardians. Please ask them to have a good look at home and at school for these books. It is surprising the number of books that remain in school bags until the last minute. A book is not considered returned until it comes back to the library.

Remember – these books will still be in your child’s name next year if they are not returned. They do not magically disappear over the holidays.

If you find a book at home that has a school stamp or library barcode on it please return it as some teachers borrow books in their names and these are mistakenly taken home by students. There are other times when the students simply forget to check the book out before they leave the library. These books show up as ‘missing’ after stocktake and there is no way of tracing them.

Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays and also take some time out to read to them. You will rediscover the joys of having someone read to you. Have fun when reading to your children – really get into it with voices and facial expressions – it provides memories for a lifetime.

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Another place to consider for a visit is the State Library of Victoria in the city. They often have free exhibitions (and not just about books). Their Web address is www.slv.vic.gov.au and click on the ‘What’s On’ tab.

Thanks again to my Scholastic helpers Janine and Kate.

Sue Offer - Library Technician

Canteen News

Last day for lunch orders
Friday 11/12 will be the last day for lunch orders. The canteen will be open for window sales only during the last week of term.

CAROLS NIGHT
A big thank you to the awesome team I had for Carols Night – Rachelle Robertson, Narelle Collins, Sharron Savage & Deanne Scagnetti.

WHAT’S NEW?
Paddle Pop Tropical with real yoghurt $1.80
Afterschool Sales for frozen items and drinks only are available from 3.30 – 3.45.
Subject to weather conditions.

ROSTER
Friday 11th December – Kylie Van Roosmalen, Justine Wratten.
Wednesday 16th December – Deanne Scagnetti.
Friday 18th December – Joanne Duo, Rachelle McNamara.

Karen Cyster - Manager

Uniform News

Uniform Shop Opening Hours;
Monday 8.30am to 10am
Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm
Orders can be placed any day through 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

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
Term 1 next year I will be running morning sessions of mindfulness meditation on Tuesdays at 8.30am in the Multi-Purpose room. The first session will be Tuesday 2nd of February. This is for any year level students but it will be first in best dressed as a small group works best. It is a term program so the children get the best results if they commit to coming each week. To register please email me sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au before the last day of Term.

I wish you all health and happiness for the holidays.

Best Regards

Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer
Enjoy the holidays. Happy reading!

Brought to you by
Deb Letson
Literacy Co-ordinator
The JSC welcomes you to the
CHPS student corner

Birthdays this week:

Yesterday
Sarah FW and Alex
JMT

Today
Josh ML

Tomorrow
Eli JY and Riley SP

Saturday 12th
Sesath MT

Enjoy!!!

Jokes corner

What do you call an elf who sings?
A wrapper!!!

Why can't the Christmas tree stand up?
It doesn't have legs!!

Thanks those families who have donated toys and food, see pages in the newsletter for more information. Still collecting this week

Student of the Week Awards presented at last week’s level assemblies
FH – Alma & Madelyn
FW – Spencer
FO - Charlotte
JPB – Cassidy & Luke
JY – Ben, Zach & Parker
MT – Brett, Damian & Indy

Congratulations!!
Year 5
Christmas Activities

This week the Year 5 students have been creating their own snowmen using rice and socks. Here are some of their amazing creations.
Congratulations to CH Crows who made it to the State Finals at Dandenong.

Thanks to Jess for being an awesome coach and the Buckley family for the photos.

Hoop-tastic:
- New record in 2015
- 43,000 children
- 13,000 rookies
- Croydon Hills Crows
- In the top 32 in State
- out of
- 923 Future Star Teams
- WOW!
DON'T FORGET OUR DRIVE TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE DONATE TO WESLEY MISSION'S "FOOD FOR FAMILIES" APPEAL BY PLACING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN THE RED BOXES IN THE FOYER - SUGGESTED DONATION LIST OPPOSITE

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Donations for monetary gifts are welcomed. Donations in all forms are tax deductible. For further information, phone 9724 4514 or visit www.wesley.org.au OR www.salvationarmy.org.au FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS MORNING SHINE BY DONATING NEW TOYS (please label eg: "girl, 9").

BOX FOR GIFTS IN THE FOYER.

SOME GREAT IDEAS & HANDY HINTS

VISIT www.wesley.org.au OR www.salvationarmy.org.au FOR MORE INFORMATION
North Ringwood Community House
Looking for a flexible career? … Return to study make you nervous? … Study locally and get qualified with Certificate courses in Individual Support, Disability or Leisure & Health. Enrolments now being taken for 2016. Enjoy a welcoming environment with small classes and individual attention, plenty of free parking, a bus stop at the door and onsite childcare while you study (conditions apply). Call 9876 3421 or visit www.nrch.org.au

$10 Any session, any day these Christmas Holidays!
$3 for any additional hour!

Telephone: 9725 1206 OSHC 9724 4514

PARKWOOD TENNIS CLUB
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
QUAMBEE RESERVE
WONGA ROAD, RINGWOOD NORTH 3134
FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS OF ALL ABILITY LEVELS

DATES
MONDAY 18TH – WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2016

3 DAYS OF INTENSIVE COACHING INCLUDING:
MATCH PLAY AND TECHNIQUES
SKILL IMPROVEMENT
ENERGETIC & ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT
RACQUETS PROVIDED IF NECESSARY

ADULTS
COST: $95.00
SESSION TIMES: 6:30PM – 8:30PM

JUNIORS
COST: $95.00
SESSION TIMES: 9:00AM – 11:00AM

HOT SHOTS (BEGINNERS)
(4-8 YEAR OLDS)
COST: $90.00
SESSION TIMES: 9:00AM – 10:00AM
10:15AM – 11:15AM

HOT SHOTS IS AN INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS, TEACHING THE BASIC SKILLS IN A GENTLE, FUN WAY USING MODIFIED EQUIPMENT. ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO ENROL IN THE CLINIC PLEASE CALL ROD SALIBA ON 0409 853 357