Principal’s Report

We have made it to the end of another school year. It has been a very successful and productive year for the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who plays a part in making CHPS the school it is. Our teachers put in a huge amount of work supporting student learning, as do our support staff who add so much to make the school tick along.

I would like to thank Jonathan Willisoni and Ruth Terpstra for their contribution to our school during their time with us. As you will have read last week, Jono is moving to Ivanhoe Grammar and Ruth to Manchester PS. We wish them all the best in their teaching careers and know they will take with them fond memories of CHPS.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of Rachelle Robertson as a parent in our community. Rachelle has volunteered in many roles, from canteen to running fundraising, for many years. She has also been on School Council for many years and has been President for the last 6 years. This is a challenging role, but one she has carried out brilliantly. I would like to publicly thank her for the personal support she has provided me in my role as Principal. I hope the community recognises the time she has contributed to our school so willingly and if you get the chance you might like to thank her personally. It has been an awesome effort, thanks Rachelle.

Graduation

We formally farewelled our 77 Year 6 students on Tuesday night and it was a wonderful celebration night. We wish them all the best as they move onto the next phase of their learning journey. It is always wonderful to watch students grow and develop over their 7 years with us and it is always sad to see them go, but we know they are ready and well prepared for the challenge of Secondary School. This year’s students are heading to 12 different secondary settings. Thanks to the senior teachers and to the parents who did so much to make the night a success.

Choir Performance

The Choir had their last performance of the year at the Croydon Centro shopping centre. Their performance was very well received by an enthusiastic audience.

Reminders for the final day of school.

* Billy Carts, Soap Boxes commences at 9ish.
* The final Assembly tomorrow will be in the Stadium and commences at 1pm.
* There is only morning recess and no lunch break, with students dismissed for the year 1.30pm.
* Students resume for 2016 on Friday January 29th.
* For those who are yet to collect their 2016 Book Pack, our second and final Collection Day is on Thursday January 28th between 8.30 – 10am and
Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe, happy and restful festive season and we look forward to seeing most of you refreshed to start the new school year in late January.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

**EARLY DISMISSAL ALERT!**
**PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1.30PM TOMORROW FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM.**

**Sports News**

**BILLY CART GRAND PRIX & SOAP BOX DERBY**

It has been a huge year in sport and other sporty activities this year. The final huge activity is tomorrow, with the whole school Soap Box Derby and Billy Cart Grand Prix. We look forward to seeing all the wonderfully decorated cardboard boxes in the Foundation to Middle School and great Billy Carts in the Year 5/6 area. Because of the heat tomorrow, the course for the Billy Cart Grand Prix will be shorter. They will use the same course as the Soap Box Derby. We hope to kick off as soon as possible, not long after 9.00am, starting with the Foundation children who will have some Sports Captains lead them around the course.

Thank you again to Hoskins Real Estate for sponsoring us with the medals and trophies. This is the second year they have helped us with the funding for these items, especially at the end of the year when budgets are exhausted.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport/ PE

**Music News**

**Croydon Centro and Movies**

The Senior Choir performed a number of Christmas songs at Croydon Centro on Tuesday the 15th of December for our school parents and shoppers. A big thank you to the many parents who supported this event and to Marcia Plumridge, Stacey Hill and Jean Kalns for being such great parent helpers on the day. Thank you also to Claudia Michieli for attending this excursion and helping out with the organization and support of this event. To Carol Wyatt and Dale McInerney, thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the performance. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for CHPS and conducted themselves very professionally and courteously, both on and off stage. We were very fortunate to be able to attend a private screening of “The Charlie Brown Movie” at the Croydon Cinemas after our performance and it was very enjoyable.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students who have been involved in the music program at CHPS in 2015. Each year we raise the bar a little higher and we are continuing to strive for excellence in all of our Performing Arts activities. You have attended early morning and lunchtime rehearsals in a variety of ensembles as well as attending instrumental lessons every week throughout the year and practicing your “craft” at home. There have been numerous performance opportunities at school and in the wider community that many of our students have been involved in. I am very proud of your efforts and of the very positive outcomes that you have achieved. Congratulations!!

Thank you to all of the parents that have supported me personally and for encouraging your children to become involved and remain committed to our extra-curricular programs. Your children are benefiting from these programs because of your support and encouragement.

I hope you all have a very happy and safe Christmas and enjoy a nice long break from your usual routines. I’m looking forward to another productive year of music making at CHPS in 2016.

Merry Christmas!

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts

Library News

I learnt last week that one of our Crossing Supervisors is retiring tomorrow. He is not just one of our supervisors he is my supervisor. Peter has worked on the crossing on Croydon Hills Drive for just over two years and in that time he has had a couple of close calls from speeding and/or inattentive drivers.

On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Crossing Supervisors for the work that they do especially Peter as he moves into retirement. I know that he and his wife are heading off on a cruise early next year and later in the year Peter will celebrate a ‘special’ birthday. Thank you for keeping our students (and me) safe.

Enjoy yourself. Good luck for the future.

Sue Offer

Uniform News

2016 Uniform Shop Opening Hours;
Monday 8.30am to 10am
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Anissa Silver - Manager

Happy Holidays
Birthdays this week and for the remainder of 2015...

Monday 14th December
Mae F-O, Sam F-R, William JJ, Amelia MD and Matteo MK

Tuesday 15th
Kayla JJ, Jack JMT and Kyle MD

Yesterday
Anastasia JJ

Today
Lilla MK

Sunday 20th
Grace SM

Tuesday 22nd
Ethan MD

Wednesday 23rd
Michelle FR and Tayah SSO

Thursday 24th
Thomas MT

Friday 25th
Jasmin JS

Saturday 26th
Sarah JMC

Monday 28th
Eddie JBB and Josh SSL

Wednesday 30th
Austin SP

Thursday 31st
Serena ML

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

To have a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday! Hoping that Santa spoils you all and that everyone enjoys spending quality time together with family and friends.

Goodbye to our Year 6 students. Good luck as you move on to secondary school. Don’t be strangers!

A massive thanks to the JSC for all their efforts this year and to the students and families in supporting the various charities that are in such great need.

Thanks to those families who have donated toys and food for the Wesley Mission and the Salvation Army. We very proudly loaded up the mini van this morning. A special mention to Mr Dixon’s class who ran their own collection too. Their contribution was magnificent!!

Student Citizenship Awards presented at last week’s Indoor assembly

Foundation – Mia L FR

Year 1 – Archie JS
Year 2 – Milan JPB
Year 3 – Cailynn MW
Year 4 – Kailey MK
Year 5 – Jason SM
Year 6 – Tyler SD
Carols On The Oval 9/12/15

Congratulations to all of the Carols performers!!

Last Wednesday night we held our annual Christmas Carols Concert on the oval and enjoyed a fabulous night of music on a very mild weathered evening. This was a whole school performance and all classes put together a selection of fun Christmas songs as well as some traditional ones for the community singing part of the night. The Rock Band, Uke/iPad/Steel Drum/ Marimba Band, Flute and Violin trio also entertained the capacity crowd.
The Class of 2015
Graduation Night
Tuesday December 15th

Well done Year 6s! You are a credit to yourselves and to CHPS!

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