Principal’s Report

A reminder that we have a couple of important events coming up which I hope you have in your diaries:

- The Biennia
tual Art Show which is on Monday October 26th in the early evening. It promises to be a wonderful display of our students’ art work
- On the Wednesday following, the 28th is our Studies of Asia Day which will be a spectacular day. If you haven’t already paid for this on Compass, can you please do so as we have many performances and activities which will be so much fun
- Senior School Film Festival on Thursday 29 October at 7.00 with a BBQ before at 6.00 for the families of senior school students

The Year 4 students are looking forward to Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza for the first 3 days of next week. It is a wonderful camp and we hope the weather enables them to make the most of the seaside location.

Korean Visitors

We will welcome some Korean visitors in February next year. It has been a number of years since we have had the joy of hosting students from overseas and it is a great privilege to be able to host them again, as it is such a great cultural experience for our students as well as the visitors.

Our new Sister School is in Yeosu in the south of the peninsula and is the school that Carol and Kali visited in July. It is a beautiful seaside town. They will have a group of 46 (yes that many) students and 8 staff visiting for a week in February. They will spend 5 days in the school, sharing time in class and a couple of excursions and then we hope to be able to accommodate them in homestays for the weekend. This is where parents can assist us and have a wonderful experience for the entire family.

We are hoping we can get lots of families who can assist by offering to host a pair of students for the 3 nights of the weekend from Friday Feb.12 until Monday morning Feb 15. The students need a temporary bed or mattress and we would expect that you would do the things your family would normally do on a weekend, so it is not too complicated. The students all learn English, so basic communication should be fine. We have found in the past that students find a way to communicate no matter what the language barriers. Normally we would start by asking the senior students of 2016 but with so many students visiting us we thought we should offer it to the whole school. If you are able to assist with this wonderful opportunity then please put your details on the form found on this link.

Please register your interest at: http://tinyurl.com/koreaHS16

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to make contact with me.
We are planning to take a group of Senior Students on what will be the 7th Korean Study Tour in September of 2016 and we will be visiting our Sister School and home staying with their families, so I hope we can show them the hospitality we would expect for our students.

**Class Placements for 2016**

In November staff will begin the task of making up classes for 2016. As always, our staffing details and final class structure will not be known until December. Our final staff numbers for the new year are completely determined by our projected student enrolment and then the number of students we have at census on the last day of February. Nearly all funding from the Department is dependent on that census count.

Class lists for the new year are made up after careful consideration, balancing a range of considerations. All classes are made with a balance of students. Factors such as academic ability, behavioural issues, friendships and previous teachers are all taken into account. This process is completed by the current teachers and is checked and discussed with senior staff. The current class teachers are in the best position by far to know what class students are best suited to in the next year. Sometimes the teacher placements for the following year are known, but this is not always the case. We are fortunate that because of our larger number of students compared to most schools we have more options in developing students into classes. Some schools only have 1 or 2 classes at each year level, which does not enable them to vary the mix of students in the class very much. Students are all given the opportunity to list students they would like to be with for the following year and we ensure that at they are with at least 1 student on that list. An important part of their journey through the school and developing vital life skills are meeting, getting to know different personalities and working with different students each year.

Parent input on placement with a particular class teacher is not an aspect where parents have a choice.

We recommend you discuss initially with the classroom teacher if you have specific concerns regarding placement for 2016. If there are significant issues that you would like us to consider we are asking again this year that you make an appointment to speak with Carol, Dale or Graeme to outline the information. Please only make an appointment after you have spoken with the class teacher and have their perspective. This meeting needs to take place before Friday November 13th. I am sure that you would understand that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests in this area, but we do endeavour to provide student groups that are in the best interests of individual students and the school as a whole.

We are very fortunate at Croydon Hills to have such high calibre teaching staff, who implement our school programs in such a conscientious and team oriented manner.

Could I ask that families or students who are not returning to CHPS in 2016, other than the Year 6 students, send a letter or email to me so we can plan our numbers and therefore staffing as accurately as possible. If there are still any parents who have Foundation students starting and have not yet enrolled, or if you know of neighbours in this position, please contact the office. We currently have 120 Foundation students enrolled to commence next year and we have 77 students Graduating in Year 6. I therefore believe will be around 650 students to start the new school year in 2016.

**Graeme Caudry - Principal**

**Transition through the school**

As we know the year is quickly going by and before we know it, it will be 2016! In preparation for this we run an internal ‘Transition Through School' program during this term. This involves 4 sessions. Our first session was on Monday just gone. Students will be placed with different students and different teachers in the first 3 sessions, with the final session being when students meet their teacher for next year, on December 11. Exciting!!

We prepare our students for Foundation from the kindergartens. We prepare our Year 6s for secondary school. We think it is important to prepare our students for the move from Foundation to Year 1, Year 1 to Year 2, Year 2 to Year 3, Year 3 to Year 4, Year 4 to Year 5 and Year 5 to Year 6!!

Having so many classes and being in different areas of the school, this allows students and teachers to get to know each other better. Teachers will be giving a glimpse into what next year will look like and what can be expected. This is an exciting time, where students rekindle formed friendships from the previous year. It starts the Year 2s thinking about moving their IL focus from Investigations to Inquiry. It starts the Year 4s thinking about having their own iPad. The Junior teachers will also be having some extra special Transition sessions too.

If you have any concerns, speak with your child’s teacher or get in touch with me.

Regards,

**Dale McInerney - Assistant Principal**

**Sports News**

**Region Athletics**

Congratulations to Bella MD (hurdles, 100m) Dylan SP (long jump and shot put) & Sam SM (long jump & shot put) who qualified last week to compete today in the Eastern Region Athletics Championships. Good luck to them all. Last week Bella achieved a personal best in both her hurdles and her 100m! Congratulations Bella. Full results next week.

**Division Softball Finals**

Well done to the Boys Softball team who won the District Finals last term. Next Thursday, 22nd October, they will be playing off in the Division semi-final against Our Lady’s. Whoever wins that game will then play against Bayswater North in the Division final. Thank you to Mr McGaw who has been training the boys and will be umpiring the finals. Good luck boys.

**Telephone:** 9725 1206 **OSHC 9724 4514**
Junior House Cross Country
With one more week to go, the Junior and Foundation children were out again yesterday with Mr Brock, Miss Mackenzie and Miss Yallop doing a training session running around the school at lunchtime. The event has been entered onto Compass, so if parents are interested in helping out on the morning of the Junior Cross Country, we would much appreciate your assistance and presence on Friday 23rd October at 9.00am. Please fill out the form and return this to your class teacher. Children can come dressed in their House colours. All children will receive points for their house in the race.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

T20 Blast School Cup
Cricket Victoria is once again hosting a huge Round Robin day for the Ringwood North District on Thursday 29th October. We have entered 7 teams, 5 boys teams and 2 girls teams. We have a couple of the Senior teachers attending, but we would appreciate if we could have the assistance of some parents to look after some teams and just supervise the students on the day. Cricket Victoria and SEDA, will be running the day by scoring and coaching, but we would really appreciate some adults to assist with helping the children out and making sure they go to the correct games etc.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

Music News

Choir
The next big gig for the choir will be Monday the 26th of October in the PAC for the Art Show. The Art Show will commence at 6:30pm and run until 7:30pm. Choir members will need to meet me in the PAC at 7:15pm and be wearing their full choir uniform. We will be starting our Christmas concert practices early in November. Watch this space.

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts

Canteen News

MONDAY MEAL DEALS (only available via online ordering)

Mini Meal Deal - $4.00
Small Cheesymite Scroll from Bakers Delight, Oak Flavoured Milk and fruit juice icypole tube.

Mega Meal Deal - $5.50
Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce, Oak Flavoured Milk and fruit juice icypole tube.

Please note – some items may be substituted due to unavailability.

ROSTER

Friday 16th October – Rachelle McNamara, Joanne Duo.
Tuesday 20th October – Michelle Miles.
Wednesday 21st October – Deanne Scagnetti.
Friday 23rd October – Sue LeClercq, Anissa Silver, Sophie Turnham.

Karen Cyster - Manager

Uniform News

Year 6 Hoodie and Polo order forms for 2016 have been sent out this week.
Samples are available for sizing in the uniform shop during normal shop hours. Please come in and try, especially the Hoodie, on for size. I would ask that you do this ASAP so that the order can be placed quickly, in hope that we get delivery of them a lot earlier this year.

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.

Telephone: 9725 1206   OSHC 9724 4514
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

School Banking News
Welcome back to School Banking in Term 4. 
We have some changes to the availability of Reward Items. Please see the flier below to see what can now be ordered. There were many students who ordered the Torch. Unfortunately these were withdrawn from supply as a precaution as they contained button batteries. For these students, the Commonwealth Bank sent letters out explaining the withdrawal. Your tokens were reinstated and you need to order another item. You can do so by sending a note in with your banking. 
We raised $309.87 last term for our School. This is a great result and brings our yearly total to $1244.07. Remember, the more deposits we do, the more money the School gets for equipment for everyone to use. 
A few things to remember. Keep your tokens at home and please don’t send foreign currency coins. We have had a number of foreign currency coins deposited. These are not accepted when I do the banking, which means I need to put the money in.

Robyn Gatt and Kellent Wu

Mia’s Message Board:
Parenting after Separation
It is one of the hardest things to do…to choose to separate from your partner when you have children together. Even though there are many positives to ending a relationship that has run its course, the impact on children is large. This doesn’t mean you should stay together for the kids, it just means taking a specialised approach in your parenting that supports your children through the changes and challenges. Parenting after Separation – Helping Kids Thrive is a parenting group run by FMC (Family Mediation Centre) who specialise in supporting families that have separated. If your child is not themselves and is struggling with managing feelings or social situations this program will empower you to help them cope with it. See flyer at left, you can contact them directly to enrol.

Competitiveness, Boys and Sports Anxiety
Do you have a child that is starting to give up on things easily, not try things in fear of failure or put too much pressure on themselves to be the best?? This is a growing issue for boys in particular but there are ways you can support them. I am going to run a proactive program for Boys in Year 2-4 on strategies to overcome these issues. They will attend 2 x 2hour sessions with me during school and then there will be a parent only session on how to follow through with these strategies at home. The program is scheduled as followed;

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For more information, please visit www.mediation.com.au
Call 1800 639 523 (phone number and cut off here)
Session 1 - Tuesday 27th October 9am – 11am
Session 2 - Thursday 5th November 9am – 11am
Parent Session – Monday 9th November 9am – 10.15am
This program is FREE and offered as part of my role in Student Welfare.
Please email me for more info or to register: sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Regards
Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer

CHAPS NEWS

Hi Fellow Parents

TRIVIA NIGHT IS THIS SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
If you haven’t got your tickets, it’s not too late so grab them now. Don’t worry if you don’t have a table, we have many parents that don’t so we’ll join you up together. Nat (our host) did a fabulous job last year so it will be a great night this year! There’ll be a silent auction and raffle on the night and Memorabilia Magic are coming with some fabulous items for a live auction! If you would like to donate goods or a service for the raffle/silent auction it would be MUCH appreciated! Please call Natalie on 0402 145599 or email eilatan28@hotmail.com.

Walkathon
If you’ve already returned your booklets and money, thank you!!! The first order of prizes has been submitted and should be with us in early November. Don’t worry if you haven’t got your money in as there will be another order in November.

CHAPS Calendar of Events - Term 3 - 2015

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<td>Monday 7th December @ 7pm</td>
<td>CHAPS AGM in the Staffroom – notice of positions available coming out soon</td>
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Have you got a great idea for a fundraiser or social event? Perhaps you’ve got something you’d like to raise with other parents? Please drop us a line at chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au
Elise Jones - CHAPS Vice President

TRIVIA NIGHT
A MASSIVE thankyou to all of our wonderful sponsors that have generously come on board by donating prizes or auction items for our trivia night. It’s shaping up to be a fantastic night of fun and entertainment, with the opportunity to win some great prizes and bid on some AMAZING auction items including a Fully catered Corporate box for 8 people at a Melbourne United Basketball Game, with the opportunity to meet the players!! (Valued at $3500!!) Tickets are still available ($25p/p) so get a table together, or we can place you on one. BYO Drinks, Nibbles and Gold coins !! So come and join the fun for a great night out and help raise lots of money for our school.
THE JSC WELCOMES YOU TO THE

CHPS STUDENT CORNER

Student of the Week Awards
presented at last week's assembly

FH - Freya
FW – Kaylani
JRT – Addison
JY – Kara and Amelie
JMT – Sherize and Rose
JBB – Mia
JS – Hailey
JMC –Abi and Logan
JJ - Anastasia
JF – Jasmine, Sean,
Lara and Eli
ML – Josh
MT – Caiden, Damian
and Madi
MW – Nathan and Chloe
SD – Gideon
SM- Kayla
SP – Jack and Hayley
SSL – Katie
SSO – Ben and Isabella

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE – true or false
Crocodiles have no sweat glands so they use their mouths to release heat.
Bats are mammals
Mice live for up to 10 years

LAST WEEK’S CHALLENGE
Well done Breeana MD and Alexanadra JMA
who worked out last week's maths puzzle.

A poem from Acacia

SSL

Higher

Higher

It's there

Right before my eyes

No time to turn

I ease myself out of the saddle

Hands glued to the reins

The jump is closer now

I hold on and hope

Not to fall

I hold my breath

I am in the air

Time slows

I'm back down

To the dusty ground

I take a breath

And

Smile 😊

Birthdays this week....

Monday 12th October
Ella SSO

Tuesday 13th
Liam JBB and Will SP

Yesterday
Scarlette JBB

Today
Chantelle FW and
Madison JS

Tomorrow
Mia FR and Luc JS

Saturday 17th October
Will JY, Shannen JMC,
Jordan SM and Lachy
SP

Sunday 18th October
Finn MD

Telephone:  9725 1206   OSHC 9724 4514
What’s been going on in Foundation?
LEARNING TO READ, WRITE AND SPELL.

READINGS
The foundation students have continued to build their love for reading. They are actively involved in “shared reading” sessions assisting in the reading of familiar texts. They love using text structure, prediction, visualisation, think-aloud, summarising and questioning to assist with and better understand what they are reading.

WRITING
Our writing is in full swing. After a full 3 terms of developing the groundwork for writing, the Foundation students are producing some fantastic pieces of work. Recounts, procedures, poems, narratives and information reports are all on the cards in the near future. Keep your eyes peeled.

SPELLING
A new addition to the writing focus of Foundation students is spelling. We are working hard to continue to build our consistency writing the high frequency words correctly, with the new addition of “forever words”. Forever words are those words which we use often but are difficult to remember, such as “because”, “friend”, “favourite” or “sometimes”.

“I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living.”
- Dr. Seuss
All food that is collected and used in the project will be donated to Foodbank our charitable partner, to support individuals and families in need.

Approximately 8 weeks ago, 9 students from Level 4 began theorising, planning, designing, arguing and creating in readiness for the CANstruction Build-Off, which took place on Wednesday 14th October at Food Factory Sales in High St, Bayswater.

The CANstruction Project, is a unique philanthropic, artistic, engineering project. The project enables teams of up to 10 students the opportunity to learn more about Maths and Science principles which are then applied to an artistically engineered design of full cans of food that are turned into amazing works of art. Once the build is over, the cans purchased by the schools for their builds are then donated to Foodbank to support individuals and families in need.

Our CHPS CANstruction team of 2015 worked collaboratively to come up with a design that they thought best explored the theme for CANstruction 2015 which was ‘Shaping the Future’. The design they decided upon and then brought to life on build-day was a set of scales with a dollar on one side representing money/power, and on the other, a heart, which represented love and compassion, the idea being that the latter must outweigh the former if we are going to successfully shape the future for the benefit of all mankind.

Our team did a fantastic job on the day, and were a credit to themselves and CHPS. In fact, they did such a good job that they won the competition overall, receiving the award for Judge’s Favourite! Congratulations to all the students who participated and we look forward to being a part of many more CANstruction events in the future.

The winning team:
(Left to right)
(not present: Zaydan O’Keefe)
Croydon Hills Primary School Presents:

2015 Biennial Art Show

Date: Monday 26th October 2015
Time: 6:30pm
Venue: Performing Arts Centre
Gold Coin Entry
Bulk Billing Dental Care
KIDS & TEENS 2-17 years. NO GAP.

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In conjunction with Drummond Street Services, we present

**Parenting teens who worry too much**

Does your teen worry so much that they struggle to enjoy life like their peers?
Are you feeling lost on how to help them deal with their anxieties?

You are invited to this FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT facilitated by Drummond Street Services. The session will cover a range of topics including:
- How anxiety affects teens
- Learning different strategies to use and how to support your teen to cope better
- Understanding when and where to go for further support

7pm Tuesday November 10
at Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road, Blackburn

Bookings essential for catering purposes.
Go to http://www.trybooking.com/1D1E
RSVP by Friday 6th November.

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Are your finances giving you sleepless nights? Are you heading towards a Christmas debt trap?

See how the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Money Course can take the anxiety out of budgeting for the festive season.
The CAP Money Course is a free money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works.

In two convenient evening sessions, this course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can save, spend and prevent debt.

This October, learn how to plan your budget and prepare for the Christmas season.

Join our CAP Money course today!

The CAP Money Course is a course devised by the award winning debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty. (www.capasst.org)

**Hosted by:** The Christian Reformed Church of Wonga Park
**Date:** 22nd and 29th of October
**Time:** 19:30 pm
**Venue:** 251 Yarra Rd, Wonga Park VIC 3115
**Contact:** Neil Bester
**Tel:** 0429569149
**email:** neil_bester@yahoo.com

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3rd Croydon Scouts Presents.....
2016 Scouts Jamboree Fundraiser

**Sunday 18th October, 10am - 3pm**
Birdwood Ave, Croydon

Jumble Sale, Silent Auctions, Hot Food, Car Wash, Haircuts, Raffle, Lucky Dips, Devonshire Tea & Heaps More!

Free Stuff too: Kids Rides, Lolly Scrambles, Face Painting & Show Bags
Children aged 3 to 12 years get the chance to run with Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy - Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook. Let the Kids Join in the Fun Sunday 22nd November 2015.

For more information and Registration go to: www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Wonga Park Primary School Fair
Celebrating 120 Years
Saturday 24th October, 2015
3.00pm - 8.30pm
Dudley, Road, Wonga Park

Rides
Fairy Floss
Silent Auction
Market Stalls
Games

Face Painting
Balloon Artist
Sausage Sizzle
Pre loved goods

Lollies
Pop Corn
Talent Quest
Crazy Hair

Chocolate
Live Music
Lucky Dips
Show Bags

High Tea
22nd October
1.00-3.00pm
RSVP to 9722 1325
By 19th October