Principal’s Report

Transition for new Foundation Students
Foundation students for 2016 are well into their Transition Sessions. These have been progressing really well for our 125 kinder students and are preparing them for the exciting experience of starting school in 2016. We are very pleased at the way they are settling into our school.

Rocket Club
We were very pleased to be invited to Melba College to a Rocket Launch day last Monday. They provided us with the rockets to be constructed and it worked very well for us as we already have a middle school Rocket Club. The launch morning was perfect, with no wind and it was great fun putting the final parts of the rockets together and launching them alongside other schools and the Melba students. The actual launch was very spectacular and I am sure many of your saw the slow motion video on Facebook which demonstrates the full effect. We look forward to taking part next year and thank Melba College for including us in this enjoyable science activity. There’s a great colour page later in this newsletter.

Korean Connections
Our long-term relationship with South Korea is really progressing so well. I am honored to be asked to attend a Sister City Forum representing Melbourne in Busan. This forum was due to be held in June but was...
postponed at that time as a result of the MERS Virus. It will be held from December 8-11 in Busan which is the second largest city in Korea and where a number of our student groups have visited. It is a beautiful port city in the very South. The forum will have representatives from other Sister Cities including America, China, New Zealand and Singapore so will be a terrific opportunity to network. I will also take the opportunity to visit our new Sister School in Yeosu and see them at work. It will be great to meet the students and staff, whom we will be hosting in February.

We are planning to take our 7th group of CHPS students on a Korean Study Tour in early September 2016. The tour will be available to students in Years 5 & 6 next year. More information will be available early next year. All of the students who have undertaken the trip in the past have found it an amazing experience. We are planning to visit our new friends in Yeosu and that is where the students will do the homestay component. So there may well be some direct links to our families who host in February.

Senior Camps
Thanks to the staff who made the Senior School Camps last week so successful. They were great experiences for our students but do take a great deal of organisation prior, as well as staff making their whole week available to attend the camp. I know it is appreciated by the students and parents.

Chicken Pox
There are a number of cases of Chicken Pox around the school - one of our middle school classes had 10 students absent at one stage. Please be alert for the signs (fever, flu-like before spots appear). Students need to be excluded until all blisters dry up completely.

Decorations for Christmas Carols - help
The parent who does the decorations for the Christmas Carols is going to be away on Wednesday December 9 and so we would love to hear from anyone who could set-up to set up the decorations that afternoon. The parent who has done it for many years is happy to run the new helper through the process prior and the decorations are stored at the school. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Graeme Caudry - Principal
Afterschool Sales for frozen items and drinks only are available from 3.30 – 3.45. Subject to weather conditions.

ROSTER
Friday 20th November – Joanne Duo.
Tuesday 24th November – Kati Wilkins, Beth Robertson.
Wednesday 25th November – Liz Rollo.
Friday 27th November – Sue Le Clercq, Anissa Silver, Sophie Turnham.
Karen Cyster - Manager

Uniform News

Foundation 2016 Orders
All foundation orders placed for 2016 have been put together and are available for collection during normal Uniform Shop opening hours or during Transition Hours.

Year 6 Hoodies & Polos
Hoodie and Year 6 polo orders have been received and collated, the size order has been placed with the supplier. Year 6 Polo’s will be available in approximately 4 weeks time, Year 6 Hoodie’s will be available in the first term of 2016.

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

Mia’s MessageBoard:

Master Yourself and you can Master Anything
Liliane Grace is an author, innovative group facilitator, parent and all round inspiring woman. When Liliane ran her program ‘The Mastery Club’ at Warranwood and Croydon Hills Primary Schools throughout this year I knew it would very beneficial for the children but did not realise the impact it would have on me! Liliane has changed the way I look at life and I have become more optimistic and resilient. I have continued to use several of her positive messages in my ongoing work with children. Liliane’s program The Mastery Club is a journey I recommend for any adult who wants to have a more positive and fulfilling life. The key to ensuring our children’s resilience and positive approach to life is ensuring we have it ourselves.

Liliane is extremely passionate about supporting children and families to live their best life. Liliane is also trained in the SleepTalk process which is a powerful method of creating positive change in your child through positive affirmations into their subconscious while they are asleep. There is a lot of research around subliminal positive affirmations as being an effective way of increasing self-esteem, and intervening with negative behaviour. It has also helped with bedwetting.

Please email Liliane direct to register for any of her parent or child programs in 2016. liliane@themasteryclub.com

COMING SOON – The Resilience Project. Make yourself, your family unit and your children resilient in 2016…..watch this space for more info.

Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer
Hi Fellow Parents

**Christmas Tree Fundraiser**
This fundraiser has now finished. If you bought a tree, thankyou! You’ll be receiving a confirmation and pick up details via your child in the following days.

**Christmas Raffle**
Christmas raffle tickets have been sent home for purchase. Thanks to those who have already sent their tickets and money back! Tickets are only $1 and you could win an Apple iPad Mini 2 (16GB WiFi), a Coles Myer Gift voucher or a Donna Hay Gift pack. The Raffle will be drawn at our School Carols night on Wednesday 9th Dec. Please support our final fundraiser for 2015.

**Volunteers needed**
CHAPS have been asked to support the following events and as such we are seeking volunteers to assist. If you can spare an hour or so to help out, please drop us a line chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au.

1. Wednesday, 16th Dec @ 8:15am to 10am – Book Collection Day – 2 more volunteers
2. Wednesday, 16th Dec @ 2.45pm to 5:30pm – Book Collection Day – 4 more volunteers

**Walkathon**
Walkathon prizes were distributed to the kids last week. If there are any questions/issues, please don’t hesitate to contact Elise on 0400 951046 or email chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au. For those who handed in their sponsorship forms and money after October 9th, your prize orders have been submitted and we should receive them in the next couple of weeks.

**CHAPS AGM**
Our 2015 AGM will be held on Monday 7th December @ 7pm in the Staffroom. Join us to reflect on the great things we have achieved in 2015 for our fabulous school and to elect our new committee for 2016.

A list of positions was sent home last week, please have a look and let me know if there is a position that interests you or if you’d like some more information about any of the positions, including time commitments.
Elise Jones 0400 951046
CHAPS Vice President

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**Nutrition Tips for Healthy Learning**

Healthy eating doesn’t need to be perfect.

*It’s very tempting; in fact I hear it a lot, for people to feel they have to be perfect with their food choices 100% of the time. Funny thing is, nobody is perfect and with healthy eating the 80:20 rule works just fine. This means that if you are choosing and providing healthy food for yourself and your family 80% of the time the other 20% doesn’t matter so much. In fact when you are so concerned about the less healthy (sometimes) foods and make too big a deal about them you can create some unhelpful attitudes toward these foods for your children. Children learn these ‘sometimes’ foods are ‘bad’ instead of just food that is not so healthy. When food is labelled as ‘good’ and ‘bad’ it starts to bring emotions into eating. The role for parents here is to teach your children that you eat less healthy food sometimes because you feel like it (not as a reward or treat) and in small quantities. Enjoy!*

News from the JSC.....
Christmas is fast approaching and we would like to help out others in our community who aren’t as fortunate in a couple of ways.

Firstly, we are again going to be participating in the Wesley Mission Victoria’s ‘Food for Families Appeal’. The aim of the appeal is to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for families in need in the lead up to Christmas. Each year this service helps more than 55,000 people, not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

Donations can be sent to the office. Please see the attached flyer in the newsletter suggestions for possible donations and conditions required or visit www.wesley.org.au

Secondly, we are going to be participating in the Salvation Army ‘Toy Appeal’. Students can donate a present for a child of the same age and gender to be able to unwrap at Christmas. We will be helping the Salvation Army to collect about 500,000 toys/presents to give to families in need.

Donations can be sent to the office with the present clearly labelled whom it is intended for. For example – A girl aged 9. Please see the flyer on the left for suggestions for possible donations and conditions required or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au
LAST WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Was to work out how many days, hours or minutes left in 2015 from midnight on the 12th

If you answered not enough you’d be right!! Or 49 days or 1,176 hours or 70,560 minutes would do too.

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE provided by Mr Sommers

Use the numbers 1-9 in these grids to make each line equal the number in each box.

[Grid with numbers 11, 13, 9, 11, 14, 6]

Thanks to everyone who came dressed in their favourite jelly baby colour to support World Diabetes Day last Friday. We raised $536.20 for the JDRF.

Jokes from JMA

James
Why did the dinosaur cross the road?

Because chickens weren’t around!!!

Cooper
Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?

To get to the bottom!!

Birthdays this week....

Monday 16th November
Nikita JBB & Natasha JMA

Today
Claire SSL

Saturday 21st
Angus MT & Julian SSO

Sunday 22nd
Elijah FH, Jack JF & Sarah JPB

Congratulations!!!!

We are again going to support the Salvation Army Toy Appeal and the Wesley Mission Food Drive.

Refer to the pages in this newsletter promoting it and watch out for a news feed via Compass.
ROCKET CLUB
On Monday the Croydon Hills Rocket Club was invited to attend a rocket launch with the rocket club from Melba Secondary College. It was an incredibly exciting day and a great opportunity to compare rockets and learn new building techniques! After launching about 30 different rockets we all shared a pizza lunch. What an amazing learning experience!
Year 5 Camp at Camp Coonawarra

On the 9th of November our Year 5 students began their five day adventure at Camp Coonawarra.

They enjoyed activities such as canoeing, horse riding, the giant swing, the high ropes course, the flying fox, the night hike, an initiative course, hut building and archery. Despite the rain the students all had a wonderful time. A very big thank you to Felicity Puckey, Dale McInerney, Andrew Den Elzen, Jenny Mangan, Brigid McConville, Jenny Ball, Chris Scagnetti and Kate Wilson for giving up your precious time to create such a worthwhile and enjoyable experience for our students. Thank you to our Year 5 students for making our time away such an absolute pleasure.
Year 6 Canberra Tour 2015
Monday November 9th-13th

Last week, our wonderful cohort of Year 6 students participated in our annual Canberra Tour...

it was early Monday morning when we departed and the students were buzzing with excitement. The long day on the bus was broken up with stops at Yea, Benalla, Holbrook and Gundagai - but we finally got to Canberra! The first night included a visit to the National Dinosaur Museum, which the kids found extremely fascinating.

Tuesday rolled around and it was a very busy day. First it was off to the National Museum of Australia, which was home to some interesting artefacts (including Phar Lap’s heart!). Next it was on to the National Capital Exhibition, where the students learnt all about how Canberra was chosen, designed and built. The lego building activity was very popular! Our third excursion for the day was the National Zoo and Aquarium, which the kids loved. The whole group travelled to Telstra Tower for some stunning 360° views of Canberra and beautiful photos. After dinner, to wrap up a very long day, we strolled down to Cockington Green - a miniature village. it’s an amazing place and the kids loved finding all of the hidden gems amongst the buildings and sceneries (and the train ride was a lot of fun!).

Unfortunately we went from a sunny, hot day on Tuesday to rainy and wet on Wednesday. Luckily we were inside to start the day, having a great time at Questacon. The Drop Slide, as always, seemed the most popular attraction and some kids did an amazing job facing their fears and giving it a go. A delicious pizza lunch was followed by a tour and interactive treasure hunt at the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), where the kids learnt about our democratic history. Finally it was off to the AIS at night and this was the favourite for a lot of the students. A tour of the grounds and time in the ‘interactive zone’ playing a range of sports really hit the spot!
Thursday was ‘school uniform’ day - we had to ensure our school was appropriately represented at the War Memorial and Parliament House. The War Memorial in the morning was amazing and we really could have spent the entire day there. From interactive movies to incredible memorabilia and displays, the kids were blown away. For the first time on our Canberra Tours, the students had the chance to see Parliament sit while at Parliament House. The kids saw debates about two bills - one on raising the GST from 10% to 15%, and the other referred to the possibility of revoking citizenship of Australians found to have links to terrorist organisations. It was extremely interesting! One group was even lucky enough to have private ‘Question Time’ with Menzies MP Kevin Andrews, and they asked some really pertinent and well-thought out questions. The Australian Mint was another place we visited and most students took advantage of the opportunity to mint their own coin. The day rounded out with an evening walk up Mount Ainslie. We battled misty rain and ever-increasing slopes, but all students made it to the top and the energy and sense of achievement amongst the kids was mind-boggling - all very proud of themselves!

Friday’s drive back saw most students sleep and begin the recovery from a very busy, jam-packed and engaging week of activities. They can all hold their heads up high knowing they got the most out of the camp they could, and the overall behaviour and attitude of the group was very good.

It was a great chance for the group of kids to spend some quality time together towards the end of their final year of primary school, and they will all take great memories away from the camp as they move onto bigger and better things in secondary school next year!

Thank you to the parent helpers and teachers who gave up their time for the week to be on ‘duty’ almost 24/7 - we really do appreciate the support and without that assistance, amazing camping opportunities like this wouldn’t be available to our students.

- Liam Sommers, camp coordinator
Croydon Hills Primary School
FAMILY FUN FAIR
March 20th 2016
119 Days To Go

Firstly apologies for the incorrect dates for the fair in our last flyer, we are all set for Sunday the 20th March 2016. Secondly thank you to families that have offered up their time to help out on the day of the fair, but sadly we still need more help, without your help we have no choice but to outsource things like the food stalls, face painting etc., so if you can spare an hour on the day or you would like to run a stall please email me at chpsfete2015@gmail.com

LOGO COMPETITION
Keep on eye out for info on the logo competition starting soon

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Volunteers Needed
BBQ
Hot Potatoes
Snow Cones
Face Painting
Show bags
White Elephant
Pizza
Ticket Sales

RIDES
Just confirmed!!
4 x bungee trampolines, plus
Giant Slide, Chair o Plane,
Music Trip, Cha Cha,
and the Hurricane

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