Principal’s Report

This morning’s House Cross Country for students from Years 3-6 was a terrific event. It is wonderful to see all students put in so much effort. Of course some students are faster runners than others, but all students had a go and did their best, scoring points for their house. Thanks to Mrs Mac for the enormous amount of organizing and preparation which goes into the morning and to all the staff and parents who assisted so ably on the day. It was terrific to see so many family supporters cheering on the children as they persevered to the finish line. Ovens (red) house emerged the points winner, but all students who did their best were the real winners on the day!

Our Open Afternoon & Evening are coming up the week after next, on Tuesday May 17. Please keep your eye out in the newsletter for all the details. The theme is Resilience and it should be a terrific afternoon and evening with lots of activities for parents and students. For parents or friends who have a student commencing in Foundation in 2017 we have our Foundation Parent Information Night next Tuesday May 10, at 7.15pm in the PAC. Please
let anyone know who you think might be interested. There is no need to book.

Parking is of course a continuing challenge. One particular issue I mentioned a few weeks back is Barwon Court near the Yarrunga car park. It is a narrow road and it is illegal to park on the road, it is also illegal to park half on the road and on the nature-strip, yet parents are still doing it. Hanging over driveways at any time is illegal and extremely inconsiderate, yet this happens regularly on all roads around the school. Council will be sending enforcement officers to ensure that everyone is complying with the Victorian Road laws. These laws are in place to ensure that everyone is safe in the environment around our school and that our neighbors have appropriate access to their properties.

Last Friday we hosted the Principal and 2 senior staff from our newest Sister School, Myeongsun Elementary School, which is in Incheon, north of Seoul. They are lovely people who are very enthusiastic about building our relationships further. They hope to bring a student group in September and our students will spend a day in their school in October, during our Korean Study Tour.

CSEF Funding
A reminder to families receiving Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding this year ($125.00 per child for parents with a current, eligible Healthcare/Centrelink card): CSEF money has now been paid to the school and is available to use for costs relating to camps, sports, excursions or incursions for your child. Please print off your Compass permission form and return it to the office with CSEF written clearly beside the charge amount.

It is not too late to apply, if you have a current Healthcare or eligible Centrelink card. Please see the office if you have any questions.

Sports News
Team Vic Tennis Trials
Congratulations to Jason B (SKF) and Rory G (SKF) for representing our school on Monday at the District / Division SSV Tennis trials. Both boys came up against some really difficult competition and played really well. Neither of the boys made it to the next level, however, we know that you did your best and had a great time. It’s always a great experience to compete in such high levels of competition.

Interschool Sport
Unfortunately with the bad weather last Friday, we had to cancel our round of Interschool Sport. This Friday however is looking good weather-wise, so finally we will get to play our first game against Kalinda Primary.

Venues:
CHPS – Football, Hot Shots Tennis, Boys and Girls Softball
Kalinda: Netball A, Netball B, Netball C, Soccer, Volleystars

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
Games will be commencing at 1.30pm at all venues.

**House Cross Country**
Thank you to the parents and grandparents who volunteered their time today at the House Cross Country. We have been lucky with the weather, better than cold and wet!! Well done to all the children in Year 3 – 6 who competed and ran around the course. The 10 and under children ran 2km and the 11 & 12 year olds ran 3kms. Thank you also to the staff who helped out in the different jobs they were allocated. In our House Sports it’s all about participation, as even coming last is really important for scoring points for the particular house which the children are in. Well done to the children who came in the top 10; they will now progress to the District Cross Country competition at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards on Tuesday 24th May. Results of each race and the winning House will be published in next week’s newsletter.

*Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE*

**Music News**

**Yarrunga Choir Performance** – Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir members will be walking down to Yarrunga Community Centre on Wednesday 11th May at 11:30 am to perform at the Elderly Citizens AGM. There is a notice on Compass now and this needs to be completed in order for these students to attend.

**Open Night Tuesday 17th May**
The Choir and Rock band will be performing at the closing of “Open Night” at 7:30 in the PAC.

**Stagestruck Tuesday May 24th at 7 p.m.**
Our annual concert will be held in the PAC on the 24th of May. The PAC is open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes for those students who would like to show me their item. Stagestruck is our annual concert that gives performers an opportunity to showcase their talent, whether it is in a small group of dancers/singers or a solo instrument or part of one of our school performing groups. It would be lovely to have more instrumentalists involved this year so if you are learning and instrument and have an item ready, come and show me. If you have any queries about this event, don’t hesitate to ask Mrs Lane. Notices are now available from me in the P.A.C.

**Choir Uniforms** – are being fitted now ready for the Stagestruck Concert. If we have them fitted in time for the Open Night performance, students can wear them then. Don’t forget to return the choir pants notice if you need me to supply your child with pants, otherwise they will be given a shirt and tie.

*Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts*

**Library News**

**Our Book Fair is getting closer!**
The time of our Book Fair is approaching once again. The Book Fair will run from Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May. This is during education week and the same week that we have our Open Night. The Library is closed for classes and borrowing for this week. The books are on display and available for purchase (although copies of popular books do run out and I have to order them). Opening times for the Book Fair are on Compass and will be in the newsletter next week. They will also be on posters that will be put up around the school closer to the date. Some of the times are designed so that you can come in without children if you want to purchase the books as gifts. Other times are designed so that your children can come in with you. We are using a different company this year so feel free to pass on any feedback about the quality and the range of books available.

*Sue Offer*

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**Wonderful children’s stories read to your children by Australian voices**

Visit the Storybox website to sign up

**Canteen News**

**Sausage Sizzle – Tuesday 17th May**
Orders are due back with the correct money by 3pm Thursday 12/5. Alternatively it can be ordered online via Flexischools until 3pm 12/5. No other lunch orders are available on the day. NO LATE ORDERS. Please make sure envelopes are sealed properly to avoid missing money, snap lock bags are a great alternative.

**MONDAY MEAL DEALS (only available via online ordering)**
- **Mini Meal Deal - $4.00**
  - Small Cheesymite Scroll from Bakers Delight, Oak Flavoured Milk and 2 homemade cookies
- **Mega Meal Deal - $5.50**
  - Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce, Oak Flavoured Milk and 2 homemade cookies.
Please note – some items may be substituted due to unavailability.

**ROSTER**

- **Tuesday 10th May** – Lee Smart
- **Friday 13th May** – Kylie Van Roosmalen, Kati Wilkins.

Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

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**Uniform News**

I have 2 spare Year 6 Hoodies available for purchase if anyone is interested,
Size S Adult and size M Adult.

"**Get ready for Winter**", all Winter stock is available,
Pocket Rain Jackets, perfect for Camp and Excursions on SALE! $20
Scarfes are temporarily out of stock.

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](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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**Mia’s Message Board:**

**Behaviour is Communication**

All behaviour has a purpose, but up until around 8 years old children will not be able to tell you why they feel that way or why they are behaving in a certain way and it does not matter. What does matter is that they are made to feel normal and it is okay to have feelings and process them in a healthy way.

Up until the age of 6 it is very normal for kids to have emotional outbursts and difficulty managing their feelings. At this time, they are still very attuned to their parents emotions. Their self-regulation depends on the parents’ ability to self-regulate. At this age if a child is struggling emotionally and the parent reacts negatively to them this will undermine their emotional development. The key is to stay calm, validate their feelings and direct them towards healthy ways of letting their emotions out.

It is impossible to completely shelter kids from the pressures and conflict of life that you as a parent may be dealing with. Don’t shelter them, use it to role model healthy coping strategies, talk to them about your feelings and how you manage the uncomfortable ones. Have discussions about how life can be challenging and that is how we build resilience. Do not give them too much information and details about adult issues as they are not developmentally able to process this and it can cause trauma. If you are unsure about what to say, less is more and speak to professionals about how to tell kids about major issues.

There are several parenting courses, including on-line courses, available to help parents learn about development and emotional literacy. I also have some books that I am happy to loan out.

sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Let me know if you need anything, I am happy to help.

Mia
Thank you to Kylie Van Roosmalen and Justine Wratten for organising yesterday’s Mothers’ Day Stall. Kylie and Justine would also like to extend their thanks to their team of helpers: Liz Watts, Leanne Crome, Elise Wollard, Priscilla Tkatchenko, Mandy Packett, Nikky Edwards, Kimberly Rowe, Leslie Clarke, Kylie Baker, Jacinta Parolo, Jess Ward, Lauren, Meredith Limbs, Robyn Gatt and Allison Tough. We are all looking forward to receiving our gifts on Sunday!

Our Chocolate Fundraiser is only a few weeks away and our CHAPS team is busy making last minute preparations. Chocolates are a big fundraising opportunity (approximately $8,000 in profit) for our school and we appreciate all the efforts that our families go to when selling them. If it is your preference NOT to sell a box this year, please email us with your youngest child’s name and class before the 27th of May at chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au. In previous years, some families have opted to donate the profit from each box in lieu of selling one. The profit is $20 per box and donations would be most welcome! Volunteers are needed to help us label and distribute the boxes on the 1st of June. If you can spare a few hours from 9am – please email Elise at chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au.

Feeling community minded? Why not sign up for CHAPS. Forms are available from the school office or by emailing CHAPS at chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au

Sally Harley – CHAPS Communication Co-ordinator - chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au

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**PARENTS OF YEAR 6S - THIS REQUIRES YOUR URGENT ATTENTION!**

We have 2 brand new Year 6 hooded tops at the office. They were found in the schoolgrounds ALMOST 3 WEEKS AGO. They are un-named and unclaimed. These represent a considerable investment ($50.00 each) and you would think they might be missed as the weather continues to get colder.

Can all Year 6 parents please check that their child has their blue Year 6 hoodie and contact the office if they believe we have it here.

They would be far better warming a Year 6 child, than our front desk!
These students received a ‘Student Award’ at Friday’s assembly – congratulations!

Monday 2nd May
Cara MBB

Tuesday 3rd
Josh MAH

Yesterday
Brett SDE

Today
Tayla JKS, Emily SDE & Ella SKF

Tomorrow
Taylah FSH, Madelyn JSY and Kane MAH

Saturday 7th
Jackson FKK, Wesley FTC and Jason SKF

Congratulations, hope all your wishes come true and you got some cool presents too!!

Joke Time

Thanks to all the students that have been submitting their jokes, we hope you enjoy them!!

From Myah JJS – What do you call a pig that does karate? Pork chop!!

From Eden JJS – What did the boy ice cream say to the girl ice cream? Hello sweetie!

From Indy SKF – What cup can never hold water? A cupcake!

What is a cat’s favourite colour? Puuuurrple!!

From Chloe SKF & Akira MKL – Why don’t you give Elsa a balloon? She will let it go!!

From Freya JKS – Why did the sun go to university? For the degrees!!

From Keeley MKL – What do you call a deer with eyes? No idea!!

From Jordan SKF – Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says ‘dam!’

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Write the answer to the challenge, with your name and class and place it in the box outside the office by Tuesday morning.

What am I?
I am found in the sea and on land but I don’t walk or swim. I travel by foot but I don’t have toes. No matter where I go I’m never far from home!
Last week our Year 6 student leaders represented our school at ANZAC Day student services. On Wednesday, the School Captains attended the Rotary service held at Ringwood Lake and on Thursday all the Year 6 leaders attended the 84th Legacy Commemoration Ceremony for students.
Open Night 2016

What: Croydon Hills Primary School Open afternoon and evening.

When: Tuesday 17th May 2016

Where: Croydon Hills Primary School

Focus: Resilience

Program Outline:

➢ 2:40 to 3:15pm: Come and see the school at work! All classes in operation. Visitors welcome! Some classes will be in specialists and visitors are most welcome.

➢ 2:40 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 7:30pm: The fantastic Book Fair is on in the Library! Great bargains to be had!

➢ 6:00 to 7:30pm: Visit all classrooms with your passport and see the work the students have been doing to build their resilience. The work on display will show the ways we are expressing gratitude and empathy. Our learning about emotional literacy and practicing mindfulness.

➢ 7:30 to 8:00pm: Come and enjoy the musical talent we have at Croydon Hills! The School Choir and other musical bands will be performing in the PAC at 7:30pm. There will also be a lucky prize draw for those who complete their Passport at the conclusion of the night.
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Improving Info Processing & Managing Meltdowns in Autism with Donna Williams - coming to Park Orchards 2nd June

WHAT: Improving Info Processing & Managing Meltdowns

WHEN: 7pm-8.30pm, Thursday 2nd June 2016

WHERE: Park Orchards Community Centre, 572 Park Rd, Park Orchards, Vic

BOOKINGS: Programcoord@parkorchards.org.au or phone 9876 4381

COST: $10 (NOTE that books will also be available - cash only)

“Donna shares her knowledge with her audience in a way which makes it one to one, when in a room of hundreds. I would recommend her as a ‘never to be missed’ speaker”.

THE FOOTBALLS ARE OFF THE ROOF!

We have several footballs and a couple of downballs that have been retrieved from the school roof. Please come to the office to collect if these belong to you.