Principal’s Report

A reminder that next week is Education Week for all Victorian Government Schools. We have our Open Afternoon & Evening next Tuesday, themed around the work we have commenced this year on The Resilience Project. It is a terrific opportunity to see the school in operation in the afternoon. The evening session gives everyone a chance to see different parts of the school and have their passport stamped. More information is available later in the newsletter.

Our students in Years 3 and 5 have been taking part in the NAPLAN Testing this week and we are very pleased at their application to this task. It is only one test on one day but it is still important that students try their best. The results unfortunately will not be available until later in the year.

Drop Off Zone

I seem to be “banging on” about parking every week, but here we are again with parents not following road laws and school policy.

The Drop Off Zone operates in the morning only. Parents can drive up to the next available space, stop only for the time it takes for their students to get their belongings from the car. The car can then move into the right hand side and drive out. You can only turn left out of the exit when leaving in the morning.

This is not the place for long kisses and farewell hugs. Students should only get out on the passenger side of the car and you need to stop and let your students out at the first opportunity to stop the car beside the footpath. Do not wait until you reach the head of the line.

If using the drop off zone, you must be able to unload your students and their bags within 30 seconds and move on. If you need longer to achieve this then you need to park on the street.

Over the next few weeks we will be giving out raffle tickets to students who make the 30 sec benchmark and they will go into the draw for a prize to be drawn at Assembly.

This system works very smoothly when everyone follows these guidelines. If you are leaving the car for any purpose (like escorting students to the classroom) then you must not use the drop off zone at any time between 8.30 and 9.15am. The Drop Off Zone does not operate in the afternoon as the dynamics do not work and it is unsafe. The only use after school is for school authorised disabled parking.

Students dropped off after 9am need to be signed in by parents at the Compass Kiosk. This is a Department requirement. They should not be dropped off to get into school on their own for obvious safety reasons.
We held the **Foundation Information Night** last Tuesday, with a good crowd of parents interested to find out about our school and what we offer our students, particularly in Foundation. We have enrolments coming in and if you are a current parent with a student starting next year please get an enrolment form from the office. If you have friends considering schools, our Open Afternoon and Evening is a great time for them to have a look around. School tours are available as well during this term.

**The Middle School Dance Program** with David Skinner finished up this week with parents invited to attend and join in the final session. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun for everyone involved. David has been working with our school for more than 20 years. I loved this comment on Facebook by a past parent. *My girls had a great time doing the Grade 3 dance program several years ago with Mr Skinner. I can't hear Mambo Number 5 or Walk Like An Egyptian without thinking of those dances!*

Graeme Caudry - Principal

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**Next Friday 20th May is Walk Safely to School day!**

This initiative promotes students walking to school for several reasons:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need, as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Walk to school on Friday 20th May and receive a sticker and some free shoelaces for your efforts! You will also know that you have helped reduce carbon emissions from going into the atmosphere!

For more information, visit the following website: [http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd/](http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd/)

Laura Kitching

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**Sports News**

**House Cross Country**

Congratulations to Ovens House (red house) for winning the House Cross Country last Thursday. Well done to all the children for having a go and participating in the event. A very big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to come along and help out with this event - we can’t run events like this without parents helping. Congratulations to all the children who made the top 10 in their age group, as they will now proceed to the District Cross Country at Domeney Reserve, 100 Acre Woods, Park Orchards, on Tuesday 24th May. This event will be published on Compass today, so could parents please make sure they consent and pay as soon as possible, so that your child doesn’t miss out. Check out the photo page later in this newsletter.

**Results:**

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**Interschool Sport**

Well done to all the teams who played last Friday against Kalinda Primary School.

**Results:**

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We have a Bye this week, but training will take place on Friday at 12.30 – 1.40. Thanks again to parents Kylie, Sharyn and Lee who have been assisting with the Netball A and Netball C teams.

**Junior Running Club**

For the past two weeks, the Junior staff have been trying to get out at lunchtime on a Tuesday to start the Junior Running Club. Unfortunately due to the bad weather, we are yet to get up and running!! Fingers crossed for next Tuesday!

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

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**Music News**

**Yarrunga Choir Performance** – Congratulations to the Year 4, 5 and 6 choir members who performed so professionally at the Yarrunga Community Centre yesterday, Wednesday 11th May. You were great ambassadors for our school and the Elderly Citizens absolutely loved your performance!! Thank you to our parent helpers, Stacey Hill, Rebecca Andrew and Rachel McNamara for walking with us and helping with supervision and organization. A big thank you to Rosa Tomada, and Lucie and Paul Battaini for coming to the performance and supporting the choir.

Open Night Tuesday 17th May

Just a reminder that the choir and Rock band will be performing at the closing of “Open Night” at 7:30 in the PAC next Tuesday

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the 17th of May.

**Stagestruck Tuesday May 24th at 7 p.m.**

Our annual concert will be held in the PAC on the 24th of May. Enrolments are now closed for this event. Thank you to all of the students who have been practising hard over the past few weeks and have items polished and ready for the night. Keep practising and refining your item.

*Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts*

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**Art Corner**

Congrats to our latest Palette Award winner Shannen from S-DS.

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**Indigenous Art Incursion**

We will be hosting Heather Kennedy, who will be introducing our students to Indigenous history and culture, stories and creating artwork to take home. Reconciliation Week is 27th May – 3rd June and it is important that we begin providing opportunities for our students to learn, understand and deepen their understanding of Australia by engaging with the world’s oldest continuous living cultures, while developing respect and tolerance for diversity.

It's an exciting program, so check Compass for information, consent form and payment details before the incursion day.

Dates for each level are:
- Foundation: Friday 10th June
- Middle: Tuesday 14th June
- Juniors: Wednesday 15th June
- Seniors: Thursday 16th June

**Art Smocks**

Please remember that smocks are a must when working with materials such as paint and clay. Art smocks do not need to be fancy or store bought – an old t-shirt or jumper is just as good. I still have my Year 12 jumper that I use now as a smock.

**Senior NGV Local Landscapes Program/Excursion**

This is a notice for students involved with the Local Landscapes painting program. Just a reminder that our Presentation day is booked for Sunday 19th June for 1.30pm. Invitations will be sent home at the start of June with a guest limit – 4 guests plus the artist (student). Please place this date in your diaries/calendars and if there are any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Claudia Michielin - Visual Arts Teacher*

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**Library News**

**Our Book Fair is on next week!**

The Book Fair will run from Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May. 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 these need to be prepaid and I have to order them). Opening times for the Book Fair are:

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Monday 16/05  8.30 - 9.30
Tuesday 17/05  8.30 - 9.00
               2.40 - 4.00
               6.00 - 7.30 open night
This gets extremely busy. If you can come at another time it would be better.
Wednesday 18/05  8.30 - 9.00
               3.00 - 4.00
Thursday 19/05  8.30 - 9.00
Friday 20/05  8.30 - 9.00

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.

All the classes will get a chance to come in and write out a wish list during the week of the Book Fair. Some classes may come in after you have purchased books at the Book Fair. If this happens with your child it is okay to remind them that they have already received books from the Book Fair and therefore the wish list they have filled in is not required. Some parents love the idea of a ‘Wish List’ others hate it! We do remind the children that it is a ‘Wish’ list and it doesn’t mean that they will necessarily get anything that they write down. They are also reminded that the Library purchases books from the Book Fair and they can always suggest a book for the Library to buy.

Lamont is the company through which we are running our Book Fair this year. This is a different company than the one we have used in previous years. I thought that it was time for a change. Please feel free to drop in to the library with feedback about the new company. This is a fundraising opportunity for our school library.

Payment can be made by cash, Visa or Mastercard. We will have one EFTPOS machine available so if you chose to use this facility you may be in a bit of a queue. No AMEX is available.

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Sue Offer

Canteen News

Sausage Sizzle – Tuesday 17th May
No other lunch orders are available on the day.

WARM MILO - $1.50
From Friday 13th May onwards we will be offering a warm milo with a homemade cookie at recess only for $1.50.

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 17th May – Simone O’Dea.
Friday 20th May – Rachelle McNamara, Joanne Duo.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

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. 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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How constantly reassuring your child lowers their Resilience

When you constantly tell your child ‘everything will be okay’ or if you tell them what to do in situations they do not learn to problem solve and they learn to rely on you to solve everything in the future. If you are finding that your child is struggling at school or not wanting to separate from you it could be because they have come to depend on you to make them feel safe and secure in every difficult situation.

If you want to build your child’s Resilience you need to encourage them to use their strategies or develop ways in which they can reassure themselves in a situation that is challenging for them. Reminding your child to do slow deep breathing, using positive self-talk and talking to their teacher at school is very empowering for them.

If you feel like your child or even yourself are becoming increasingly anxious I HIGHLY recommend the BRAVE program. It is an online program for Parent and Child that is FREE. It is highly interactive and engaging and shows you how to take action. It is suitable for kids from 7 years up. If you have a slightly younger child that is anxious I recommend you do the Parent program anyway to gain strategies on how to assist your child. Go to the webpage and register and then you are set to go!

www.bra4you.psy.uq.edu.au. 

Mia

CHAPS NEWS

The Federal Election has been announced and that means CHAPS is already smelling sausages cooking. As the election falls during the Term 2 school holidays, we need to start sourcing volunteers now to help run our BBQ on the day. The election BBQ is a good fundraising opportunity. We have a captive audience and we all know how hungry voting can make you! If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time on July 2 – please contact us at chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au

Our Chocolate Fundraiser is only a few weeks away and our CHAPS team are 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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CHAPS Calendar of Events

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**Birthdays this week....**

Monday 9th May  
Tayla MAH

Tuesday 10th  
Jackson MJT and Alicia SDS

Yesterday  
Eliza MBB

Today  
Jack MBB

Tomorrow  
James JKS

Saturday 14th  
Lola JLS and Keara SKF

Sunday 15th  
James JJS

**Joke Time**

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

From **Steph MKL** –  
What animals need to be oiled?  
Mice (when they squeak!)

From **Ciara MKL** –  
What is the best day to cook French fries?  
FRIday!!

**Freaky Facts!!**

Did you know that....

The deepest part of the Pacific Ocean is 11km.

There are more than 50,000 earthquakes across the world each year.

Bigger raindrops make brighter rainbows!

Well you do now!!

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**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.

I don’t have lungs or a chest but I need air; I am not alive, but I grow; I don’t have a mouth and I don’t like water. What am I?

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**LAST WEEK’S CHALLENGE**

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?

A snail!!

Have you got any tips or suggestions? Make sure to let your JSC rep know.

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I'm Batman
Another day of being batman
I could be a surgeon,
a builder
or a shop owner
but no
I have to be batman

At first
I thought it would be fun
being batman
you know
fighting bad guys
being a hero
but after a few weeks
I just got sick of it

And the suit
oh the suit
it's so hot in there
and it's so tight
I can barely breathe
but I can't quit being Batman
I asked the president
he said no
I asked him again
he said no
again it goes
on and on
I'm stuck being Batman
till I die!

And you would think
the other super heroes and I
would get along, right?
but we don't
At all!

Spiderman
is just a glorified
web browser
Hulk?
just lifts heavy things
thinks no one will notice
he's green
and Superman?
well he's just annoying
but you know
I guess that's what you get
for being a bat, man

-Alicia Wratten

The Perfect Book
I can't stop
just can't stop
word to word
page to page
it pulls me in —
like a tornado

pulled through paragraphs
colliding with characters
finding the addictive words

as I read
hearing
the fresh flapping pages
seeing the illustrations
and wondering
what happens next?

- Joshua Plumridge

My (Other) Home
I'm an explorer
an adventurer
I love this place
it feels like home

I feel magical
walking in a world
full of inquisitive animals

Creatures roam
all different sizes
all different colours

It's my place
my home
my Zoo

By Madeline Ferreiro
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.
The Alannah & Madeline Foundation’s Community Partner, **Richmond Football Club**, will dedicate this weekend’s AFL match between Richmond v Sydney Swans on Saturday May 14, to the Foundation. The match will raise awareness and much-needed funds to help us continue our vital work to keep children safe from violence.

Donations made during the game will be equalled by match sponsor **energy provider AGL** up to $10,000. ‘Free for kids’ tickets are available as part of this special match and we encourage you to utilise this offer and to pass this message onto your school and wider networks. All ‘free for kids’ registrations will be placed in the draw to win a spot in the on-field ‘Guard of Honour’ as the players enter the arena.

**Registrations close 9am Friday May 13.**

**PRIVACY:** All personal information you provide will be used by the Richmond Football Club in accordance with the Club’s privacy policy. By providing your personal information, you agree to such use by the Richmond Football Club.

**REGISTER FOR TICKETS**

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**SAVINGS TRACKER. ACTIVITY SHEET**

**What to do:**

Work out how much you need to save to reach your savings goal and mark up the largest amounts at each point on the thermometer. Then each time you add money towards your savings goal, colour in the thermometer.

| $500 | $500 ALMOST THERE! |
| $1000 | $1000 YOU'VE HALFWAY! |
| $1500 | $1500 GREAT START! |

For more tips and fun activity sheets, visit The Beanstalk at corebank.com.au/southeast

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**Learning through play**

**Kurborooroo Kindergarten**

Open Day Saturday May 14th 2016
10am to 12noon

- Come Meet our Wonderful Teachers & Staff
- Offering 3 year old & 4 year old Kinder Programs for 2017
- Enrolment information available on the day

75 Bemboka Rd, Warranwood – Ph 9879 0407
www.kurboroorookindergarten.org.au

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**Parenting Information Session**

**Young People: Gaming, Social Media and the Internet**

**Wednesday June 15 @ 7-9pm**

Blackburn Uniting Church Hall
Corner of The Avenue & Blackburn Rd, Blackburn
(Opposite Connections Blackburn Office)

Cost: FREE!

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**Savings Tracker Activity Sheet**

**I'M SAVING FOR**

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