Principal’s Report

The rapid approach to the end of the year means many festive and fun activities at school. There are many events happening in the next two weeks, so please read your Newsletters and Compass notifications carefully.

Staff leaving

As with any year, there will be changes in staffing for 2017. The new staff will be announced, with the details of class allocation, next Thursday in the Newsletter. Students will spend a session in their 2017 class with their new teacher on Friday December 16th. Staff who will not be returning for 2017 are:

- **Kathryn Lane** enjoyed the good life so much in her Term 3 Long Service Leave, she has decided to retire from full time work. Many parents would be aware of the outstanding work Kathryn has done in building our Performing Arts Program over many years. Kathryn has been a pleasure to work with - the high standards she sets for herself are reflected in the quality of the program our students experience.

- **Marg Trompf** is taking extended leave in 2107. Marg has been an enormous help in our growing school over the last 3 years, with her vast experience guiding and supporting the Junior team in particular and the school in general. Marg will enjoy a different pace next year.

- **Briony Janson** is having her second child early next year and has been the learning support teacher for the Middle School this year. Briony has worked diligently to support students in the Middle School.

- **Jasmine Scott** is also expecting her baby early in the new year and commenced her family leave last week. Jasmine has only been with us this year, but has done a wonderful job with her Junior class.

I am sure all parents will join with me in thanking them for their work with our students and wishing them well in the coming year.

Thanks to the volunteers who assisted at the **Pizza Day Special Lunch** in Canteen. A magnificent job in serving up pizza and slushies to the
hundreds of students who put in their orders!

**Book Collection**
A reminder that our first Book Collection is next Tuesday, December 13th. Prior payments can be made on Compass to avoid having to queue which sometimes happens when paying on the day. If you miss next Tuesday, our second Book Collection will be held on Tuesday, January 31st 2017 (the day before students begin the new school year).

**Christmas Carols**
We are all looking forward to the Christmas Carols next Tuesday evening, commencing promptly at 7pm on the main oval, with students arriving at 6:45pm. A reminder that only pre-ordered food will be available this year. Further details regarding what students are to wear and considerations depending on what the weather delivers us, are in the Music News section. All students need to sit in their class groups throughout the night and will be collected by parents at the end. Our students have been learning about audience etiquette throughout this year and have responded with appropriate behaviors, which have been commented on by visitors to our school. Can I remind parent that this is a night to focus on the students and the items they have been rehearsing to perform for the school community. We look forward to a wonderful evening. The forecast is looking positive at this stage.

A special guest of honour at the Carols will be Corrie van der Walt, our crossing lady from Campaspe Drive for the last 10 years. It will be a chance for our community to thank her for her outstanding work as a friendly and caring face over that time. We wish her well in her well-earned retirement.

We are looking forward to the **Year 6 Graduation Ceremony** next Thursday evening. It is always a wonderful night, sharing the reflections of students on their Primary School journey as they head to the next phase of their education.

A reminder that students finish at 12:30 on Tuesday, December 20th. We will have a final assembly on the oval, weather permitting, from 12pm. Students will not need to bring lunch on that day. During the morning of the last day we have the Billy Cart Grand Prix and Soapbox Derby, which is always lots of fun. Parents are of course welcome to come and cheer on the competitors.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

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**Sports News**

**Foundation and Junior House Sports**
Just a reminder to parents that we have our annual Foundation and Junior House Sports on Monday morning. There are still quite a few children who have not paid or had permission given on Compass. Please do this promptly so that your child can have some fun and join in the rotations for the morning. We would like to see all children take part. The children can come dressed in their House colours for the day, as class teachers have put them into 2 groups for each colour. Foundation children will be playing on the bottom Soccer oval. Year 1 children will be on the main oval at the basketball court end and Year 2 children will be on the other end of the oval near the houses. We are looking forward to a fun filled morning. If there are any parents who would still like to come along and join in, as well as assist with the other children in that group, please let me know.

**Soap Box Derby & Billy Cart Race**
The annual Soap Box Derby for Foundation – Year 4 students and the Billy Cart Grand Prix for Senior students will be on the last day of term, Tuesday December 20th. If your child wishes to participate with a partner, please fill out the form, which is attached to Compass. All children in the Billy Cart Grand Prix must wear a helmet. The races for the Soap Box Derby will be run in their Year level and gender, eg: Year 1 Girls, Year 1 Boys etc. There is an obstacle course for them to race through and a Pit Stop where they change the driver and the caboose. Children need to have a box where they are one behind the other, not next to each other when they are running. The box must also be intact at the end of the race to come in the top 3, otherwise they are not eligible to win. It’s a good idea to make sure that the edges are taped up securely. Again we look forward to a fun filled morning watching all the children race around the oval in their creatively decorated boxes.

Noreen McMenaman - PE/Sport
Music News

Christmas Carols On the Oval - will be held at 7pm on Tuesday December 13th. In the event of rain, we will make a decision about cancellation as late in the school day as possible and will notify students by a PA message at dismissal and a posting for parents on Facebook. If the weather is uncertain, please send students in costume, with a waterproof jacket over the top and a plastic bag in the pocket to sit on if the ground is damp. At 6.45pm all students are to go to sit with their classes and teachers and are to remain there for the duration of the concert. Parents, please sit in the audience area. The students have all been practising their Audience Etiquette – sitting quietly and listening respectfully – and this is very much what the Carols Night is about. We know parents will set a good example for their children in this matter. Below are some suggestions for costumes. Please don’t spend lot of money on costuming. Use what you have already or have a look at the $2 shops. It’s also important that students bring something warm to wear over the top of their costume and something to sit on.

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<td>Christmas clothing with a “Rap” feel (santa, Christmas “rapper” clothing with bling) and bring a small piece of wrapping paper and a pretend gift (prop) to pretend to wrap. We also need hula hoops, scooters and toy rocking horses to dress the stage.</td>
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Junior Christmas Choir – Last rehearsal tomorrow before the big concert (Friday December 9th)
Senior Choir – There is lots going on next week and it’s very important to check COMPASS.

Tuesday December 13th, 7 pm – Carols Concert on the Oval
Wednesday December 14th – Yarrunga Performance for Year 3 members of the choir. Consent is needed for this excursion – please see Compass. We will be leaving the school at 11:00am for an 11:30 performance. Back at school by 12:30pm.
Thursday December 15th – Croydon Centro Shopping Centre Performance 9:30am, followed by a special screening of “Sing” at Croydon Cinemas at 10:45am. We will return to school by lunchtime. Consent and payment is on Compass.

Choir uniforms must be washed, ironed and returned to me in the PAC on Friday December 16th.

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts
Library News

I have now completed stocktake in all areas from where the students borrow. Books are taken from the shelves. I then check under and behind the shelves and then enter the books individually into the computer. As of Wednesday there are still 40 students with 58 overdue books between them, with a value of approximately $665.00. This is much higher than at the same time last year, and some of these books are out to students who will not be returning next year, so it is important that they are returned now. I have sent emails or letters to all these students’ parents or guardians. Please ask them to have a good look at home and at school for these books. It is surprising the number of books that remain in school bags until the last minute. A book is not considered returned until it comes back to the library. Remember – these books will still be in your child’s name next year if they are not returned. They do not magically disappear over the holidays.

If you find a book at home that has a school stamp or library barcode on it please return it, as some teachers borrow books in their names and these are mistakenly taken home by students. There are other times when the students simply forget to check the book out before they leave the library. These books show up as ‘missing’ after stocktake and there is no way of tracing them. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays and also take some time out to read to them. I advise all adults to head to the library and borrow an audio book, sit back, close your eyes and listen or listen to it while driving (please keep your eyes open if you do it while driving!). You will rediscover the joys of having someone read to you. Have fun when reading to your children – really get into it with voices and facial expressions – it provides memories for a lifetime. Reading is not just a quality pastime, it has also been shown to improve children’s speech, spelling and grammar. Remember that the Ringwood and Croydon libraries are just around the corner and often have activities on over the holidays.

Another place to consider for a visit is the State Library of Victoria in the city. They often have free exhibitions (and not just about books). Their Web address is www.slv.vic.gov.au and click on the ‘What’s On’ tab.

Thanks to Shan who comes in a couple of time a week to help with the shelving.

Sue Offer - Library Technician

Canteen News

CAROLS NIGHT ORDERS
Order forms have been distributed for Carols Night Orders, we are offering Burgers, Pies, Hot Dogs and Large Pizzas. Orders are due back by Friday 9th December. We will also have drinks and ice creams available to purchase on the night.

LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS
Wednesday 14th December will be the last day for lunch orders in 2016. The canteen will be open each day for window sales only at recess and lunchtime for the remainder of the year.

FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING
Lunch orders can be placed online until 9am each day, we are however trialling a “late orders menu” which is a very limited menu and will be open for 1 hour from 9am -10am. This option is solely for emergencies and not for regular lunch orders. Please plan ahead and place orders early! Due to limited help we would not be able to accommodate a large volume of late orders.

AFTERSCHOOL SALES
The canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday afterschool for sales of frozen items and drinks only from 3.30-3.45, starting on Tuesday 21st November.

PIZZA & SLUSHY DAY – Tuesday 6th December
Thanks to the wonderful mums that helped make Pizza & Slushy Day a huge success – Sharron Savage, Kylie May, Kylie Van Roosmalen, Kati Wilkins, Joanne Duo, Allyson Woollett, Sue Le Clercq, Sophie Turnham, Narelle Collins & Lee Smart.

CLEARANCE
Banana Paddle Pops and Tropical Paddle Pops with real Yoghurt $1.00!!!!! While stocks last.

MONDAY MEAL DEALS (only available via online ordering till 9am)
Mini Meal Deal - $4.00
Small Cheesy mite Scroll from Bakers Delight, Oak Flavoured Milk and Anzac cookie.
Mega Meal Deal - $5.50
Wedges with sour cream or tomato sauce, Oak Flavoured Milk and Anzac Cookie.

ROSTER
Friday 9th December – Kati Wilkins, Kylie Van Roosmalen.
Tuesday 13th December – Lee Smart.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager
Uniform News
The Uniform Shop will be open during Book Collection:
Tuesday December 13th, 8.30am-10am & 3pm to 5.30pm

Reduced to Clear
"Old Style" Year 6 Polos
Limited numbers & sizes (C10, C16 & A14)
Reduced to $10 - Great as spares for those days when you can't wash!

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

School Banking News
Hi bankers!
Please note that there will be no more rewards available this year, but keep saving and collecting those tokens for 2017!

The LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BANKING will be December 14th.
Thanks everyone for your participation and great saving this year!
See you in the New Year for more banking fun in 2017!!
Prue & Natalie - School Banking Co-ordinators

Mia’s Message Board:
Shapes, Lines and Dots Book
Thank you so much to the families who have purchased a book. I am sure you will enjoy it over the holidays especially! The orders have been fulfilled and will arrive at school next week. I will keep them at the office if you have purchased it as a gift, otherwise I will give it to your child to bring home. Contact me if you have any questions sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Playology – is a play based social skills program that is the only one of its kind. If your child needs support and direction in developing their social skills I highly recommend this program.
See below details for school holidays and Term 1 next year. Places are limited

Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
Our AGM on Monday night was a huge success, with a large number of parents coming along to show their support for our school. All committee positions have been filled. We look forward to a fun and exciting year with a number of new faces joining the committee for the first time. Thank you also to those current committee members who have returned for another year on CHAPS.

A number of our current committee members have stepped down after many years with CHAPS. A massive thank you to Keddie Waller (President), Elise Jones (Vice President), Priscilla Tkatchenko (Fundraising), Sue Le Clerq (Morning Tea Coordinator) and Holly Unwin (Secretary) for your passion and dedication over the last few years.

Thank you to Sue Le Clerq, Jess Allison, Sophie Turnham, Allison Mattison, Amy Langelaan, Priscilla Tkatchenko and Elise Jones for organising the thank you morning tea for the teachers. We appreciate all the hard work and organising that went into making it happen!

The Scouts Christmas Tree Fundraiser is back for 2016. Buy a tree from Croydon Bunnings or The Croydon Hills Scouts and our school will receive $5. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Your raffle ticket money is now due. Please return your tickets and money to the office if you are looking to participate.

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

FRESH ORGANIC VEGGIES FOR SALE

Salad (white) onions  /  Red onions  /  Red cabbages

Just in time for summer salads!

Make us an offer at the office!
These students received a ‘Student Citizenship Award’ at Friday’s Presentation assembly – congratulations!

Foundation – Mitchell FTC
Year 1 – Jackson JMP
Year 2 – Madii JSY
Year 3 – Aleisa MBB
Year 3 – Gracie MRT
Year 4 – Atalia MAH
Year 5 – Shannen SDS
Year 6 – Grace SLK
Year 6 – Georgia SDE

Monday 5th
Maddie FJO, Devon MKL, Adi MKU & Michael SDS

Tuesday 6th
Jackson JJC, Cohen MKL & Tom SLK

Today
Isaac FSH

Tomorrow
Jonathan FTC, Sarah JMP & Alex MKL
Saturday 10th
Josh MKL
Sunday 11th
Eli JKS & Grant MAH

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

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE
Reflect on your year at school. What have been the highlights? What have you found challenging? What is something you can say to your teacher to show gratitude?

JoKe TiMe ☺ Christmas

Q. What goes “oh, oh, oh”? A. Santa walking backwards!

Q. What do monkeys sing at Christmas? A. Jungle bells, jungle bells!

Q. What is green, white, and red all over? A. A sunburnt elf!

Q. What rains at the north pole? A. Reindeer!

Q. Which of Santa’s reindeer has bad manners? A. Rude-olph!
WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

What a busy time of year it has been at the Foundation end of the school. The current students are excited to make their transition into being "big" Year 1 students and the Kinder kids have been visiting and getting their first feel of what school will be like.

It is quite incredible to see the contrast between what the current students were like only 12 months ago, compared to where they are now. They have not only grown in height, but as learners and people. A wonderful endorsement to a lovely group of kids.

How exciting it must be for the “fresh batch” of students coming to Croydon Hills in 2017. Beginning their school journey. A journey filled with making friends, laughter, excitement, tears, joy and of course learning and play. To their parents, it is time to watch them enter a very exciting time in their lives. One which will be cherished.

Onwards to 2017.
Senior Transition

This Semester the Senior school has been focusing on Transition and Leadership. Our Year 6 students have been preparing for their transition into the high school setting and celebrating their time in primary school by completing a range of tasks for Graduation.

Our Year 6 students also participated in a special emotional resilience and transition preparation session with psychologist Henry Bell. This provided them with some valuable ways to deal with challenges that typically arise during transitions to secondary schools.

The Year 5s have been preparing themselves for taking up their roles as leaders of the school. They used their time in rotations to develop their applications for Leadership positions and worked hard to identify the positive aspects of a good leader.

The Year 5s were also lucky enough to be invited to Norwood Secondary College to participate in some Secondary Science and Art sessions.
News from the JSC.....

Christmas is fast approaching and we would like to help 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 Uniting Care ‘Christmas 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 Uniting Care to collect 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. We have labels that we will be sending home.

For example – “A girl aged 9”. Please see the flyer on the left for suggestions for possible donations and conditions required.
WE WANT YOU!

East Ringwood Junior Football Club is 
looking for players in age groups: 
Auskick, U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME!

• We have highly skilled Coaches at all levels
• Our Coaches are continuously coached by professionals
• Our screening process for the best Coach is second to none
• Our Coaches put your child first
• Your child’s football pathway starts with FUN and the AFL growth opportunity is whatever you want it to be
• We are proud of our homegrown League reps, Rangers reps and our Juniors that have gone on to be our best Senior players

Come and join us at 
Registration Day!

9.30 am Sunday 12th of Feb 
Ainslie Park Brentnall Rd Croydon

For 2017 Junior Club information contact our 
Registrar - erjfc registrar@gmail.com
Or Secretary - erjfc secretary .erjfc@gmail.com

www.erjfc.com.au
www.facebook.com/eastringwoodjuniorfc

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Yering Station Farmers’ Market

With only 1 week until Christmas you will find a great range of Christmas products/items including puddings, christmas cakes, shortbread, gingerbread to spoil family and friends with the ‘Taste of the Yarra Valley’. Other products you will find include mouth-watering biscuits, coffee, jams, preserves, sauces, spices, honey, chocolate, fudge, raw products, fruit vinerages, locally baked bread, a fantastic range of cheese, olive oil, marmalade, fresh fruit and vegetables and, as they say ... much, much more.

For more information, visit our website:
www.yarrawalleyfood.com.au

Mooroolbark Soccer Club's 
FAMILY CHRISTMAS & 
EARLY REGISTRATION DAY

Date 
December 11th

Time 
11AM to 3PM

Place 
Esther Park

JUMPING CASTLES. FACE PAINTING. SAUSAGE SIZZLE.
LOLLY BAGS AND A VISIT FROM SANTA.

2016 2017 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR
Miniroos $190 $230 2017 FEES
Sub Junior $320 $360
Junior $400 $440
Senior $500 $500

Pay In FULL During the December Registration Day
and Pay 2016 Prices

All Junior Registration Fees include a 1/2 Zip Nike Warm Up Top with your Childs Initials
Early Payment of Fees also ensures your Childs Top is Ready before the season Starts.

FOR ENQUIRIES EMAIL SECRETARY@THEBARKERS.COM.AU

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Spread the Christmas Cheer! Become a Volunteer Host Family!

Hosting an overseas high school exchange student is a wonderful way to have fun as a family and, with students arriving in July 2017, now is the best time to request your free information pack to find out more! Students come from all over Europe and the Americas. They are academically high achieving 15-18 year olds who want to make a difference by promoting harmony across communities and learning about Australia.

Claim your pack!
Search: wep.org.au/host
SMS ‘host’ to: 0428 246 633
Call: 1300 884 733

Telephone: 9725 1206

OSHC 9724 4514
Maroondah Youth Services Summer activities

Connect – Celebrating Cultural Diversity
Ringwood Train Station
Friday 16th December
4:30 – 8pm
All Ages
Free event – craft markets from young creators, live music, workshops, food stalls

Pool Party
Aquanation, Ringwood
Tuesday 10th January
2-4pm
Ages 12-25
Half Price Entry and discounted water slides

Dive In Movie (Jaws)
Aquanub, Croydon
Friday 13th January
7:30-10pm
Ages 12-18
$5 Entry (includes popcorn and drink)

Pool Party
Croydon Memorial Pool
Thursday 19th January 11-2pm
Ages 12-18
$3 Entry

Freeza Event – Metal live music
EV’s Youth Centre, Croydon
Friday 27th January
6 – 11pm
All Ages
Gold coin (or more) donation to enter
Headliner – Void of Vision
Fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoking free event.