Principal’s Report
Welcome to the last and the most read newsletter of the year. ‘Most read’ because the list of class teachers for next year appears at the end of my report.
It is exciting times, with the Graduation Ceremony for our Year 6 Students tonight and other activities celebrating the end of the school year.
Tonight we farewell our 56 Year 6 students at their Graduation Ceremony. We wish them all the best as they move onto the next phase of their learning journey. It is always wonderful to watch students grow and develop over their 7 years with us and it is always sad to see them go, but we know they are ready and well prepared for the challenge of Secondary School. This year’s students are heading to 13 different secondary settings. Thanks to the senior teachers and to the parents who did so much to make the night a success.
It also means we farewell some families, many of whom have had an extended time being part of the CHPS community. We wish them all the best and know you will carry with you fond memories of your time here.
We have a normal Assembly tomorrow and are pleased to be able to present to one of our Year 6 students and Sports Captain Jack T (SLD) with a “Sports Achievement Award” from School Sport Victoria. He is receiving this award as a result of his positive attitude in all areas of his learning and the sportsmanship he demonstrates at all times.
Last week I outlined the staff who will not be returning for 2017 and I neglected to mention Sue Crowe, who has been one of our outstanding Integration Aides and is leaving after almost 10 years. Sue is highly skilled and a technology specialist, who has supported many aides across the department in building their skills in that area. She is moving to a full-time role in a secondary setting, which will make further use of her many skills. We wish Sue all the best and thank her for her significant contribution to CHPS.
The Senior Choir put on their final performance with Choir Master, Kathryn Lane at Croydon Centro this morning. It was a stunning performance from our 90 senior singers, who did a wonderful job entertaining a very enthusiastic crowd. Thanks also to all the staff who assisted in the preparation and delivery of Carols On The Oval on Tuesday night. I am sure you will agree it was a wonderful community night.
We are looking forward to the Soap Box Derby and Billy Cart Grand Prix on Tuesday morning. This is now a much-loved Croydon Hills tradition, which brings our whole school community together for one last time at the close of the school year. Parents are most welcome to come to cheer on our racing teams!

A reminder that we have an Early Finish, Tuesday 20th at 12.30pm. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor assembly at midday on the oval, where we will all farewell the Year 6 students. Students will only need to bring something for morning tea.

One lovely family in our school demonstrated their generosity and Christmas spirit by donating a home-made Gingerbread House to another family of our choice. It was a lovely gesture and one greatly appreciated by the family receiving it.

Students resume for 2017 on Wednesday February 1st.

For those who are yet to collect their 2017 Book Pack, our second and final Book Collection Day is on Tuesday January 31st, between 8.30 – 10am and 3 -5.30pm. Books can be collected upon payment of the Essential Education Items Levy ($130 per child).

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a safe, happy and restful Festive Season. We look forward to seeing most of you refreshed and ready to start the new school year in at the start of February.

Class Structure

We are expecting to start 2017 with just over 680 students, who will be in 29 classes, 2 more classes than we had this year. The exciting other change for next year, which I outlined earlier, is the inclusion of a Science Specialist teacher. We are very pleased to welcome 6 new teachers to the school and Jacinta Moyes returning. The new teachers are Chelsea van Unen (Prep), Tania Chirnside (Jr), Amy Prior & Danny Gamble (Md), Natalie Ridley (Sr) and Amana Tweedie (Music). I know the community will join with me in making them feel welcome to our school. The list below outlines class structures for 2017.
The new bottles with Chloe’s design (blue) have arrived and can be purchased at the office for $20. We are proud to be supporting the Bottle for Botol program. A student from the school that Bu visited in the September holidays designed the yellow bottle! How great is that!

**Sports News**

**Foundation and Junior House Sports**
On Monday we had the Foundation and Junior House Sports, on the soccer oval and the main football oval. Thank you again to Kelly Sports for supplying us with 10 coaches and setting up the day, as well as supplying a lot of the equipment. Huge thanks also to the parents who assisted with the groups. As you are well aware, we cannot run these activities throughout the year without the help of parents, as these events are not within the normal teacher/pupil ratio. Also thank you to the new Sports Captains and monitors for their assistance. It was a great morning!

**Soap Box Derby & Billy Cart Grand Prix**
The annual Soap Box Derby and Billy Cart Grand Prix is on this coming Tuesday, the last day of school. Children can bring along their boxes and billy carts and we can store the billy carts outside the main shed. Children will need to bring their helmets
to race in the Billy Cart Grand Prix. At this stage we have had 250 students register for the Soap Box Derby, which is fantastic. There will be 3 levels of racing: Foundation, Junior and Middle School. Within these levels, there will be a Boys and a Girls race. There is also a trophy for the best dressed in the Billy Cart Grand Prix. We are looking forward to a fun morning, filled with excitement and lots of laughs.

Noreen McMenaman - PE/Sport

Music News

Christmas Carols On the Oval – Wow!!!! What a sensational evening it was. All of the students performed exceptionally well and I was really proud of you. Your hard work and diligence paid off and you got up on stage and presented yourselves confidently. You looked and sounded professional and I was pleased that you remembered your audience etiquette. A big thank you to all of the parent helpers for the fabulous decorations. The stage looked beautiful. The sound was really good this year thanks to Leigh Dixon and Mick Hewlett (parent of Katrina and Angela). Thanks to Jaclyn Osborne who hosted the night beautifully. Another thank you to Laura Yorke for her assistance in the preparation and running of the concert and her help and support all year.

Senior Choir – Congratulations on another great performance at Croydon Centro this morning and also to the Year 3 students who entertained the elderly citizens at Yarrunga yesterday morning. You are great ambassadors for our school and received lots of positive comments about your singing and behaviour.

It is really important that your choir uniforms be washed, ironed and returned to me in the PAC tomorrow, Friday December 16th, in a named plastic bag.

Goodbye

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole of the Croydon Hills Primary School community for your support of the Performing Arts Program over the last 7 years. It has been a wonderful experience for me to be able to work with your children, both in the classroom and the many extra-curricular programs that we have been involved in during that time. I hope that your children will continue to be a part of this wonderful program and take advantage of all the activities that are offered to them.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a well-deserved rest during the holiday season. xox

Thank you,

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts

Uniform News

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.

Telephone: 9725 1206 OSHC 9724 4514
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

CHAPS NEWS

What a fantastic year 2016 has been. As I write our final article for the year, it is easy for me to reflect on the huge achievements that CHAPS has made: our fundraising efforts have helped to fund the Junior playground, storage tubs and $5,000 worth of literacy books. Thank you so much to all our students and families for supporting our fundraising efforts throughout the year. We could not have achieved this without your support. To our CHAPS members and committee, we thank you for your endless hours of commitment. Spare time is not something that parents tend to have a lot of, so we appreciate you giving up yours. Have a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe holidays. We will see you at a CHAPS event in 2017!!

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

GIANT LOST PROPERTY SALE!!!

END OF YEAR BARGAINS - $1 PER ITEM

ALL UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD FROM THE VERANDAH OF THE CLASSROOM ON THE HILL (JBJ/JJC) AFTER SCHOOL — 3.35PM — THIS FRIDAY 16/12.

DOZENS OF UNIFORM ITEMS, IN GREAT CONDITION, BUT UN-NAMED & UN-LOVED!
DON'T MISS OUT - BE THERE TO GRAB A BARGAIN!

(PSST: If you think you have unclaimed items in Lost Property, now would be the time to check.)
Thank you!

...to all the families who have donated toys and food for the Christmas Appeals. Both Wesley Mission and UnitingCare were very grateful to our community.

Congrats!

...to all the Year 6 students who are graduating tonight. We wish them all the best as they head off to secondary school.

Happy holidays!

.....to all the students, teachers/staff and families from the JSC. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to doing it all again in 2017!!!
Carols On The Oval
Tuesday 13th December 2016

Congratulations to all of the students on such a wonderful concert!! It was a really enjoyable night of entertainment. Well done!
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Yering Station Farmers’ Market

With only 1 week until Christmas you will find a great range of Christmas products/gifts 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 vinegars, locally baked bread, a fantastic range cakes, olive oil, meringues, fresh fruit and vegetables and, as they say, … much, much more.

For more information, visit our website:

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SISSLING SUMMER SPORTS

DON'T MISS OUT ON SHOOTING A GOAL! SUPER SUMMER SPORTS allows your child to play a range of dynamic and active programs run over 8 weeks these include; Soccer, Cricket, Basketball and Hockey! This Program will not only provide an essential base for your child's motor skills but help build awareness, co-ordination and friendship all in an enjoyable environment.

WHEN: Thursday
COMMENCING: 9/2/2017
CONCLUDING: 30/3/2017
TIME: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

COST: $96- EARLY BIRD RATE JUST $84 WHEN YOU ENROL BY FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY (go to www.kellysports.com.au and search for your school)

VENUE: Croydon Hills Primary School

ONLINE ENROLMENT
www.kellysports.com.au

To enrol, please visit www.kellysports.com.au or fill out the below enrolment form & send with a cheque to: PO BOX 3011, The Pines VIC 3109. Payment options available! Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Sizzling Summer Sports (After School)

School: ____________________________________ Year Level: ______________________

Name: ____________________________________ Room No: ______________________

Address: ____________________________________ Post Code: ________________

Phone: _____________________________ Mobile/Work: ___________________________

Email: ____________________________________ Medical Conditions: ___________________________

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? ☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected

Parents' consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Templestowe from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programmes.

Payment Options: Go online and pay via Direct Deposit or credit card.

Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Amount Paid: $ ____________________________