Principal’s Report

Junior Cross Country

On Tuesday, after a week’s delay due to our wet spring weather, our students from Foundation to Year 2 were able to stretch their legs in the House Cross Country. It was wonderful to see all students enjoy the challenge of testing themselves and it was a great morning for those who had the pleasure of watching them do their best over the length of the course. It was also terrific to see some of our senior students support and guide their younger colleagues through the races. Thanks to Mrs Mc and Mrs Yorke for preparing our students so well. Thanks also to the parents who assisted on the day. I know our students will have come away with the satisfaction of knowing they worked hard, pushed themselves and achieved something they may have thought was beyond them. It is activities like this that help them build self-belief and resilience.

World Teachers’ Day

Today we are celebrating World Teachers’ Day and our wonderful Educational Support staff are treating the teaching
staff to a special morning tea. It is easy to take for granted the effort our staff go to so that our students have an engaging and dynamic learning environment. Recent activities like CANstruction last week, which we won, and the Year 2 sleep-over are but two examples of the many enrichment activities which our teachers provide for our students. If you haven’t thanked them recently, I would encourage parents to show their gratitude verbally to our teachers next time you are chatting with them.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that next Monday (before Cup Day) is a pupil free day. The Victorian Government has developed the “Victorian Curriculum” and is implementing this across the state for 2017. There are many similarities to AusVEL’s curriculum, which has guided our programs in recent years. Staff will be mapping the expectations they currently work with, against those in the new curriculum guidelines ready for implementation next year.

Music Count Us In
Thursday of next week we will again be joining with students all across Australia, singing a common song all at the same time. What a joy to be able share music in this way again.

Class Placements for 2017
In November staff will begin the task of making up classes for 2017. As always, our staffing details and final class structure will not be known until December. Our final staff numbers for the new year are completely determined by our projected student enrolment and then the number of students we have at census on the last day of February 2017. Nearly all funding from the Department is dependent on that census count. Class lists for the new year are made up after careful consideration, balancing a range of issues. Factors such as academic ability, behavioural issues, friendships, and previous teachers are all taken into account to create balanced classes. This process is completed by the current teachers and is discussed with senior staff. Current class teachers are in the best position by far to know what class students are placed in the next year. Sometimes the teacher placements for the following year are known, but this is not always the case. We are fortunate as a larger school compared to most schools we have more options in developing balanced classes. Some schools only have 1 or 2 classes at each year level, which does not enable them to vary the mix of students in the class very much. Students are all given the opportunity to list friends they would like to be with for the following year and we ensure that at they are placed with at least 1 student on that list. An important part of their journey through the school and developing vital life skills is meeting, getting to know different personalities and working with different students each year.

Parent input on placement with a particular class teacher is not an aspect where parents have a choice. If you have concerns regarding the class placement for your child for 2017, you must first have a discussion with the classroom teacher. If there are significant issues that you would like us to consider, we are asking again this year that you make an appointment to speak with Carol, Dale or Graeme to outline the information. Please only make an appointment after you have spoken with the class teacher and have their perspective. This meeting needs to take place before Friday November 11th. I am sure that you would understand that it is not always possible to accommodate all requests, but we do endeavour to provide student groups that are in the best interests of individual students and the school as a whole.

We are very fortunate at Croydon Hills to have such high calibre teaching staff, who implement our school programs in such a conscientious and team-oriented manner.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Sustainability at CHPS

Gardening club
We would to thank Pat Formston for always preparing us for Gardening Club. Pat is very busy on a Wednesday, digging over garden beds ready for planting, harvesting vegetables and helping out with our chooks. Our regular attendees to Gardening club have been enjoying harvesting vegetables (and eating them too!). Last week we had a bumper crop of peas and the students enjoyed eating them raw! If anyone would like to attend Gardening Club, it runs during Wednesday lunchtimes (weather dependent) and anyone is welcome! Remember that we sell fresh produce at the office, so don’t miss out!

Chickens
Don’t forget that fresh eggs are also available for sale at our front office. You must get in quickly though, as they sell out fast!

Eco leaders
Emily, Katie, Richa, Kayla are our Eco leaders and they do a wonderful job. The Year 5 students are currently going through the process of applying for leadership roles. Being an Eco leader is an important job in our school. They are responsible for caring for our chickens, promoting sustainable events, presenting at assembly and assisting with Gardening club.
ResourceSmart Schools
This year, we have been working towards regaining our accreditation for the ResourceSmart Schools program through CERES. There are five ResourceSmart Schools modules: Core and the four resource modules of Biodiversity, Energy, Waste and Water. All modules focus on building a whole-school approach through daily operations, learning and teaching, and school community engagement. Schools that take place in this program are also required to upload their bills for gas, electricity, water and waste to ensure we are reducing our usage (per person) each year. This year, we have completed 100% of the actions required to regain our Core accreditation and also one star! We will be participating in the program again next year, in a funded position through CERES and hope to regain our second star!

Rubbish free lunch prize
Over the next few weeks, we will be counting up the results for the Rubbish free lunches on Monday. In week 7, the winners will be announced and the class with the best-accrued percentage score will receive a special prize! Please remember to pack a rubbish free lunch every Monday to reduce waste going into landfill!

Laura Kitching

Sports News

State Athletics Championship
Congratulations to Bella S (SDS) who won a gold medal at the State Athletics Championships in the 11 Year Hurdles. She won her heat during the morning and then sprinted on to win the event in the afternoon. Well done Bella, what a great effort!

Softball Finals
Congratulations to the Boys and the Girls Softball Teams who won their Maroondah Division Grand Final yesterday. The Boys team played their final against Tintern Grammar and the Girls won their final against Bayswater North. Both teams will now play next Thursday in the Eastern Region Softball finals at Waverley Softball Park.

Foundation and Junior House Cross Country
On Tuesday we were lucky enough to be able to finally run the Foundation and Junior House Cross Country after our washout last week. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the morning by supervising different corners around the course. Well done to all the children for running their best and having a great time. Congratulations to Kiewa House for accruing the most House points. A special thanks to all the Sports Captains and Sports Monitors for helping out as the students’ front runners and also being the caboose at the back of each age group, just in case there was a problem. They were very encouraging and helped many of the students by talking to them whilst running. Well done to everyone. Thanks to Mr Caudry for all the great photos which you can view on the school Facebook page.

T20 Blast School Cup
This Friday a possible 82 students will be attending the T20 School Cup Cricket Competition in North Ringwood. It will be a very exciting day where the children play a round robin set of games against other schools. We are still in need of a few parents to assist with the teams, just to make sure they are ok in their group. If you are able to assist with this, please let me know ASAP by either phone or email. There are still quite a few students who have not given consent or paid, so hopefully parents will be able to do this so they don’t miss out.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE
**Music News**

**Music Count Us In: 12:30 p.m. Thursday November 3rd:** 7 days until we sing “Let It Play” with over 500,000 students around Australia and Australasia. Here it is:

**MCUI Celebration Day Live Stream**

Did you recognize Pachbel’s Canon in D in there??

**Ukulele/iPad/Steel Drum Band:** Students who would like to join the band are encouraged to come along every Thursday lunchtime.

**Junior Rockers Concert – Wednesday November 23rd:** The school rock band and students who have been learning instruments with Junior Rockers throughout 2016 will be performing at 6 p.m. in the PAC. Everyone is welcome.

**Christmas Carols On the Oval** will be held at 7pm on Tuesday December 13th. All students are involved in this exciting whole school end of year event.

**Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts**

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**Art Corner**

Congrats to our latest Palette Award winner Maddy from M-KU.

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**Paint Storm – Whole School Incursion Monday 28th November.**

I am very excited to have Paint Storm back at Croydon Hills Primary School.

*Phil Doncon is a dynamic and unique performance that features huge images being painted before your very eyes – on a huge 10m wide canvas. Done in concert with an eclectic and dynamic soundtracks, the choreographed painting ‘wows’ audiences with its speed and precision. In a matter of minutes images appear and dissolve. Phil’s performances explore the themes of resilience, how to bounce back and*
Paint Storm uses a unique and powerful painting and music performance to help students engage with art in a totally new way, while experiencing 5 Key Elements of Resilience.

1. Being proactive (calming down and diffusing conflict)
2. Persevering (not giving up)
3. Being assertive (strong and kind), and
4. Self-acceptance
5. Learning from, and being empowered by failure.

Performances will be:
Years 3 to 6: “Powering Up” 10am till 11:30
Years F to 2: “The Hero’s Heart” 12:30 till 1:30

The incursion does have a cost of $7 per student and is currently on Compass.

Claudia Michielin - Visual Arts

Canteen News

CUP DAY LUNCH – Wednesday 2nd November
Orders have now closed. No Other Lunch Orders available on the day.

MONDAY ORDERS
All lunch orders must be placed online on Mondays via the Flexischools website. A basic lunch of a cheese sandwich will supplied for any manual orders sent in.

WHAT’S NEW?
Finding Dory Ice Cream - $2.00_Bubblegum & Vanilla Ice Cream, free from artificial flavours.
Mega Choc Chip Cookie – 80c
Mega White Choc Chip Cookie – 80c
Oak Caramel Flavoured Milk (UHT) - $1.50

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

MONDAY MEAL DEALS (only available via online ordering)
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 28th October – Sophie Turnham, Anissa Silver.
Friday 4th November – Sharron Savage, Lia Biasuzzo, Narelle Collins, Lenni Pennicott.
Karen Cyster - Canteen Manager

Uniform News

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

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL BANKING NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF OUR CURRICULUM DAY AND THE CUP DAY HOLIDAY.
Our Sweet Light Photography fundraiser has been rescheduled and we are now offering new booking times for this weekend, the 29th/30th of October and the 12th/13th of November. If you have not already booked and are looking to participate in our photography fundraiser, please fill in a booking form and return it to the office ASAP.

Our CHAPS Meet and Greet information night will be held on Monday the 7th of November at 7.30pm in the staff room. Mark the date in your diaries now! If you have been thinking about how you can further contribute to the school, then this is a night you’ll want to attend. See the flyer below for more information.

Unfortunately our school was not successful in gaining a prize in the Chirnside Park School Rewards Program. Congratulations to Chirnside Park Primary School, Manchester Primary School & St Peter Julian Eymard Primary School who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

CHAPS are looking for families to donate goods for our raffle, which is drawn at the school Christmas Carols each year. If you are able to help, please leave your donations at the office or contact us 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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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

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**Sweet Light Photography - TERM 4 CHAPS FUNDRAISER**

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$30 Sitting Fee Payment Method* (enclosed): Cash Cheque Credit Card (below)

Name on Credit Card: Credit Card No: Expiry Date:  

*Payment must accompany booking. Booking date & time will be confirmed.

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Find out how CHAPS helps to keep our school super!

You’re invited to join the 2016 CHAPS committee for a friendly meet & greet information night. Our school needs new members to help make 2017 a really fun and rewarding year. So why not come along, meet fellow parents and find out what becoming a CHAPS member involves. Commitment is not a prerequisite just a friendly face with fresh ideas to make our school a better place. We hope to see you there.

From 7.30pm in the Staff room  
Monday, November 7th, 2016  
Drinks and nibbles provided.

Becoming a member means:
- helping to create, plan & execute fun events for our school community
- opportunities to make new friends with other families from our school
- meeting and talking with our school administrators and school council representatives to learn more about CHAPS
- becoming a greater part of your child’s early learning and contributing to their future & school needs

RSVP By October 27th to chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
Remembrance Day – November 11

We are again supporting the ‘Poppy Appeal’ for Remembrance Day through the Croydon RSL. You can purchase items for $10, $5, $4, $3, $2 or $1. JSC will visit classes or students and parents can come to the office.

Happy World Teachers’ Day

We are lucky to have such wonderful teachers here at Croydon Hills. On behalf of all the students, the JSC would like to say ‘thank you for all you do!’

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tuesday 25th
Angus MJT

Yesterday
Cooper KKK

Tomorrow
Chloe FSH & Jasmyn
MRT

Saturday 29th
Alex JJM & Zach JSY

Sunday 30th
Harriett MFP

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

LAST WEEK’S CHALLENGE

These riddles from Charli in MBB were clearly very hard!!

1. What can you catch but not throw? A cold!
2. What are the 4 days of the week that begin with the letter ‘T’? Tuesday, Thursday, Today & Tomorrow!
3. What belongs to you that others use more than you? Your name!

JoKe TiMe ©

Thanks to Luca and Carson from MBB.

What is the tallest building in the world? The library because it has the most stories!

What is green and sits in the corner? The incredible sulk!!

What do you call an alligator wearing a vest? An investigator!!

What do moths learn at school? Mathematics!!
ON Thursday the 20th October, our CANstruction team attended the 2016 CANstruction team build. The theme this year was "Scintillating Science". The team decided that the best way to embody the theme was by building a telescope looking at the moon, with a "scientist" looking through the telescope as the finishing touch. Their hard work and efforts in planning in the weeks leading up to, and during the build itself paid off as they won the coveted "Judge's Choice Award" for the second year in a row. Everyone in the team pitched in to bring the structure to life in the face of some tough competition.

Special thanks to our parent drivers, Mrs Synhur and Mrs Andrews, our teacher helpers, Mrs Kitching, Mr Slater and Mr Pederson, and Miss Puckey for assisting in the planning and lead-up to the build.
They’re Calling On You

Recycle your old mobile phone and help save wild gorillas

One of the biggest threats to gorillas is the illegal mining of coltan in gorilla habitat. Coltan is used in many mobile phones.

You can help by recycling your old phone today!
You'll help reduce the need for coltan and help us raise vital funds to support Gorilla Doctors in Africa, an organisation working to protect gorillas in the wild.

Next time your phone rings, let it be a reminder that They’re Calling On You!

zoo.org.au/callingonyou
Email: takeaction@zoo.org.au

The JSC wants to help save the gorillas in the wild by offering you the chance to recycle your old phones. If you have any at home feel free to send them to school up until the end of November.

Coltan is used in many mobile phones and is often illegally mined in the gorilla habitats.

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SCHOLARSHIPS
2018 Scholarships NOW OPEN!
Visit our website for more details.

Yarra Rd P.S.
Market Night
Rides ★ Market Stalls ★ Entertainment ★ Food/Beverages
SAT 12 NOVEMBER 2016 4-8pm
222-228 Yarra Road, Croydon

Sacred Heart Parish & Primary School
Fun Family Festival
Saturday 12 November 10am-4pm
35 Wicklow Ave Monastery Hill Croydon

TWILIGHT MARKET
KALINDA PRIMARY
FRIDAY 11TH NOV 5-8PM
Over 30 Stalls!
Plus...
Flowers
Food
Rides
Coffee
Ponies
Lucky Dip
Live entertainment

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