Prep Transition Program

Starting school is an exciting time of change for children and families. There are many things you can do to prepare for the change. Helping children to feel confident and positive about school will give them a good start. Children's perceptions of themselves as learners and as someone who belongs at school are often formed early in their schooling. When children begin school, there is a lot for them to get used to. As a parent, you can help make the journey to this next phase of their life a wonderful experience. Our transition program helps prepare children so they have a successful start to school. We have had two successful sessions at school already. On the fourth session the children meet their specialist teachers for 2017 and on the fifth session they meet their teacher for 2017. Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- feel comfortable, relaxed and valued
- feel excited and motivated to learn
- have good relationships with others
- develop a sense of belonging within the school community.
Absences
Regular attendance at school is crucial to student performance. We do not want sick children sent to school but it is in each child’s best interest when they attend school regularly.
If your child is absent please inform the school as to the reason through Compass. It is a legal requirement that schools keep attendance records which indicate whether student absences are explained or unexplained.
Later in the newsletter is a poster from the Department of Education – Every Day Counts!

Camp
Our year 5 and 6 students are having a wonderful time on camp. We look forward to them returning to tell us of their adventures.

Music News

Junior Christmas Choir – will commence tomorrow lunchtime 11th of November in the P.A.C. All interested students are invited to come and try it out before committing to the choir. Notices will be distributed at that rehearsal. Students in year 1 and 2 are invited to attend. We had 120 students in the junior choir last year and I’m hoping for even more this year!!

Junior Rockers Concert – Wednesday 23rd November: 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 P.A.C. Everyone is welcome.

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

Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts

Canteen News

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 11th November - Kylie Van Roosmalen, Kati Wilkins
Friday 18th November – Rachelle McNamara, Joanne Duo.

Telephone: 9725 1206 OSHC 9724 4514
**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.

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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**School Banking News**

Hello Bankers!

Just a quick note to advise the rewards listed below are available for redemption.

- The wiggly glow worm (slinky)
- The jump and skip rope
- The ET DVD
- The galaxy savings tin

All other rewards are now out of stock.

Happy banking

Natalie & Prue 😊

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**Mia’s Message Board:**

**THE BOREDOM EPIDEMIC**

I am constantly hearing from kids (mostly boys) ‘I am bored’, ‘I got bored’ and ‘School is boring’.

In our heavily stimulated, technology drenched society our kids are growing up thinking that stillness and moments of doing nothing is bad. Doing nothing is a time for Mindfulness and more. Challenge your kids to turn boredom into ‘down time’, ‘chill out time’, ‘feeding our brain’.

This is an excerpt from an article that explains the epidemic beautifully; The link to the full article is below.

- “Nothing to do” is the most nutrient-rich food for imagination. It is because of what happens in the unfilled spaces that we evolve. We all, both children and adults, need to be able to tolerate nothing to do. A hollow in a tube is a place where a nest can be built. With modern day adults as their models, our children will lose the instinct to create and imagine. They will simply become robots, accomplishing tasks and frantically filling the spaces between them, thereby relinquishing the best of what makes us human.


**CALL OUT TO DADS**

I am inviting Dads to get in touch with me for a wellbeing project. If you are a Dad who cares about your own and your family’s wellbeing please contact me. Dads have particular challenges in their parenting role which can put a lot of stress and pressure on them. I hardly ever hear from Dads in my role and I want to change that so they do not suffer in silence. To get more info email me; sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Look forward to hearing from you!

Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer

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It was wonderful to see so many new faces at our CHAPS Meet & Greet on Monday night. It was a great forum for parents to share new ideas and we look forward to seeing these come to life over the next year. Thank you to Allison Mattison, Janine Wilson, Jacqui Patterson, Elise Jones and Keddie Waller for organising the night.

Our CHAPS Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 5th of December at 7pm in the Staff Room. All positions are declared vacant and will be open to any parent who wishes to apply. This is your chance to make a difference to our school, so mark it in your diary now!

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

Our Sweet Light Photography fundraiser still has bookings available for this weekend of the 12th and 13th of November. If you are looking to participate in our photography fundraiser, please fill in a booking form and return it to the office ASAP.

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.

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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**CROYDON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER**

**EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL PACKAGES**

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**Digital Collections**

One image on USB | $55
One of your child’s images in both colour or black & white
All images on USB | $65
All of your child’s images in both colour AND black & white

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**Scout Christmas Trees4schools**

Enjoy the fresh smell of pine and support 2 great causes this Christmas

All trees $60

1st Croydon Hills Scout Group Trees4schools fundraiser is back!

Come along and buy a tree - name your school and we’ll donate $5

Available from 2 locations (9am - 4pm)

Bunnings
268-288 Maroondah Highway, Chirnside (near the wood shed)

Croydon Scout Hall Hughes Park
Maroondah Highway, North Croydon (entrance opposite Officeworks)

November    December
Sat 26th    Sat 3rd
Sun 27th    Sun 4th
Sat 10th    Sun 11th

All trees are pruned and average 6 foot; range 5-7 foot as available

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Sweet Light Photography - TERM 4 CHAPS FUNDRAISER

Name: Childs Name: Class:
Email: Contact Number:

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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.

Birthdays This Week

Tuesday 8th - Alyssa SDE
Nicholas H SKF
Friday 11th - Archie JLS
Saturday 12th - Ozana JBJ
Emily B SLD

Congratulations – we hope you enjoy your special day, whatever you do, and get some cool presents too!

BROAD BEANS FOR SALE!

We have a plentiful supply of fresh, organic broad beans, grown with love in our school veggie garden.

$1.00 for 500gms

Don’t miss out – visit the office NOW!

LOST PROPERTY ALERT!!

There is a HUGE number of un-named, almost new Fleece tops in our Lost Property bins. These jackets are $35 - $40 to buy, but will be sold for $2 each at the end of term if they are not claimed.

IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING ONE, PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BINS NOW!

The best way to name these jackets is to cut the label along the folded end and name the inside, which is plain white. Alternatively, fabric paint is a good option: it’s easily seen and won’t fade in the wash.

Telephone: 9725 1206 OSHC 9724 4514
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)
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 IUCN 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.
SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
9.00AM-2.00PM

YERING STATION
FARMER’S MARKET 🌞🍂

With only 5 weeks until Christmas, you will find a great range of Christmas products/bites including puddings, 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, lolly, fruit vinegars, locally baked bread, a fantastic range cakes, olive oil, marmalades, fresh fruit and vegetables and, as they say … much, much more.

For more information regarding the retailers visit our website:
www.yarrawaillifood.com.au

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2016
10.00AM-3.00PM

Join us for a massive, all-day gaming hangout. Board games, console games, mobile games, floor games, competitions, tournaments, partners, prizes - Games Day has everything!

Minecraft special event · Community partners
Nintendo - meet Mario! · Games to take home

FOR ALL AGES!*
No need to book, just come along!

Children under must be supervised by a adult at all times.

CROYDON LIBRARY Civic Square Croydon
PH 9820 6448 youthlibrary.com.au

EARLY BIRD 2017
JUNIOR REGO DAY
BOYS AND GIRLS
SATURDAY
12TH NOV

MOOROOLBARK SOCCER CLUB'S
FAMILY CHRISTMAS &
EARLY REGISTRATION DAY

Date Time Place
December 11th 11AM to 3PM 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 child's Initials. Early Payment of Fees also ensures your Child's Top is Ready before the season starts.

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