Principal’s Report

Thank You Morning Tea
This morning the staff provided a lavish morning tea to thank the volunteers from our community who give their time to make our school a better place for all students. We are fortunate that so many parents find time in our increasingly busy lives to give something back. The support across the school happens in so many ways within classrooms: canteen, uniform shop, excursions and camps just to name a few. The morning tea is just a small way of the staff saying thank you for the assistance and the richness it brings to the school. Being part of a community is an active process and we appreciate the support we receive.

2017 Parent Contributions
Thanks to those who have promptly paid the school fees for 2017. We have had a strong response and look forward to that continuing. The information is available on Compass if you somehow missed it.

Giving at Christmas
We are gathering quite a collection of food stuffs and gifts for the charities we are supporting this Christmas. The Wesley Mission Food for Families boxes are filling, but we would still love more to support this very worthy cause. The other charity is the Uniting Care Christmas Appeal. These are wrapped presents, with the...
gender & age on the outside of the gift. They will be distributed to children who might otherwise have a less fortunate Christmas than most of us are used to. This is a wonderful way of demonstrating gratitude, which parents would be aware has been a strong thread within our work this year in the Resilience Project.

Hoop Time
Last Friday our Senior Future Stars team competed in the State Finals at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. The team showed great teamwork and effort, winning their three pool games comfortably and then two finals to make it into the final four. Unfortunately they were knocked out at this stage by a stronger team who went on to win the title, meaning we finished equal 3rd on the day. Congratulations to students who participated - Noah B, Tommy P, Chloe A, Jack G, Michael S, Holly McD, Ela A and Amelie W. A big thank you to the parents who helped on the day by coaching and transporting the students to and from the stadium.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

It’s that time of year again! Over the Christmas holidays, we are seeking accommodation for our school chickens! If you are willing and able to look after the chickens from 20th December until 29th January, can you please email Mrs. Kitching at: kitching.laura.e@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thank you to all the families who have already assisted in looking after the chickens this year, we are most grateful!

Music News

2016 Spectacular Broadcast
The special 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular broadcast will air on Channel Seven this Saturday, December 3rd at 7-9pm. It will also be simulcast via livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and be available on the PLUS7catch-up website for 30 days from the broadcast date. You may see some of our senior choir members and Mandy!!!!

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. Classes are working on their Christmas songs now, ready to entertain our school community on this night. Students are asked to dress-up in clothing that is appropriate to their class item, keeping in mind that they will need to have some warm clothing to put on over the top while they are sitting and watching the other items. Please don’t spend lots of money getting these things. Use what you have already or have a look at the $2 shops.

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Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
| FKK/FJO/FTC | Pull A Christmas Cracker | Christmas T-Shirts and long pants |
| JJS/JSY/BJJ/JJC | Santa Bring Me A Dinosaur | Dinosaur hats made in art. Any other dinosaur outfits and/or Christmas clothing that would fit with the song. |
| JPM/JJM/JLS/JKS | A Gift For Santa | Anything Christmassy – Christmas hat, Santa T-Shirts, Santa costumes |
| MKL/MRT/MFP/MBB | North Pole, North Pole | This is a big band Jazz number. Cool Jazz clothing with a Christmassy flavor. Elves, Santas, Reindeer, Black Suits, Reindeer Antlers |
| MKU/MAH/MPB/MJT | A Reason For The Season | This is also a big band swing jazz number. It’s all about joy, love, laughter and of course Christmas. So Christmas hats, antlers, and/or T-Shirts with hearts on them would be great |
| Seniors | Can't Wrap This | 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. |

**Senior Choir Excursions**
Wednesday December 14th: Yarrunga Community Centre, 11.30am. Year 3 Choir students only.
Thursday December 15th: Croydon Centro & Croydon Cinemas.
   Centro performance 9.30am
   Movie 10.45am
Keep your eye on Compass for details to come.
Kathryn Lane - Performing Arts

**Food for Families Donations**
Thank you to all our families who have donated non-perishable food items to the Wesley Mission’s Food for Families Appeal this Christmas. Food can be left in collection boxes outside the main office. *Please note, all donations must be in by 9am on Friday, December 9th, for pick-up by Wesley Mission’s drivers.*

**Canteen News**

**LAST DAY FOR LUNCH ORDERS**
Wednesday December 14th 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 will 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**
Orders have now closed. **No late orders can be accepted.** No other lunch orders available on the day.

**CLEARANCE**
Banana Paddle Pops and Tropical Paddle pop 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 mitc 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.
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ROSTER
Friday 2nd December – Sharron Savage, Lia Biasuzzo, Narelle Collins.
Tuesday 6th December – Kylie May.
Friday 9th December – Kati Wilkins, Kylie Van Roosmalen.
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

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:
Mindfulness Cartooning and Creativity
Wellbeing Fundraiser for CHPS
Sick of Colouring in but still love the brain exercise and flow–time spent doing something creative? Well now you can do ‘Shapes, Lines and Dots!’ It is a fabulous book filled with drawings and activities to assist your wellbeing, designed by a Dad in our local school community. Shapes, Lines and Dots book is now available to order through the school. Thanks to the generosity of Matt and his passion for wellbeing, he is donating $8 to the school for every book sold! The book is available to view at the office and order forms are on Compass. This book would make a fabulous Christmas present too!
Support the school and your and the kids’ wellbeing with Shapes, Lines and Dots!
Excellent new websites to support the wellbeing of families
In response to families under pressure and the rise of domestic violence 2 new websites have just been launched. Both are brilliant and have many articles and resources that can support you in your parenting role whether it be your relationship with your partner’s behaviour. I highly recommend checking them out to see what they have to offer
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Fundraising for
Croydon Hills PS
Wellbeing Program

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Our CHAPS Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday December 5th, at 7pm in the Staff Room.
Several of our current committee members are stepping back next year. This means that we are looking for new members to play an active role in CHAPS. Please see the attached flyer which details the committee positions and consider what time you are able to donate to the school.
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 flyer below for more information.
Raffle tickets have now gone home to families for our Croydon Hills PS Christmas Raffle. You can win an iPad, $100 Coles Myer Gift Card, Two x Australian Open Towels or a Donna Hay Gift Pack. Tickets are only $1 each and all money raised goes back to the school. Please return your tickets and money no later than Monday December 5th.

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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APPLES
FRESH FROM THE ORCHARD
DELIVERED TO CHPS NEXT THURSDAY

$10 per bag (5-6 kilos)
PINK LADY
GOLDEN DELICIOUS
GRANNY SMITH

GREEN & BROWN PEARS

STRAWBERRIES
$2
PUNNET!

Place your orders at the office by Wednesday

Telephone: 9725 1206    OSHC 9724 4514
The JSC and the Gorillas would like to thank those of you who have helped out by recycling old mobile phones during November. We will arrange for Melbourne Zoo to collect them.

Food for Families

We are filling up boxes with the generous donations being made by our community. Keep them coming to the office until Friday December 9.

Uniting Care Christmas appeal is also going well. Tomorrow we will have a speaker at our assembly explaining where all the presents go. Keep them coming to the office until Friday December 9.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monday 28th
Lachlan FKK, Joshy FTC & Koby MJT

Tuesday 29th
Cailynn MAH, Matty MKU, Ryan MKU & Thomas SDE

Yesterday
Henry JLS & Georgia SLK

Today
Bella SDE & Michael SKF

Tomorrow
Rory SKF

Saturday 3rd
Mia SLK

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

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.

Can you translate into different languages ‘Merry Christmas’?

LAST WEEK’S CHALLENGE

What two capital cities in Europe can you name that begin and end with the same letter?

Warsaw (Poland) and Oslo (Norway). Well done to Mrs Miller!!

JoKe TiMe 😊

What is the favourite car of the Jedi?

Toyoda!!

See page in newsletter for more information.
News from the JSC.....

Christmas is fast approaching and we would like to help out 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

GIFT IDEAS

Babies and toddlers
- Rattles
- Soft toys
- Blankets
- Clothing
- Toys
- Building blocks
- Storybooks

Young Children (Aged 4-8yrs)
- Sports equipment
- Bikes
- Books
- Toys
- Board games
- Dolls
- Toy cars
- Trains
- Lego blocks/sets

Older children (Aged 9-14 yrs)
- Board games
- Book club activity books
- Accessories
- Outdoor equipment (e.g. frisbee, skateboard, balls, bike, scooter)
- Stationary
- Craft games

Teenagers
- Novels
- Board games
- Gift cards
- Sports equipment
- Body lotions
- Deodorant packs
- Accessories (e.g. jewellery, belts, caps, scarves)
- Makeup (e.g. lip gloss, nail polish)
- Candles
- Photo frames
- DVDs

Adults
- Books
- Fashion accessories (e.g. scarves, ties, watches)
- Perfume
- Deodorant packs
- Cosmetic bags
- Photo frames
- DVDs
- Hampers
- Homewares

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.
YARRA VALLEY BALLET IS OPENING ITS DOORS IN 2017
Our mission is to provide quality dance instruction to participants from every walk of life, inclusive of all ages, genders and abilities.

OUR PROGRAMS
Yarra Valley Ballet offers a syllabus based on the Russian Vaganova method, in a safe, inclusive and fun environment:
- Early Years Program, Ages 3-6
- Primary Years Program, Ages 6-12
- Secondary Years Program, Ages 12+
- Secondary Years Recreational Program, Ages 12+
- Adults Program, Ages 16+

Classes run in Yarra Glen and Chirmside Park.
Visit our website or contact us for further information.

www.yvbal.net.au
www.facebook.com/yvbal
info@yvbal.net.au
Phone: 0412 344 416

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH
CROYDON HILLS
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December 2016
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 10th December
9.30am - Blessing of the trees and turning on the lights
10am – 12noon – Morning tea with seasonal refreshments
12noon – 2pm – Sausage sizzle and family activities
2pm – 4pm – Live musicians and Christmas carols

Sunday 11th December
12.30pm – 4pm - Relaxing Sunday afternoon open church

Come and see Christmas trees that have been decorated by local businesses, organisations and schools, all with a variety of themes.

For enquiries contact Joan on 0447309899 or Judith on 97238430

Bring your gold coins to support your local community organisation.

21 Bemboka Road Croydon Hills
www.chawpjc.org.au

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514

JumpDeck
Christmas Special
$10 Any Session
App consecutive hour $5

Book online to secure your session!
Grip socks not included.
Not in conjunction with any other offer, Valid 17th Dec to 5th Feb
Closed on 25th/26th/27th 2016 and 1st/2nd 2017 *Conditions apply