Welcome back to Term 4! We hope that everyone had a fantastic and restful break. Term 4 is once again looking like another busy term for the Senior School with a range of events and activities taking place to satisfy the many interests and needs of our students.

**SEPEP!**

This term, our Inquiry unit is SEPEP, which stands for ‘Sport Education in Physical Education Program’. Each class will be participating in a sport of their choosing and the students are allocated into teams. The teams are responsible for organising their sporting events, including publicity, creating round robin events, choosing team colours and coaching and umpiring games. We know the students are looking forward to gaining insight into what it’s like to be a professional sportsperson! The sports are below:

- SDE: Hockey
- SDS: Danish Longball
- SKF: Quidditch
- SLD: Touch football
- SLK: Boccerball

**Numeracy**

In Term 4, students will be supported to discover and explore strategies to solve open-ended problems in different ways, and make connections between their learning in the classroom and using maths in everyday life. Targeted maths groups will support classroom learning, and areas of focus will include:

- 3D shapes
- Statistics and Probability
- Place Value
- Measurement

**Rotations**

Rotations will continue this term with a new range of subjects. This day provides students the opportunity to learn from a range of teachers, giving them an insight to Secondary School. The five rotations will continue to take place on Tuesday.

- Revues/Comics: Mr Slater
- Magazines and Coding: Mr Don Elzen
- Local and Federal Government: Mr Dixon
- The Human Body: Mrs Kitching

**Important dates this term**

- **Monday 17th October:** Year 6 Graduation Parent Helper Meeting
- **Thursday 20th October:** CANstruction
- **Friday 21st October:** Jump Rope for Heart launch
- **Friday 21st October:** Softball finals
- **Monday 24th October:** Transition through the school
- **Wednesday 26th October:** Hooptime Regional Finals
- **Friday 28th October:** Presentation Assembly
- **Friday 28th October:** T20 Cricket day
- **Monday 31st October:** Curriculum day (students do not come to school)
- **November 1st November:** Cup day (students do not come to school)
- **Thursday 3rd November:** Count Us In
- **Monday 7th November - Friday 11th:** Year 5 Camp and Year 6 Camp
- **Monday 14th November:** Transition through the school
- **Friday 18th November:** General Assembly
- **Friday 24th November:** Jump Rope for Heart launch
- **Monday 28th November:** Transition through the school
- **Monday 28th November:** Paintstorm incursion
- **Friday 2nd December:** Presentation Assembly
- **Tuesday 6th December:** Year 6 Orientation Day
- **Tuesday 13th December:** Christmas carols
- **Wednesday 14th December:** Parent helpers morning tea
- **Thursday 15th December:** Year 6 Graduation
- **Friday 16th December:** Meet 2017 teacher
- **Tuesday 21st December:** Billy cart and soap box derby
- **Tuesday 21st December:** Last day of the year

**Literacy**

In Term 4, students will be exploring narratives, letter essays and reflective writing. As part of our SEPEP unit, the students will also begin blogging as a way of communicating their feedback and results.

The students will also be exploring myths, fables and legends as part of our reading program, alongside letter essays and book talks.
Homework
Ways you can help your child at home:

In the Senior School, we acknowledge the extensive body of research that clearly demonstrates that reading is the key to academic success, and that the way to achieve high levels of literacy in reading is through free, voluntary reading. Not only is free voluntary reading the source of high reading ability, it is the source of most of our vocabulary, our ability to handle complex grammatical instruction, most of our ability to spell and our ability to write with a good writing style.

Free voluntary reading is essentially reading because you want to, the kind of reading real readers do every day. It is reading a self-selected book that you’re compelled to read, and that you can easily comprehend. With this in mind, we encourage our students to read for at least 30 minutes at home, seven days a week. We understand that occasionally this may not always be possible, however we encourage our students to at least aim for this target, for the reasons outlined above. As Professor Stephen Krashen the world’s leading expert on language acquisition says of children, “those who don’t develop the pleasure reading habit, simply don’t have a chance.”

Set homework will continue this term and can always be found on the Senior School site: http://bit.ly/chpshomework

It is an expectation that all students complete all tasks each week. In the senior school, homework allows you to see what is happening at school and gives you the chance to talk with your child about how they are going at school. It also requires your child to think about their time management in preparation for Secondary School, where the requirement to complete many homework tasks will be placed upon them.

Please keep in mind the all homework tasks can be completed offline without the use of iPads. If you have any queries about homework please discuss them with your child’s teacher.

Transition
In Term 3, the Year 6 students received confirmation of their 2017 placements into Secondary School. Year 5 students should be beginning to attend transition sessions, school tours and orientations regarding their 2018 placements.

On Tuesday 6th December the students attending Government Secondary Schools will be attending their Year 7 Orientation Day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kali Fraser at fraser.kali.k@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Senior School Camping Program
The Year 5 and Year 6 camps will both run from Monday the 7th November until Friday the 11th November.

Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure Camp
Thank you to the families that have paid either the full amount for camp or their initial payments in the schedule. If you are not up to date with payments could you please contact the office as soon as possible. Information packs with further details about Year 5 camp will be sent home early this term.

Year 6 Canberra Tour
Thank you to all parents who have finalised the initial payment (deposit of $120) for Year 6 Camp. Please ensure payment instalments are made throughout the term; if you are yet to make the first payment this needs to be paid as soon as possible to lock in your child’s place on the tour and allow us to plan the trip appropriately. There are also a small number of parents still to consent, if you haven’t yet done so, please address this asap. Information packs about the tour will be sent out early this term.

iPads
Based on feedback from parents and students we have continued to change the approaches of our one 2 one ipad program.

Students are not allowed to use their iPads during recess and lunchtimes when there is a weather timetable. Students are being encouraged to be more sociable with their friends and take part in games and other activities.

Students are not allowed to use their iPads during literacy sessions. Research has shown that reading from physical books is more beneficial for the development of reading skills and therefore students are supported in finding appropriate books to read.

Last year we found that most of the damage and ‘accidents’ occurred to iPads in the second part of the year as students became more complacent about their device. Now could be a good time to discuss with your child about how to care for their iPad.

- Please ensure that the iPads are charged and ready for school each day
- The floor is not a good place to leave iPads
- Ensure Apps are updated regularly
- No messaging apps
- Return home screen and lock screen to the owner’s photo
**Performing Arts**

**Performing Arts - Mrs Lane**

**Classroom music:** During term 4 students will continue to create music using their voices, ukuleles, xylophones, untuned percussion, boomwhackers, iPads and steel drums. As part of their Sepep unit, children will use the skills they have learnt over this year and preceding years in performing arts classes to create their own theme music for their Sepep sport/team. We will continue to do lots of singing and add some drama activities to the performing arts classes.

**Music Count Us In:** All students will take part in this initiative whereby around 200,000 students from Australia and Australasia sing the same song at the same time on the same day. The song is “Let It Play”, the time is 12:30 and the day is Thursday 3rd of November. The event is livestreamed from 12 noon and you can tune in from wherever you are to watch and listen. Here is the song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMJgxt_kxbo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zr5zghEGvU

**Choir:** this will continue to rehearse on Monday lunchtimes and Thursdays at 8 a.m. It is important that children remain committed right up to our very last rehearsal and performance. I’m in the process of organizing an end-of-year breakup/performance at Croydon Centro. In the past it has been on the last Tuesday of the school year and has culminated with a movie at the cinema. More on this in the next few weeks.

**Victorian State Schools Spectacular**

A number of our senior choir children were involved in this event and it will be broadcast on Channel 7 on Saturday 3 December at 7pm.

Seeing that this is the final year level newsletter for 2016, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Music Captains Georgia Horgan, Maddie Durik, Chloe Moeung and Jade Synhur for their fabulous leadership skills and wonderful support throughout 2016. These students have often run choir rehearsals, marked the attendance roll and helped to organize concerts and compere events. They have also organized music awards and spoken confidently to the school community at assemblies. I really appreciate your help and support. Thank you.

*Kathryn Lane*

**Indonesian**

This term in Indonesian our program content will relate to the SEPEP unit. We will use Indonesian to discuss what is necessary to remain fit and healthy. We will look at the differences in the Healthy Food Pyramid in Indonesia and in Australia and what constitutes a balanced diet in each country. Students will also research an Indonesian game and share it with the class.

*Libby Browning*

**Physical Education**

PE in the Senior school in Term 4 is a mixture of lots of fun and major games such as Lacrosse, Polo Hockey, Bowls and Cricket. Cricket Victoria will be coming to give the Senior students a clinic and teach them about the T20 Blast School Cup which we have many students attending. The students will also be taking part in Fitness testing. Each year the Year 5/6’s do a series of tests, which cover the major components of fitness. The results are sent home with the Year 6 reports only. Generally, the fitness level of our Seniors is quite high, as many children do sport outside of school as well as with their family.

*Noreen McMenaman*

**Visual Arts**

Welcome back to and to our last term! Wow how the time has really flown this year. The creative arts always seeks ways to develop cross-curricular links within students learning, and this term students will work within their SEPEP teams to develop a team t-shirt logo to wear when playing. Students will be required to; work as a team, develop a strong logo/design, and print their design onto their white t-shirts. The aim here is to have a strong and recognizable logo when on the pitch/field when playing and students will revisit and cement their understanding of stencil printing techniques in the process.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss their artwork in a friendly environment.

Students will also participate in Christmas activities at the end of the term. Please email with the classroom teacher or myself if you wish your child not to create Christmas ornaments.

Students will require a smock each week; an old t-shirt or jumper will be enough to cover their school uniform.

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 soundtrack, the choreographed painting 'wows' audiences with its speed and precision. Phil's performances explores the themes of resilience, how to bounce back.*

The incursion does have a cost of $7 per student and will be on Compass.

**Year 6 Graduation Project**

The graduation project is well underway and students have been given a time/date that they are required to be in the art room and participate in an art piece that will be reviewed on Graduation night.

*Claudia Michielin*
Looking back on Term 3

Wakakirri, House Athletics, District Athletics, Local Landscapes, Craftpower incursion, Speech competition, DCT expo, Book week and parade, Hooptime, Korean visitors, Football gala day, Melba Production, AFL roadshow, Sydney Opera House, Bottle for Botol, EnviroWeek incursion, Schools tree day.