Acting Principal’s Report
Welcome back to a new school year. Graeme is away this week due to a family illness, but it has been a smooth start to 2017 nevertheless. It was wonderful yesterday seeing the smiling faces of our students who were eager to start their new classes and challenges. We are welcoming students across the school, in addition to our new Prep students who are starting school for the first time. A warm welcome also to our new teaching staff. We look forward to an exciting new school year.

The Resilience Project
We are very pleased to be participating in The Resilience Project for the second year. This program was very successful last year and we know the powerful messages the program delivers. The level of mental health issues in our society, including adolescents and children, is alarming. Anxiety in children is becoming a major problem.

The Resilience Project focuses on Resilience, which is defined as the ability to bounce back. The program focuses on:

- **Gratitude** – being grateful for what you have.
- **Empathy** – developing emotional literacy skills so that people can recognize and label their own emotions so they can recognize them in others.
- **Mindfulness** – the ability to be in the moment and shut off disruptive thoughts.

On Monday staff had a professional learning session with Martin Heppell, who is the Educational Manager of the program. On Thursday February 23rd, students will have a session with one of the facilitators from the program and on Wednesday March 1st there is a Parent Forum which will...
be facilitated by Martin Heppell. I strongly advise parents to attend this forum so you can support this important program and hear their powerful message.

**School Calendars**
Our Annual CHPS Calendar will come home today (with your youngest child) for your family to share. I hope you find this a useful and enjoyable item, which demonstrates the life and energy of the school.

**Parking**
A reminder to **all that the carparks on the school site are not to be used for parents at drop off or pick-up times**. They are for staff parking only. It is important that people using the drop-off zone in the morning can do so within the 30 sec rule. If it takes longer than that for you to be stopped, then the drop-off zone is not for you. After school this area is used for Disabled Parking only. This year we are also noticing a number of parents and students walking through the staff carpark. This is extremely dangerous. There is a footpath running beside the red school fence, which is the only safe way for students to walk through this area. Please make sure you set a good example for your children.

**Important Events This Term**
This is an 8 week term due to the early Easter. Please be aware of these important dates this term

- Parent Helpers Info Session, 9am in the Library Tuesday **Feb 14**
- School Photos next Thursday **Feb 16**
- Parent/Teacher Getting To Know You interviews (not for Preps) **Feb 22** – bookings will be available on Compass
- Student leaders badge presentation at the Presentation Assembly on Friday **Feb 24**
- Parent Forum, Resilience Project Wednesday **March 1**
- Year 6 Canberra Tour **March 6 – 10**

**Parent Helper Information Session**
One of the most valuable resources we have at CHPS are parent (and grandparent) helpers in the classroom. This is a wonderful way to contribute to school life and your child will love to have their own special person helping out! All parent helpers are required to have a valid Working With Children Check and there are a number of protocols we have developed to ensure that classroom helpers and our students enjoy maximum satisfaction from the experience. With that in mind, we will be holding an information session for parents (and grandparents) who are interested in helping in 2017, on Tuesday, February 14th, at 9am in the Library. We look forward to seeing many smiling faces!

**School Photos**
School photos will be taken on Thursday, February 16th. Individually-named Order Envelopes will come home with all students today, outlining photo pack options, pricing and ordering details. Orders can be placed online, BUT ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR ORDER ENVELOPES BACK TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY.

Family (sibling) group photos are also available – please collect special Order Envelopes for these from the office.

**Carol Wyatt - Acting Principal**
Student Accident Insurance & Ambulance Cover

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. There are a number of private insurers which provide comprehensive Student Accident Insurance, covering students 24/7 at very reasonable rates. Please see the office if you are interested. Please also note that personal items brought to school by students are not covered under the school’s insurance policy. Year 5/6 iPads should be insured under individual Home & Contents policies and we encourage students not to bring valuable items to school.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

This is a state government grant available to parents who hold a valid Healthcare or Centrelink card, and provides $125.00 per eligible child for payment of excursion, incursion, camp or other school activity expenses. It cannot be used for fees or uniforms. Application Forms are available from the office and we will need to take a copy of applicable Healthcare or Centrelink cards. To be eligible, parent cards must valid on 30/01/2017. Applications must be returned to school no later than February 23rd.

Sports News

Welcome back to another exciting year in PE and Sport. Welcome and congratulations to the new Sports Captains, Alyssa G, Breanna R, Nic H and Tom W. We also have 12 more Sports Monitors, who will assist with the Borrowing Room at recess and lunchtime and many other jobs relating to sport and PE.

District Swimming Sports

The first event for the school calendar in sport is the District Swimming Sports, which is being held at the Tintern Schools Pool on Monday 20th February. This is open to children who turn 9 to 13 years old this year. If your child swims in a squad, or is part of a swimming club and has had racing experience and you wish them to have a go at the District Sports if they qualify, then please give me a time that your child swims their stroke in a 50 metre pool. The District competition consists of the 4 main strokes being Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. There is also a 4 x 50 Freestyle team as well as a Medley Relay team, which has the 4 strokes as part of the competition.

Interschool Sport

Interschool Sports starts next Friday 10th February. All Year 6 students are expected to participate in a sport. We have started the trials for all the Year 5 & 6 students who have expressed an interest to be in a team and will finalise this by early next week. The notice for the Year 6s has already been uploaded to Compass, so I ask parents to complete the forms and pay online as soon as possible. Payment can also be made at the office. Year 5 students who are selected will have their name loaded on to Compass as soon as the teams are complete. We have an eight week round competing in Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, T20 Ball, Volleyball and Hot Shots Tennis. We have a Bye on Friday March 10th due to our Year 6s going on the Canberra Tour. The Year 5/6 cohort this year is larger than most previous years, which means that we require 2 staff to remain back at school with the Non Competitive group. This means we require more parents to assist with the sports. If we could please ask any parents from the whole school community to step forward and volunteer to assist with some of the teams, then our children will be able to compete, as they can’t participate in the competition if there is no adult supervision. At this stage we require an adult to assist with the Girls’ Basketball and the Girls’ Rounders teams. You don’t need to know the rules as there is a teacher with the Boys’ team. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Noreen McMenaman or any of the Year 5/6 staff.

Sport Uniforms

Could parents please ensure their child comes dressed appropriately to PE classes. Girls should wear their polo shirt and shorts or skirts and runners. This allows the children to move about more freely, as school dresses tend to get in the way. All students are required to wear runners to PE lessons. This is a safety issue as well as a comfort issue when running and working on the asphalt outside. Also, we don’t allow black school shoes in the stadium, as they leave marks on the newly-polished wooden floor. The uniform shop sells “skirts” (shorts which look like a skirt at the front) or just plain blue shorts. It might be an idea to place a note on the fridge at home to remind you of the day your child has PE, so they can come prepared for a session of fun and games.

Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

Library News

Welcome back and to all those who have just joined our community – welcome. I hope you all found time to read some great books over the break.

Telephone:  9725 1206   OSHC 9724 4514
Just a few reminders as we settle into the new school year. **All children are expected to have a library bag before they can borrow from our library.** It does not need to be anything fancy – a plastic bag is ideal and I am even prepared to accept the blue satchels that some students have (as long as the book fits inside). If your child has a cloth library bag it is a good idea to put a plastic bag inside. Most of the damage done to our library books is caused by leaking drink bottles or squashed food (the natural enemies of the book).

We have a great selection of books in our library and we are constantly adding new titles to try and keep the library as exciting and fresh as possible. Relaxing with a good book, either reading it yourself or reading to someone special, seems to be overlooked sometimes in our busy lives but with reading comes so many opportunities. For those of you with students in the Junior level – please remember that library books are meant to be shared – your child will probably not be able to read these books on their own. Remember that reading is more than being able to recognise the words on a page. Comprehension is vital! It is often a good idea to ask your child about the book they have just read. If they can’t tell you much about it the book may be above their level. If they enjoyed it you may like to read it yourself! I have read some great books that were recommended by students! The reading books that they take home from the classroom are aimed at their reading level. These children – and those in the Middle level (and higher) still enjoy having books read to them and this is an important part of learning to read and comprehend. It also has other proven benefits such as improving grammar and vocabulary.

Students get to borrow the books for two weeks; Seniors now have four weeks. Overdue notices are first sent home when a book is overdue for 2 – 3 weeks. Follow-up letters and emails are also sent home fortnightly after this. If you receive a notice and are sure that the book has been returned please ask your child to see me in the library. A book is not considered returned until it is in the library. Sometimes books seem to get as far as the classroom and get stuck there. Please encourage your child to do a thorough check at home and in the classroom if they receive an overdue notice.

Please work with us to keep reading a priority in our children’s busy lives. This includes reading to them and discussing the books that they are reading.

**Also please note that if your child had an overdue book at the end of the year it will still be out in their name – it does not magically disappear over the holidays.**

Sue Offer - Library Technician

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**Canteen News**

**2017 CANTEEN MENU**

A new pricelist (effective Feb 2017) has been distributed today to all students. Please note **Salad packs are no longer available to order on a Friday** due to the large volume of orders and limited volunteers.

**FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING**

This services is available from Monday to Friday via the Flexischools website. 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 would not be able to accommodate a large volume of late orders. Please Note – Sustainable Bags are NOT suitable for online ordering. A paper bag will be provided.

**MONDAYS – ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**

Please note the canteen is open 5 days per week. **ALL orders placed for Mondays must be done online via the Flexischools website,** no manual orders will be accepted.

**MONDAY MEAL DEALS (only available via online ordering till 9am)**

- **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.

**AFTERSCHOOL SALES**

The canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday afterschool for sales of frozen items and drinks only from 3.30-3.45pm for the remainder of Term.1.

**CLEARANCE**

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

**ROSTER**

Friday 3rd February – Sharron Savage, Narelle Collins.

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

Welcome back to banking for another fabulous year!!
Just a couple of points to kick off for 2017........

- Don’t forget to bring your deposits on Tuesdays
- Banking will resume next week
- Banking information packs have been distributed to students, so please catch up on all of the new and exciting news and check out the great rewards on offer. Spare information packs are available from the school office

The new ‘Future Savers’ rewards for the year are on display in the office.
Welcome Preps and all new faces to the school - jump on board the School Banking Program and start saving, plus earn some fun rewards in the process!
Lastly but certainly not least - through the great effort of all CHPS bankers in 2016, our school received $1,353.19 commission from the Commonwealth Bank! Well done everyone!
Let's all get banking and see if we can top it in 2017!!
Thanks for supporting this great fantastic program, we look forward to another cracking year of banking.
Nat and Prue

Mia’s MessageBoard:

Scaffolding for Social Skills

Scaffolding is a term more frequently being used to explain a way of learning. Heart-Mind online http://heartmindonline.org/resources/scaffolding-10-ways-to-stimulate-learning-through-play describes it as ‘It is a framework to describe an adults’ supportive role in children’s learning. Scaffolding enables a child to solve a problem, carry out a task or achieve a goal which is just beyond his or her abilities. During play, where foundational social and emotional skills are developed, scaffolding is a bridge to new skill levels using three key ingredients; modeling the skill, giving clues and asking questions while the child is trying out a new skill, and then as the child approaches mastery, withdrawing the support’.

This technique in teaching your child social skills is powerful. When you invite a friend over to play with your child you need to watch them and intervene as necessary (without taking over) in helping them learn how to play fair, takes turns, etc.
You could also enrol them in Playology which uses this technique to help children learn social behaviour.
See flyer below.

Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer
These students are the Junior School Council reps for this year. They will be visiting classes each week.

PSH – Noah from SLD
PDR – Bella SKF
PAG – Tommy SLD
PKK – Alicia SKF
PCV – Alicia SKF
JTC – Amelia SDE
JSY – Oliver SAH
JBJ – Thomas SJT
JKL – Ashley SKF
JKS – Martam SAH
JJC – Alex SDE
JLS – Martam SAH
JMP – Luke SDE
JJO – Willow SNR
MKU – Josh SKF
MJM – Tiah SJT
MDG – Reagan SNR
MPB – Chloe SLD
MRT – Ashton SAH
MBB – Sophie SJT
MFP – Sophie SJT
MAP – Tyler SLD
MTC – Lily SAH
SAH – Oliver, Lily and Ashton
SDE – Luke, Amelia and Alex
SNR – Willow and Reagan
SLD – Chloe and Tyler
SKF – Josh and Ashley
SJT – Thomas, Tiah and Sophie

Meet the 2017 School Captains

Tommy  Bella  Noah  Alicia

January Birthdays

2nd – Sienna MTC
3rd – Micah MBB & Charlotte MKU
4th – Perry MAP, Jared SNR & Josh SAH
5th – Harry MDG
6th – Levi PKK
7th – Akaisha MKU
8th – Allira JMP, Lily MBB & Tailiah MRT
9th – Zoe PDR & Madeline SJT
12th – Payton MBB
13th – Xavier JBJ
14th – Ella MTC
15th – Josephine JMP & Michael MDG
17th – Aydin JJO & Darcy SKF
18th – Lily JTC, Caden JSY, Savannah JJC & Charli SAH
19th – Jeremy JSY
20th – Jemma SLD & William S JT
21st – Ashton JJC
22nd – Bawi MTC & Kailey SKF
23rd – Maia MJM
24th – Noah PAG
25th – Asha MTC
27th – Jasmine PCV, Rachel PCV, Makenzie JTC, Eric SAH, Willow SNR & Holly SDE
28th – Lily JJO, Maddison JJO & Scarlet JTC

29th – Angela JKS & Luke MBB

Birthdays this week....

Monday 30th – Kane JMP & Molly JLS
Tuesday 31st – Amelia JJO & Mia SNR

Yesterday
Aliyah JKS & Jasmine MBB

Today
Anton MAP

Tomorrow
Logan JMP, Layla JKS & Holly SKF

Saturday 4th
Leah JMP, Ciara SAH & Abi SAH

Sunday 5th
Josh PAG, Marli MFP, Isla MFP & Mia MJM

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- Our Coaches are continuously coached by professionals
- Our screening process for the best Coach is second to none
- Our Coaches put your child first
- Your child’s football pathway starts with FUN and the AFL growth opportunity is whatever you want it to be
- We are proud of our homegrown League reps, Rangers reps and our Juniors that have gone on to be our best Senior players

Come and join us at
Registration Day!
9.30 am Sunday 12th of Feb
Ainslie Park Brentnall Rd Croydon

For 2017 Junior Club information contact our Registrar - erjfcregistrar@gmail.com
Or Secretary - erjfcssecretary.erjfc@gmail.com
www.erjfc.com.au
www.facebook.com/eastringwoodjuniorfc

REGISTRATION DAY
FOR SEASON 2017

Date February 19th
Time 10AM to 2PM
Place Senior Clubhouse

2017 Player Fees
Miniroos (Saturday Clinic) $230
Sub Junior (U7 - U11) $360
Junior (U12-U16) $440
Senior $500

All Junior Registration Fees include a 1/2 Zip Nike Warm Up Top
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Term 1, 2017 - Commencing 6th February, 2017
Classes held at Yarrunga Community Centre

For enquiries: Please contact Sue on 0437 199 603, or complete this form and return to:
S. Saliba Pty Ltd, 10 Crawley Grove, Ringwood North 3134

PLEASE NOTE: Payment of Term Fees is required with this enrolment form

Please select your program, day and time preferences by ☑ from the options below:

Please ☑ your preferred day(s):
☐ Monday
☐ Tuesday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Friday

☐ Hot Shots
(4 – 7 years)
$104.00 (inc. GST) – 8 week term

☐ Junior Coaching
(8 – 12 years)
$104.00 inc (GST) – 8 week term

Please select ☑ preferred time
☐ 8:00 – 8:45am
☐ 1:50 – 2.40pm

Juniors – Please indicate your approximate standard by ☑ based on the description below:

☐ Total Beginner  ☐ Beginner  ☐ Strong Beginner  ☐ Low Intermediate  ☐ Intermediate

Student Name: _____________________________ D.O.B: ______________

Address: _______________________________________________________

Suburb: _____________________________ Postcode: ___________ Male / Female

Phone: (h) ____________________ (m) _______________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________