Principal’s Report

Get To Know You interviews
Next Wednesday Feb 22 we are holding “Getting To Know You” Interviews for parents of students in Years 1-6, through the afternoon and early evening. This is a great opportunity to talk with your child’s classroom teacher, share information and set up the relationship to maximise the learning for your child throughout 2017. We don’t normally have students involved in these interviews but this can be discussed with the teacher. As with all interviews, it is important to stick to the time allocated for the convenience of everyone. Bookings are open on Compass now. Parents of Prep students will use their Online Assessment appointment (on Wednesdays this term) for this purpose.

Resilience Project
Over the next few weeks, our students will be having their session with the presenter from The Resilience Project, which was so successful last year. We are keen to carry the momentum forward and will welcome Hugh back to talk with the students.

Before students returned, staff were treated to a presentation by Martin Heppell. Like Hugh, he is an outstanding speaker. Martin will be presenting to the Parent Forum, which is coming up on Wednesday March 1. We are looking forward to another great turnout of parents to listen to this vital message for themselves and their children. Childminding will be available on the night, so both parents could attend. This article about Martin was in the Age a few weeks back: http://www.smh.com.au/business/workplace-relations/head-20170130-gu1vlx.html
Homework
Our school Homework Policy has been recently updated and is included later in this Newsletter. I would encourage you to read it and discuss it with your child/ren. At CHPS there is an expectation that students in all year levels complete a certain amount of set homework each night/week, with the aim of developing personal learning skills such as responsibility, positive work habits, pride and goal setting. Next week’s Getting To Know You Interviews might provide the perfect opportunity to discuss any questions you may have about homework with your child’s class teacher.

Graeme Caudry - Principal

Congratulations to SNR, who won the award for Rubbish Free Lunches last week! 80% of their class had a rubbish free lunchbox last Monday and their class is the winner of the globe. Reminder: every Monday is Rubbish Free Lunch Day!

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
Interschool Sport
Last week we played our first round of interschool sport against Warranwood. All teams did so well and the scores reflect this. We won a few and lost a few, but all students had a lot of fun in the games they played. Thanks to the parents who came along to support these teams by either cheering them on or helping out to score.

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This week we are playing against Ringwood North PS.
Venues:

Telephone: 9725 1206  OSHC 9724 4514
At home we will be playing the 2 Teeball teams, 2 Basketball teams and Volleystars. The Cricket team will be playing at the Wonga Rd Oval in Ringwood North and the Rounders and Tennis teams will be playing at Ringwood North Primary School.

**District Swimming Sports**

Good luck to the students who will be swimming next Monday in the Ringwood North District Swimming Sports. We have a few students who have been competing for a couple of years now and we have some new students who will be joining them. Good luck guys! We have 9 students attending. Thank you to Natalie Laukart who will be transporting a few children as their parents can’t make it. Much appreciated by all that they can attend.

**Tennis**

This term we have been fortunate to be funded by the Sporting Schools Program, which is supported by the Federal Government. We chose Tennis as a unit of 4 weeks and the Middle school students are receiving lessons by our local Tennis coaches, Sue Saliba and Kate Errington from Parkwood Tennis Club. The children are into their second week of the program and have already learnt a lot, as well as improved their skills in such a short amount of time. Thank you also to Michelle Barry, who is a CHPS parent and works for Tennis Victoria. Michelle has also helped us with some of the lessons as well as assist with organising the program.

* Noreen McMenaman - Sport / PE

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**Music News**

**Choir & iMUS Band**

Students have met to show their interest in joining the CHPS choir and iMUS band this week. Students are very enthusiastic and I look forward to working with each of them. If your child has brought home a choir contract and is able to join please ensure the signed form is brought back by Wednesday February 22nd, when we will be holding our first official rehearsal. If your child is interested in the iMus band please remind them that if they have two unexplained absences in a row they will be removed from the group in fairness to the other members.

*Amana Tweedie - Performing Arts*

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**Science News**

Science call out for help!

**Needed:** glass jars ranging from 300 – 500ml

If you could assist with this, please come and see Mrs. Kitching in the science room. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

*Laura Kitching - Science*

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**Library News**

*World Read Aloud Day: Thursday, February 16th, 2017*

Visit litworld.org/wrad to get started.
Today is the day! Please join the world and read aloud to your children today.

Sue Offer - Library

Canteen News

SHROVE TUESDAY/PANCAKE DAY – 28TH FEBRUARY 2017
Order forms have been distributed and are due back with payment by 3pm Thursday 23/2 or alternatively, it can be ordered online via the Flexischools website.

2017 CANTEEN MENU
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, were 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 3.30-3.45 for the remainder of Term.1.

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

ROSTER
Friday 17th February – Joanne Duo, Rachelle McNamara, Angela Marvelley.
Friday 24th February – Sue LeClercq, Anissa Silver.
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
Mindfulness and Gratitude

Are you still practising Gratitude? It is so easy to fall out of habits...especially when they are good for us! Practising Gratitude can be done using Mindfulness. Being able to stop ourselves from reacting emotionally to whatever bad mood we are in and tune in to what is important in that very moment, you will be able to express gratitude for the purest and simplest things. This excerpt from ‘The Universal Heart’ by Stephanie Dowrick is a perfect example of this;

“You arrive home at the end of a long and frustrating day. Three school backpacks are dumped by the door along with shoes, hockey sticks and a pile of sweatshirts. The dogs have not been fed. Your daughters are playing different music loudly and your son is on the phone. Your head is throbbing. You begin to unpack the groceries that you lugged in alone from the car, slamming things into the cupboards and the fridge. Suddenly your son is standing beside you…through some miracle of unrequested grace you look at him before you complain. Looking into his eyes you see someone who is infinitely precious. You recognise him freshly. Your anger goes. Love takes its place. Quite unexpectedly you feel tremendous gratitude that you have food for your children, that you are all home safe, that you have a house to live in. With a single intake of breath, everything looks and feels different”.

Make sure you come to the Parent Seminar for The Resilience Project on Wednesday 1st of March. You will be reinspried to instil practices that affect your lifelong wellbeing.
Mia Sartori - Student Welfare Officer

CHAPS NEWS

To launch our social and fundraising year, the CHAPS Committee would like to invite you to our first social/fundraising event, a MOVIE NIGHT AT CROYDON CINEMA. This Academy Award nominated film is based on the true story of a group of African-American women who provided vital mathematical data to NASA in the 1960s, needed to launch the first US space missions.

Date : Tuesday 28th February
Time : 6:30pm
Cost: $10.00
Optional movie deal at an introductory price of $8.50 for small popcorn and small drink

All reports suggest this is a great, feel-good movie, so we hope to see a big turnout.
Please email CHAPS for tickets at:chaps@croydonhps.vic.edu.au
Looking forward to seeing you there!
The CHAPS Committee

Local Job Opportunity!

PA Wanted For Home Based Business - Lincoln Road, Croydon
2-3 days per week
12 noon til 5.00pm

Looking for a part time role that’s close to home? I am a school parent, looking for a smart, confident and well organized PA to help with a range of sales and marketing administration. I would love the opportunity to work with another parent from the school.

We help businesses attract clients and opportunities on LinkedIn, and we’ve built the personal profiles of some of Australia’s most notable Sales Directors and CEOs. We also help small business owners to use LinkedIn by providing online training and coaching programs, as well as workshops across Australia.

If you’re looking for a role that provides training on social media marketing and you’re up for a challenge, then this role offers variety and loads of fun- we love 99% of our clients!
Any experience you have in either sales or marketing will be recognised as an asset! More importantly, this role needs someone who is computer savvy with an eye for detail, as you’ll be writing and editing high level LinkedIn profiles, blog posts and email messages.
Don’t worry, all training is provided to the successful candidate!

Please go to http://www.perfectboom.com/about/pa/ and complete the form to apply for this great opportunity.
Bonnie Power
These students received a ‘Student Award’ at Friday’s first assembly – congratulations!

PSH – Pippa
PKK – Rhys
PCV – Emily
PDR – Jade
PAG – Rory
JTC – Mitchell & Olivia
JSY – Caden & Chantelle
JBJ – Matthew & Charlotte
JKL – Bayla & Riley
JKS – Chelsea & Charlie
JJC – Hunter & Ashton
JLS – Elizabeth & James
JMP – Allira & Darcy
JJO – Cooper & Henry
MKU – Akaisha, Victoria & Nyssa
MJM – Jack & Xanda
MDG – Harrison & Natalie
MPB – Keeley & Jack
MBB – William & Katrina
MFP – Layla & Will
MAP – Perry & Josh
MRT – Jasmin, Tom & Josh
MTC – Ky & Eliza
SJT – Brett & Ellie
SDE – Abby & Koby
SLD – Ben & Madi
SKF – Angeth & Brock
SAH – Abi, Indy & Elijah
SNR – Cody, Daisy & Reagan

Meet the 2017 Eco Leaders

Cherrie
Kailey
Breeana
Brett

Meet the 2017 eSmart Leaders

Skyla
Oliver
Lily
Charlotte

Meet the 2017 Music Captains

Charly
Mia
Emily
Emma

Birthdays this week....

Saturday 18th
Jesse MTC, Hera MTC & Brayden SJT

Sunday 19th
Portia MFP & Bela SKF

Tuesday 14th
Emily PCV

Yesterday
Ava JJO, Madii MPB & Lianah SNR

Tomorrow
James JLS & Ben MRT

Happy Birthday & Congratulations!!!!!
Croydon Hills Primary School

Homework Policy

Policy Statement
CHPS will work in partnership with students and parents/carers to develop personal learning skills such as responsibility, positive work habits, pride and good setting.

Parents in partnership with the school should encourage children to establish good learning patterns.

Homework Activities should be:
- Appropriate to the student’s skill level and age
- Purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- Interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- Assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided
- Balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities

Rationale
Homework is one opportunity for parents or carers to act as partners in their child’s education. Homework activities help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, and fostering good lifelong study habits. The setting of homework needs to take into consideration the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, sport and recreation, and cultural pursuits where appropriate.

Implementation
- Each team (Prep, Junior, Middle, Senior) will come to agreed implementation of tasks which will be communicated to and negotiated with parents at the commencement of each year. Leaders will ensure that task/s implementation is consistent through the team.
- Schools will advise parents of task/s expectations at the beginning of the year and provide a copy of the school’s Homework policy.
- Parents to refer the relevant team (Prep, Junior, Middle, Senior) guidelines in this policy.
- Teachers will make task/s expectations clear.
- Inability to complete task/s on a regular basis will be followed up with parents.

Teachers can help students with their homework by:
- setting varied, challenging and meaningful tasks related to class work to suit the students’ learning needs
- helping students establish a home study routine
- giving students enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities
- assessing homework and providing timely and practical feedback and support
- helping students develop organisational and time-management skills
- ensuring that students have good information skills
- ensuring parents and carers are aware of the school’s homework policy
- developing strategies within the school to support parents and carers becoming active partners in homework

Parents and carers can help students with their homework by:
- setting up regular routines at home for children to complete homework
- helping to balance time spent on recreational activities and homework
- talking to teachers about homework problems
- checking if children have done their homework
- helping to balance the time spent between homework and recreational activities
- asking how homework and class work is progressing, and acknowledging success

References
School Policy and Advisory Guide Department Guidelines and Expectations

Review
As part of the school’s cyclic process
Prep Homework Guidelines

In line with the Croydon Hills Homework Policy, Prep students are required to complete no more than 20 minutes of home activities each weeknight. These activities will include reading, practising common words – sight vocab.

Students are required to:

- bring their ‘Take Home Book’ to school every day
- be read to or read every weeknight
- practise common words – sight vocab
- have their reading recorded in their Take Home Reading Log
- bring their CHPS blue satchel to school each day

Teachers will:

- ensure ‘Take Home Books’ are changed daily
- regularly assess children’s reading to ensure they have books at their appropriate level
- check reading logs regularly

Parents and caregivers can help their child by:

- setting up reading routines at home
- providing a quiet place for students to read
- providing a suitable time for students to read
- reading to and with their child each week night
- discussing the text read with their child
- signing the Reading Log when reading has taken place
- ensuring CHPS blue satchets are returned to school each day
- making reading an enjoyable experience
- discussing concerns with classroom teachers

Junior School Homework Guidelines

In line with the Croydon Hills Homework Policy, Junior School students are required to complete no more than 30 minutes of home activities each weeknight. These activities will include reading, practising common words – sight vocab.

Students are required to:

- bring their CHPS blue satchel to school every day
- read every weeknight
- practise sight words
- record their reading in their Take Home Reading Log
- have their log signed each time they read and bring it to school in their CHPS blue satchel

Teachers will:

- ensure ‘Take Home Books’ are changed weekly
- check reading logs regularly
- regularly assess children’s reading and support students to choose suitable books at their level

Parents and caregivers can help their child by:

- providing a quiet place for their child to read
- reading to and with their child each week night
- completing the reading log entry
- ensuring CHPS blue satchet is returned to school each day
- discussing the text read with their child
- making reading an enjoyable experience
- discussing concerns with the classroom teacher

Middle School Homework Guidelines

In line with the Croydon Hills Homework Policy, Middle School students are required to complete no more than 30 minutes of home activities each weeknight. These activities will include reading, spelling and number facts and may occasionally involve short learning tasks related to current classroom topics.

Students are required to:
have a book to read at school every day
read for a minimum of four nights a week for a minimum of ten minutes
record their reading in their Take Home Reading Log
have their log completed each night they read and brought to school each day
complete home activities as set by the teacher, including spelling words (no more than 3) and number facts
seek assistance from the teacher prior to the due date if unsure of a homework task

Teachers will:

• provide opportunities for students to borrow during library sessions
• support students to choose suitable texts
• ensure task/s is suitable to the student’s skill level
• ensure task/s is purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
• check reading logs regularly
• provide timely and practical feedback to students
• clearly communicate to parents the task/s requirements

Parents and caregivers can help their child by:

• providing support to students to complete task/s requirements
• providing a quiet place to read
• reading to and with your child on a regular basis
• Completing the reading log
• Discussing the text read with their child
• Asking how task/s and class work is progressing and acknowledging effort
• Discussing child’s responses and asking to see completed work
• Encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their learning and organisation
• Encouraging them to seek assistance from the teacher prior to the due date if they are unsure of a homework task
• Contacting the teacher to discuss any problems their child is having with task/s

Senior School Homework Guidelines

In line with the Croydon Hills Homework Policy. Senior School students are required to complete no more than 45 minutes of home activities four nights a week. These activities will include reading, spelling, mathematics and learning tasks related to the classroom/specialist programs.

Students are required to:

• have a book to read at home every day
• read for a minimum of four times a week for between fifteen and thirty minutes
• record their reading in a log (paper or digital)
• complete home activities as set by the teacher, including spelling activities and maths activities
• regularly check homework tasks on the Senior School Google Site
• access their homework via the Senior School Google Site
• submit their completed homework and reading log to their teacher no later than Sunday at 7pm
• seek assistance from the teacher no later than the Friday before the due date if unsure of a homework task

Teachers will:

• provide opportunities for students to borrow during library sessions
• support students to choose suitable texts
• provide tasks that are purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
• communicate to parents task/s requirements
• provide timely and practical feedback to students
• help students develop the organisational and time management skills required for them to be responsible for their own learning

Parents and caregivers can help their child by:

• providing them with support to complete homework task/s requirements
• checking task requirements by logging onto the Senior School Google Site
• discussing the texts read with their child
• encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for their learning and organisation
• encouraging them to set aside regular times to read and complete tasks
• asking how homework tasks and class work are progressing and acknowledging effort
• discussing their responses and asking to see their completed work
• contacting the teacher to discuss any problems their child is having with tasks

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**Yering Station Farmers Market**

**Sunday 19th February**

9.00am-2.00pm

Come along with family and friends to the ‘Taste of the Yarra Valley’. Products you will find include mouth-watering biscuits, ginger bread, tea, free range eggs, juices, coffee, jams, preserves, sauces, spices, honey, chocolate, fudge, raw products, fruit vinegars, locally baked bread, a fantastic range cakes, olive oil, meringues, fresh fruit and vegetables and, as they say ... much, much more.

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**CROYDON HILLS AUSKICK**

for boys & girls aged 5 to 10 years

**WHEN:** 9am Saturday Mornings  **STARTS:** 22nd April

**HERE:** Lipscombe Park, Croydon (behind McAdam Square)

**contact:** croydonhillsauskick@gmail.com

**more info:** www.aflauskick.com.au

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**BASKETBALL REGISTRATION 18th February**

Winter 2017 SEASON

Spirit Magic Basketball Club is holding their Winter Season (Term 2 & 3) Registration day on Saturday 18 February at the Ringwood Basketball Stadium – The Rings (Canterbury Rd) from 9:00 to 3:00.

Spirit Magic caters for all standards of players, both boys and girls from Under 8 through to Under 18. Games are played on Saturdays at Ringwood and Nunawading Venues and training is held locally once a week after 6:00

For further information Contact Pete Warton at spiritmagicregister@gmail.com or go to www.spiritmagic.com.au