Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday break! As we enter Term 3 your child should continue to develop more independence in their school routine, such as packing their bags, changing their take-home books and remembering notices or lunch orders.

Each term the teaching teams at CHPS put together termly newsletters as a way of involving you in your child’s education. We hope you take the time to read about what your child will be learning this term, excursions and general reminders to help keep our level running.

From the Junior School Teachers

**Important dates in the Junior School**

**August:**
- 5th: Incursion: Exploring Indigenous Culture
- 23rd: Book Week Dress Up Day

**September:**
- 16th: Last day of term

**Cultural Studies**

This term we will be exploring Australia’s rich multi-cultural diversity and the benefits this brings to us as individuals and society as a whole. We will explore Asian and Indigenous Australian Cultures.

As part of their learning students will be attending an all day incursion, exploring Indigenous Culture. Students will participate in storytelling, face painting, arts, dance and a didgeridoo music showcase. Students will develop a new understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia’s first inhabitants.

The notice for our Incursion is on Compass, so please be sure to log on and give consent and payment for your child to attend.

**THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to assist in their child’s classroom. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with the school, and show your child your support for their learning.

If you would like to volunteer, please speak with your child’s teacher.
**Literacy**

This term students will continue to explore a variety of different text types including: poetry, narratives, procedures and information reports. We will also be focusing on Dream Time Stories to tie in with our Integrated Unit.

We encourage students to read the levelled take home books provided by their classroom teacher. These books give students with the opportunity to develop their sight vocabulary, fluency and comprehension of texts at an independent reading level. Remember, at this stage of their development in reading, it is still EXTREMELY important to read a variety of literature TO and WITH your child.

When reading with your child, ask your child to predict what might happen or retell the story once they have finished. This ensures they develop comprehension and understanding of the text. In order to develop reading strategies, give your child the opportunity to sound out unfamiliar words before providing the word for them.

**Book Week**

This term Book Week will be the 22nd - 26th August. This is a wonderful time to explore books at home and develop a love for reading! We will be celebrating Book Week with a whole school dress up day. We can’t wait to see the creative costumes students have this year!

Stay tuned for more information on the Book Week dress up.
Maths

In Mathematics this term we will continue to work on open ended tasks and practise problem solving strategies. We will look at place value, the 4 operations, fractions, time and statistics and probability. We will be linking many of our maths activities with the Rio Olympics, connecting maths to the real world.

At home you can assist your child further develop their understanding of mathematics by participating in activities such as: board, card and strategy games, cooking together, practising skip counting, allowing him/her to help with the shopping and telling the time.

Lunch Orders

Just a reminder that Monday lunch orders can only be accepted online. Occasionally, the blue bags used for students’ lunch orders need to be wiped out or washed.

Please check your child’s school bag and lunch boxes for uneaten food or spilt drinks.

Olympics

It is that time again, the Olympics! We will be exploring the history of the Ancient and Modern Olympic games. Students will follow the Australian Olympic Team through their journey in Rio De Janeiro.

The Junior School will be having a Mini Olympics Day towards the end of the term. Please look out for more information on this exciting day closer to the date.
Junior Homework Policy

Reading take home books and practising Magic Words every night is an expectation for Junior Students at Croydon Hills P.S and this task should only take 20 – 30 minutes. Your child should be bringing home levelled texts as directed by their teacher and these books should be relatively easy and enjoyable for your child to read. When reading together, be patient and talk about the text with your child.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics are excellent tools to help your child further their learning at home.

Investigative Learning

Our students continue to be greatly engaged in Investigative Learning sessions. These sessions allow our students to practise and extend their understandings of literacy and numeracy skills through their own interests. They are also a great opportunity for students to improve their social skills and personal learning skills, such as teamwork, persistence, taking initiative, respect and responsibility.

Uniform

As we get further into winter and the cold sets in we ask you to please ensure your child is going to school with appropriate clothing. Students should have a jumper and long pants on these cold days. All clothing and belongings should be clearly named. If lost, check lost property and the child’s classroom.

Junior Homework Policy
**Premier’s Reading Challenge:**
For those whose children are enrolled in the Premier’s reading Challenge, please make sure that you are entering the books read into the Challenge website.
This is not done by the school. The books are ratified by the co-ordinators after you have entered them. It is important to make sure that your child has read enough books from the Challenge List to qualify. This information is on your log in page.
It is pleasing to so many students taking part!

**Playground**
The new year 1/2 playground is up and running and looks fantastic! Students have really enjoyed playing on the new equipment before and after school and at snack and lunch times.

Remember that the Junior School have 2 playground areas to use during and after school hours. One is near the double Junior classroom (JBJ & JJC) and the other is on the Junior Oval. The Junior students may not play on the equipment in the Foundation areas.
**Please note:** that this also including before and after school hours.

**Croydon Hills** is doing our part in saving paper by sending notices home through **Compass**.
Please be sure to check your homepage for regular updates and notices.
If you would like paper copies sent home, talk to the classroom teacher.

During Term 3, The Junior School will be continuing with the **Resilience Project**.
Students have been enjoying learning about gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.