



# Prep Newsletter



## Welcome to our first term of the year and what an exciting year we have planned!

Firstly, we must mention how pleased we are with the way your children have settled into the routine of school. They are long days and most are coping remarkably well. However, some children are still a bit tired by the end of the day. Please make sure your child has good sleep routines - to bed by 7.30pm is a good guide.

Thank you to our parents who have refrained from peeking and waving through classroom windows. The children are easily distracted at this stage of the year and we aim to establish daily routines that will assist them to have a smooth start and end to each day.

### Compass

Please check regularly for notices and emails from teachers. This is our main source of communication.

### School bell times

9am: school starts  
11.30 - 12noon: Recess  
1.40 - 1.50pm: Lunch eating time  
1.50 - 2.40 pm Lunch play  
3.30pm: Dismissal

### Brain Food

Children are given the opportunity to eat Brain Food during the morning session. Brain Food is any fresh fruit or vegetables. Yoghurt and muesli bars are considered snack foods not brain food.

### Hats

Children are required to wear hats everyday at lunch and recess, during terms 1 and 4.

## ASSEMBLY

Is every second Friday, located in the stadium. We ask parents to enter from the back.

## MORNING ROUTINE

Teachers are in their rooms at 8.45am if parents need to chat.

## REMEMBER

**Monday - Library** please bring bag.  
**Thursday - PE** Please wear runners and sports uniform.

## Start to Day Routines

A friendly reminder about dropping off your child in the morning and leaving promptly. Our day starts at 9.00am and we would like our students to begin their school day independently entering the classroom and starting their morning routines.

If your child is going home with another parent, family member or to after school care, please make sure he/she knows about this arrangement and also let the class teacher know - this could be through email or a brief chat in the morning.

## Early dismissal or late arrival

Please remember that if you need to pick up your child up early or if they arrive late, you must sign them in or out at the Office, before going to the classroom.

## Uniforms

Please be vigilant in naming and name ALL child's uniform. The polar fleeces are difficult to name so may we suggest stitching a name tag on them, in a prominent position, as they are not a cheap item of clothing.

## Dates to remember

- Parent night: The Resilience Project - Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm
- Teddy Bear's picnic - Tuesday 7th March
- Labour Day - Monday 13th March
- Grandparents' Day - Wednesday 29th March
- Last day of term 1 - Friday 31st March, 1.30pm dismissal

## Blue Satchels

All notices and home reading items come home in the blue satchel. It will be sent home each day so please check this daily, empty and share the contents and have your **child pack their satchel** back in their school bag ready for the next day. It is important that if you put a notice into their satchel, please let your child know so they can pass it onto the teacher.

## Take home Books

Home reading has started and we would like you to take the time to read the information provided on Compass called 'Shared Reading in Prep'.

This is an ideal time for you to create an ongoing routine for home reading. We ask that for each book you read you fill in the student's reading log book. At the moment the children are bringing home books for you to read to them. This will continue for the next few weeks.

After the teachers have completed the English Online Assessment, we will look at sending books home for the students to read to you. Please try and read with them each week night.



## Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly as, unfortunately, Head Lice is always a possibility. If your child has long hair it is best to keep it tied back.

## Canteen

The canteen is open everyday for children to order lunch orders / purchase something at breaks. We highly recommend completing orders online to avoid confusion with money in the playground.

## Buddies

To build relationships and develop new social skills we will be running the 'Better Buddies' program. Your child has been paired with a year 5 student(s) and we will be meeting with them every fortnight.

### The Resilience Project

Croydon Hills Primary School is an accredited partner of 'The Resilience Project'.

As teachers we have had Professional Development on teaching positive mental health strategies. This program is across all levels at CHPS. We focus on Gratitude, Emotional Literacy, Empathy, & Mindfulness.

In Prep, we do a weekly lesson on 'The Resilience Project'.

## CHAPS

Croydon Hills Association of Parents  
This is a really great way to be involved in our school and to be part of the interesting things that happen around Croydon Hills P.S.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact the office and they will give you all the information you will need to become a member.

## Free dress birthdays

On your child's birthday (or the next day if on the weekend) we celebrate their special day by having the option to wear 'out of uniform clothes'.

## Student Awards

Student awards will be given out at Friday assemblies. If your child is receiving the award for that week, teachers will notify you via Compass on Wednesday of that week.

## Reading Eggs

Very soon your child will receive login details to access 'Reading Eggs'. This web based computer program will assist your child with literacy learning at their stage of development and complements class programs. If you have any problems, please come and chat to us.

## Teacher contacts

Please use these as a means of contact regarding your child if you are not able to come in and see us. We will endeavour to reply to your emails ASAP, however we can not guarantee a reply on the same day you send it. A note on compass or email is mandatory if your child is absent from the school.

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