



CHPS

Senior Newsletter

TERM 1, 2018

Welcome to 2018!

We hope that everyone had a fantastic break over the summer holidays. A big **SELAMAT DATANG** (welcome) as well to any new families to CHPS or the Senior School. This newsletter serves as a bit of an introduction to what students will be getting up to in Term 1, as well as any important information regarding things coming up in 2018.

Please take the time to read over the newsletter with your child so that you don't miss out on any of the exciting things going on in one of the busiest parts of the school! Also remember that if you have any questions or concerns about anything going on in the senior school, the first point of contact should always be your child's classroom teacher.

The 2018 Senior School Team

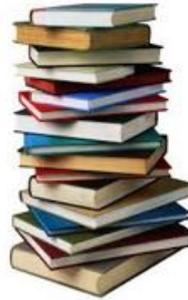
Leigh Dixon (SLD), Kali Fraser (SKF), Aaron Halstead (SAH), Natalie Ridley (SNR), Jordan Tate (SJT), David Bouris (SDB), Sian Yallop (SSY) and Robyn Twining (SRT).

The Resilience Project



Resilience means the ability to 'bounce back' from difficult experiences. Being resilient means being able to cope, deal with changes and carry on with life. Resilience involves behaviours, thoughts and actions that can be learned and developed in anyone. This year, CHPS continues their partnership with The Resilience Project as part of our whole school approach to developing student's resilience, mindfulness, empathy and gratitude. In Term 1, there will be a particular focus in Senior School classrooms on developing and implementing strategies relating to these areas. There will also be a **parent forum** hosted by **Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project on Monday, 19th of March at 7PM** in the stadium, which is highly recommended.

Literacy



This term, students will be learning how they can use Writer's Notebooks to assist with the writing process. They will also explore narrative writing. Students will be provided with opportunities to write about topics that interest them. They will continue to develop their understanding of spelling and grammar rules and will be supported with targeted literacy rotation sessions.

They will be supported in finding appropriate books which inspire them to enter the 'Reading Zone' and participate in prolonged, uninterrupted reading. Students will share books they have read with their classmates through booktalks.

Numeracy

In Term 1, students will be continuing to develop a solid foundation in their Mathematical understandings by revising and building on their knowledge of place value. This may include investigations into the properties of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, negative integers and related operations. Students will be supported by targeted maths groups to teach them at their individual point of need for each topic. Student feedback on these groups in the past has been overwhelmingly positive.

Rotations

Students will participate in 4 rotations each Thursday, where they will learn about different subjects from other teachers in the Senior School. This day also provides students with an insight into life at Secondary School. The topics for Term 1 will be:

eSmart: Mr Tate and Mr Bouris

Government: Mr Halstead and Miss Yallop

Migration: Miss Twining and Mr Dixon

Research Skills: Mrs Ridley and Miss Fraser

Important dates this term

Thurs 15th Feb: School photos

Weds 21st Feb: 'Get to know you' interviews

Fri 23rd Feb: Leaders badge presentation

Weds 7th Mar: Cricket roadshow

Mon 12th Mar: Labour Day public holiday

Mon 19th Mar: Resilience Project Parent Night

Homework



Homework is an opportunity for parents or carers to act as partners in their child's education. Activities help students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, and fostering good lifelong study habits. **Please also note that all the tasks can be completed without using the iPad.** Students can use

the iPad but it is not a requirement.

Information on homework expectations is updated each term and can be found at <http://bit.ly/chpshomework>. There is an expectation that students will use this time to complete unfinished work from specialist or rotations.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and homework, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

iPads

Our Year 5 students have been excitedly taking their first steps into managing their personal devices. It is a very exciting time for all of our students.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please ensure that the iPads come to school charged (we do not charge them at school)
- iPads should be kept in a hardy and protective case
- Check Google Classroom regularly
- iPads should not be kept in student bedrooms

Wakakirri

Wakakirri is a story dance Eisteddfod where a story is told on stage using music, dance, movement, and acting. Groups of 20 – 130 children perform in front of a panel of judges, and of course an audience of family and friends (in August) against other schools. After this performance then 10 schools are chosen to compete in an Awards Night in September. Croydon Hills has been involved since 1999. The emphasis is not on dancing ability, or the extravagance of sets and props but upon telling a story, having fun, recycling and resourcefulness. If you would not like to perform on stage, you may like to be in our backstage crew.

Wakakirri practices are outside of school hours. They will be on a TUESDAY night from 3.30pm – 5pm in the CHPS Performing Arts Centre. Practises will commence in March (first 2 sessions will be workshops). More information regarding dates, cost, student commitments and parent involvement can be found on Compass soon.

Ros Lawrence, Miss Fraser, Miss Twining Miss Gray, and Miss Lawrence.

Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure Camp



The Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure camp will be held from the 29th Oct - 2nd Nov this year. There will be a Compass event published shortly with details about costing and paying a deposit. Please ensure this is paid as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers and bookings.

Year 6 Canberra Tour



Year 6s are off to Canberra in Term 2, Week 3 (Monday 30th April - Friday 4th May). The initial notice, with required deposit, has been placed out on Compass for families to read. Further details will be provided to Year 6 families in the coming weeks. We would appreciate prompt payment and return of forms to assist with bookings.

We know all students will have a wonderful time. It is a terrific opportunity for students to experience such a wide range of activities. We are sure they will have some fantastic stories for you when they return!

Performing Arts

Classroom Music

Students will continue to create music using their voices, ukuleles, xylophones, un-tuned percussion, boomwhackers and the other many and varied classroom instruments. They will

dance, play games, perform ostinatos, listen to and discuss various styles of music and continue to read and write notation. Students will be learning about, and how to play the keyboard this term. Where possible, we will use music technology to compose music and consolidate theory and aural training.

Please make sure that your child has the full version of Garageband as we use this app regularly in music classes and that they have headphones.

iPad/Marimba/Ukulele/Steel Drum Band

This group is being renamed using the acronym iMUS. iMUS rehearses in the PAC every Thursday lunchtime and is open to all students from Years 3-6. Students who wish to join this band are committing to rehearse for the year. If a student has two unexplained absences in a row they will be removed from the group. Senior students who train for inter-school sports during Thursday lunchtime will have the opportunity to join the iMUS band in Term 3. iMUS is a wonderful opportunity to play in an ensemble without necessarily learning an instrument formally.

School Fair Talent Show and Stagestruck

This year there are two performance opportunities for students coming very soon.

The Talent Show at the school fair which is Saturday March 24th the last weekend before Term 1 finishes.

Stagestruck this year will be held on Tuesday the 24th of April, the second week of Term 2.

If you would like to perform at one of these events auditions for both the talent show and Stagestruck will be held at the same time. There will be a meeting at lunchtime on WEDNESDAY the 28th of February in the PAC for all students interested in auditioning to put their name down. Auditions will start on THURSDAY the 1st of March and will continue on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes until all students have auditioned.

Whether students can perform at only one or both events will depend on the number of auditions.

If you do not audition you cannot perform at these events.

Choir

Rehearsals are MONDAY lunchtimes and THURSDAY before school beginning at 8am. All rehearsals are in the PAC and the first rehearsal will be held Monday the 12th of February.

The choir will be performing at both the School Fair and Stagestruck (dates below).



Junior Rockers Instrumental Lessons

Junior Rockers do a great job delivering our instrumental music program at CHPS. If your child would like to learn an instrument this year they offer lessons in guitar, drums, singing and piano and you can choose private or shared lessons. If you are interested, head to www.juniorrockers.com where you can find more information and enrol your child online.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact me.

Amana Temple



Physical Education & Interschool Sport

Physical Education in Term 1 in the Senior school will consist mainly of Volleyball as we have a coach coming in for 4 weeks to teach the students how to play the proper game of Volleyball as opposed to Volleystars which is what they play in interschool sport at the moment.

We will also be doing the Beep test towards the end of the term so that children will then have something to compare themselves against from November last year as well as doing the test again in November this year. Interschool Sport commenced on Friday 9th February, so we will be training at lunchtime on Thursdays each week to improve our skills and game sense. Once the Year 6's have been placed into a sport, there will be some places available for the Year 5's to fill in. Not all Year 5's will have the opportunity to play sport as we can't cater for all the students, but the children who do not participate, will be playing intraschool sport with Mrs Ridley, Mr Dixon and Ms Twining whilst the others are competing.



The District Swimming Sports are on Monday February 19th. If there are any students who can swim 50m competently and at a reasonable pace, then please record your time at Aquanation – 50m pool and send it to me so I can compare it to the qualifying times.

Uniform

All students are expected to wear runners to PE classes and girls to wear their polo shirt and shorts/skorts or tracksuit pants, not only for comfort, but also for safety reasons. Please do not wear a dress on your PE day and I would also like to see all children who have shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back for safety reasons. I am looking forward to having another great year with the Senior students.

Noreen McMenaman



Science



This term in the Senior school, the students will be studying a Physics unit called 'Light Shows'. Throughout this unit, students will be learning about how light enables us to see objects, how light travels, how different materials affect the

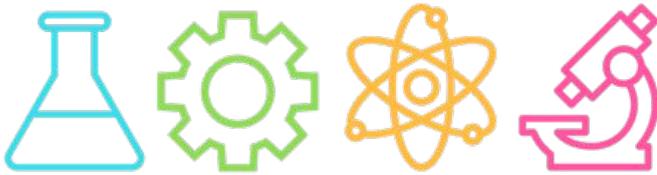
Visual Arts



A warm welcome back and I am looking forward to another creative year. Students will continue to create art works using a variety of materials, techniques and skills and exploring a

transmission of light and how water refracts light. They will also learn about how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. Students will be performing a range of experiments and will record their observations and findings. Throughout the year, the students will cover the four areas of Science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Earth and Space Sciences. If you would like to know which topics are being covered, the posters are displayed on the outside window of the Science room.

Ben Burch



Indonesian



In 2018, students initially will concentrate on conversational Indonesian, practising questions and answers relating to themselves and their school. Students will also use their iPads to research and present a poster of daily routines. We will be using Google classroom throughout the year and all students have been asked to download the Languages online app which is excellent for practising Indonesian both at home and at school. It is essential that students have their iPad charged and have their headphones when they come to Indonesian classes to maximize their learning.

Bu Michelle Collins

number of artists along the way.

This term students will explore the Chinese New Year – Year of the dog, and develop a dog drawing.

Students will develop a front cover for their Visual Diary displaying their drawing skills.

Students will investigate the art medium of photography and best practices, to create a photomontage on a theme of their choice.

It is a requirement in art that all students have an art smock. This does not need to be a store bought smock; an old jumper or t-shirt will suffice, as its main purpose is to protect students' clothes from paint and other materials.



NGV Local Landscapes

Unfortunately the National Gallery of Victoria will no longer be running the Local Landscapes program that we have participated in for the past 4 years. This is sad news as it was a terrific program for students who wished to extend their painting knowledge and it was wonderful to see these students flourish from the opportunity. All is not lost; I am developing my own landscapes painting extension program for keen creative souls so watch this space for more information.



Ms Claudia Michielin

Meet the Seniors!

	<p>Leigh Dixon This is my fifth year at Croydon Hills Primary School and my third year up in the Senior School. I have just come back from 3 and a half weeks in Vietnam, which was absolutely amazing! This year I am really looking forward to the fantastic camps to Coonawarra and Canberra. I am also excited about seeing the students I taught in Year 3 graduate at the end of the year!</p>
	<p>David Bouris This is my first year at Croydon Hills Primary School, I have come from another school after teaching Year 5/6 for four years. I spent my holidays doing some of my favourite things; Fishing at Lake Eildon and Jaimeson, going to the movies and renovating my house. This year, I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone at Croydon Hills Primary School and can't wait to partake in the many exciting activities happening here!</p>
	<p>Kali Fraser This is my fifth year at Croydon Hills Primary School and my third year in the Senior School. I spent my holidays doing one of my favourite past times - reading! I also managed to get away for a few days to Phillip Island to enjoy the beach. This year I am excited to work with a straight Year 5 class and to go to Camp Coonawarra again! I'm also excited (and sad!) to be watching the students I taught in Year 2 graduate at the end of the year - I can't believe you're already in Year 6!</p>
	<p>Aaron Halstead I'm enjoying my 3rd year at CHPS, my second in the senior school. I spent the holidays chasing around my two boys; Callum and Noah. When they did stop... we spent a week in Noosa and a week in Venus Bay. We love heading to the beach! This year, I'm looking forward to laughing with the students and challenging their learning.</p>
	<p>Natalie Ridley This is my second year at Croydon Hills and I'm delighted to be back in the Senior School again! I enjoyed a thoroughly relaxing time over the holidays, spending much time with family and friends and swimming at the beach. I am particularly excited about working with SNR this year, enjoying lots of laughs and helping them achieve their goals. I am also very excited about going to Canberra with all the Year 6s! What an exciting year 2018 is going to be.</p>
	<p>Jordan Tate This is my third year at Croydon Hills Primary School and my second in the Senior School which I am very excited about. Over the holidays I spent a week down the beach, had a few trips into the city and lazed around home relaxing after a busy Christmas. I am really looking forward to this year, especially Year 5 and 6 camps and getting to meet and know a whole new group of students!</p>
	<p>Robyn Twining I am very excited to be in the Senior School this year! This will be my 10th year at Croydon Hills and I have taught in the Junior, Prep and Middle teams, so this year it will be great to work with the Seniors. Over the holidays I travelled to South Australia and trekked along the Eyre Peninsula. I got to swim with wild sea lions and walked across beaches filled with sleeping seals! This year I am really looking forward to Wakakirri and the Year 5 camp.</p>
	<p>Sian Yallop I am so happy to be teaching in the Senior school this year for the first time (for the last four years I have been a Junior school teacher). On the holidays I spent a lot of time reading, relaxing and going to the beach. I am really excited for all the events happening this year, especially the Year 5 and 6 camps, and I look forward to a fun year in SSY and working with all the seniors!</p>