



Welcome to Term 2!

We hope that everyone had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the extra time with their families. This newsletter serves as a bit of an introduction to what students will be getting up to in Term 2, as well as any important information regarding things coming up for the rest of the term.

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.

Night of Notables

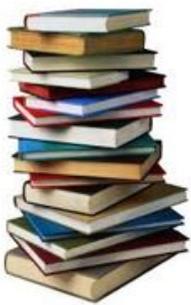
This term students will be choosing a 'notable' person whom they will research and present to parents and the school community at our 'Night of Notables' presentation night later this term. Due to the large number of students in this cohort, we will be splitting the presentations over two nights. The dates for these presentation nights are:

Monday 18th June: SNR, SRT, SLD, SJT

Tuesday 19th June: SAH, SKF, SSY, SDB

Students were provided with a contract to sign and return last week. This is an important part of their learning experience and all students are expected to attend. If your child will not be able to make these dates, please contact their teacher to make other arrangements ASAP.

Literacy



This term, students will continue to use their Writer's Notebooks to assist with the writing process. They will also explore narrative and persuasive writing and the elements of each text type. Students will be provided with opportunities to investigate and write about topics that interest them. They will continue to develop their understanding of spelling and grammar rules.

Students will be supported to develop their reading capabilities through 'Literacy Circles' which will allow them to delve deeper into books, discussing and analysing them, sharing and justifying their opinions and points of view.

Numeracy

In Term 2, students will be building on their understandings from last term's Place Value activities and applying this knowledge to the four processes; Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. This may include investigations into the properties of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, negative integers and related operations. In the second half of term 2 students will switch their focus to Mass and Weight investigations. Students will be supported by targeted maths groups to teach them at their individual point of need for each topic. Problem solving will continue to be a focus throughout the term.

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 2 will be:

Indigenous Studies: Miss Twining and Miss Fraser

Filming Skills: Mr Dixon and Miss Yallop

Ethics: Mr Tate and Mr Halstead

Business & Economics: Mrs Ridley and Mr Bouris

Important dates this term

Mon 30th Apr: Year 6 camp week

Tues 8th May: Rob Vingerhoets Maths Info Night

Thurs 10th May: Mother's Day stall

Tues 15th May: NAPLAN starts

Fri 18th May: Presentation Assembly

Mon 21st May: Book Fair & Education Week

Tues 22nd May: Open Afternoon/Night

Thurs 24th May: House Cross-Country

Fri 25th May: NAPLAN ends

Thurs 31st May: Senior Reporting Day

Tues 5th June: District Athletics

Fri 8th June: Presentation Assembly

Mon 11th June: Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tues 12th June: Curriculum Day & District Cross Country

Wed 20th June: Milkshake Day & Senior Planning Day

Fri 22nd June: Reports Live on Compass

Wed 27th June: 3-way Conferences

Fri 29th June: End of Term - 1:30pm finish

Homework



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

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. In Term Two, there will also be homework activities related to the Notables Inquiry unit.

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

We currently have 80 very hard working and committed students attending Wakakirri practices every Tuesday afternoon. This year our story is based on the life of the last surviving Titanic passenger, Millvina Dean. The students are already working hard to learn our dances and we can't wait to share our performance later in the year.

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

Buddies and Clubs

This term our Year 5's will continue to mentor their Prep buddies, exploring social skills. This is an excellent opportunity for our Year 5's to hone their leadership skills while giving our Preps the support of the 'Big Kids'.

This term our Year 6 students are excited to begin 'Clubs'. Clubs are opportunities for the students to select areas of interest to explore for one session per week. It's also an excellent chance for students to work with Mr Caudry, who shares his expertise in photography. This term, our students have chosen the following clubs:

Cooking Club - Miss Twining
3D Printing - Mr Dixon
Gardening - Mr Tate
Photography - Mr Caudry

Year 6 Canberra Tour



The 6's are off to Canberra next week! We are looking forward to a fun filled week, jam packed with exciting tours, activities and learning!

Look out for some great photos showing the adventures of the Year 6 students on their 'Canberra Tour' next week.

Final payments are due, so please assist us with prompt payment of you have not already done so.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Croydon Hills Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please provide consent to this event on Compass.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



Visual Arts



In term 2 students will be explore elements of design such as line, shape and colour to create a lino print of a cartoon character. Students will need to develop a unique and brand new cartoon character that will fit right at home in Wonderland. Students will be combining both lino printmaking skills with drawing to develop their

character.

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.



Ms Claudia Michielin

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

strumming patterns and chords on the guitar 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.

Choir

We have 70 talented singers in the choir this year and they have wowed audiences with their first performances this year, well done to all members! Rehearsals are MONDAY lunchtimes and THURSDAY before school beginning at 8am. All rehearsals are in the PAC. When dropping off students on Thursday mornings please do not use staff parking as it causes problems for staff that are arriving at this time and is potentially dangerous for all concerned.

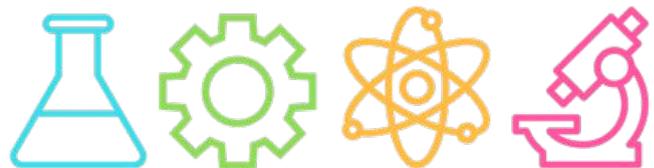
Science



This term in the Senior school, the students will be studying an Earth and Space Science unit called 'Earthquake Explorers'. Throughout this unit the students will be interpreting data to recognize patterns in the distribution of earthquakes around the world and how they relate to the earth's tectonic plates.

They will investigate the relationship between the form of the earth's crust and the function of tectonic plates in causing earthquakes and their effects on the earth's surface. Students will also investigate the measurement of earthquake magnitude according to the modified Mercalli and Richter scales and explore how to use a seismometer to measure earthquake activity. Throughout the year, the students will cover the four areas of Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science 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



State Schools Spectacular

We have 17 amazing students involved this year. The performance date is September 15th at Hisense Arena, and there is an afternoon and an evening performance. Tickets usually go on sale in late May, the Victorian State School Spectacular Facebook page is a great way to keep up with all the latest information and big announcements.

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 enroll your child online.

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

Amana Temple



Physical Education & Interschool Sport



Interschool sport commences on Friday 27th April this term. All training will be during Thursdays during lunchtimes as we have done in the past. Interschool Sport competition is in the afternoon this term commencing at 1.30 pm. We also have the House Cross Country this term on Thursday 24th May. All students will be expected to participate in this event. We would also like the

assistance of many parents who are available if possible to help out with supervision around the course. Information and Assistance Notice will go out on Compass shortly. The District Cross Country is on Tuesday 5th June at Domeney Reserve for those children who are successful enough to be in the top 10 in their age group at the House Cross Country. Information will be distributed regarding this event closer to the time. Running club is also on this term for those who would like to train for the House Cross Country but just also like to keep fit and have some fun running through Yarrunga on Wednesdays lunchtime with Mr Brock and Mr Gamble. Term 2 PE will also involve winter sports of Football, Soccer and the Beep Test which students will compare against their previous results. Another test will be performed at the end of the year.

Noreen McMenaman



Indonesian

This term Senior students will watch the film 'Kotaku Hebat' (My City is Great) and revise transport and weather vocabulary. They will learn names of landmark buildings in Indonesia and talk about what they do in their local area, and how they travel to and from these activities. Students will sing a transport song.

Bu Michelle Collins

