Welcome to the final term for our Foundation students for 2016!

We have a jam packed term ahead! Friday 21st October we are going to Melbourne Aquarium to tune our students into the Term 4 integrated unit - ‘Under the Sea.’

Christmas is fast approaching and we have some fantastic learning activities for our students to participate in.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered with reading and other activities in the classroom. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated by all teachers and students! A special thank you to those parents who attended our excursions, we couldn’t have done it without you!

This term our students will be learning about the exciting life of ‘Things Under the Sea.’

We are looking forward to the content we are going to cover and the inspiration the students can translate into their Investigative Learning activities.

With summer on its way and students holding strong interests with marine life, this will certainly make for a fantastic Integrated Unit.

**READING EGGS**

A reminder to keep using Reading Eggs at home. It is a great program for practising and reinforcing literacy skills.

**Student Citizenship Award - September**

Congratulations to Keira from FGR. Keira is a fantastic friend to all her classmates and always uses her manners.

**PMP**

PMP will be running again this term (beginning in week 3). Thank you so much to all our parent volunteers- this great program could not run without your support!
**CHRISTMAS T-SHIRTS**

As part of the Foundation Christmas tradition, we will be making Christmas t-shirts that the students wear for our Christmas Carols.

In the week beginning the 28th November, each class will have a day that we will need a parent for each child to come in and assist with the making of the t-shirts. There is a lot of work and detail that is required and the students cannot do this on their own. If you are unable to come in to help your child, you will need to seek the aid of another parent that will be willing to help your child complete this.

These t-shirts are a wonderful keepsake and something your child can treasure.

There is a small charge for this activity and a notice will go out on COMPASS in coming weeks.

**COMMON SIGHT WORDS**

Common sight words are an important element of our students learning. They enable our students to build their confidence in their reading and writing. At the start of the year each student received their 'Magic Word Book' which included a letter outlining the importance of learning to recognise the words and using a variety of activities to teach them.

**FOUNDATION TRANSITION**

We are getting ready for the 2017 Foundation student visits to our classes. If any parents have neighbours or friends who have Foundation children for 2017 and you know they have not enrolled yet, could you pass on to them the information about our transition program that starts at the beginning of November.

**SUNSMART**

We are a ‘Sunsmart School’. Hats will need to be worn again for the remainder of the term. Please ensure your child’s hat is clearly named.

**MELBOURNE AQUARIUM EXCURSION**

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER
PAINTSTORM IS COMING TO C.H.P.S.

Whole School Incursion Monday 28th November.

I am very excited to have Paint Storm back at Croydon Hills Primary School. Phil Doncon is a dynamic and unique performance that features images being painted before your very eyes – on a huge 10m wide canvas. Done in concert with an eclectic and dynamic soundtrack, the choreographed painting ‘wows’ audiences with its speed and precision.

In a matter of minutes images appear and dissolve.

Phil’s performances explore the themes of resilience, how to bounce back and Paint Storm uses a unique and powerful painting and music performance to help students engage with art in a totally new way, while experiencing 5 Key Elements of Resilience.

1. Being proactive (calming down and diffusing conflict)
2. Persevering (not giving up)
3. Being assertive (strong and kind), and
4. Self-acceptance
5. Learning from, and being empowered by failure.

The incursion does have a cost of $7 per student and will be on Compass.

Art in Foundation - Term 4

Welcome back to and to our last term! Wow how the time has really flown this year.

This term students will be exploring mixed media and collage art methods. We will be investigating weaving developing paper weaving mats, manipulating moulding materials looking at shapes, sizes and proportion, and combine our experiences to create a mixed media fish collage.

Students will also investigate a new colour group, warm/cool colours, and using cellophane create a sea creature sun catcher using the colour group of their choice. Students will have the opportunity to discuss their artwork in a friendly environment.

Students will also participate in Christmas activities at the end of the term. Please email with the classroom teacher or myself if you wish your child not to create Christmas ornaments.

Students will require a smock each week; an old t-shirt or jumper will be enough to cover their school uniform.