



# Neo-Ora

Newsletter of  
**Croydon Park Public School**

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11 October 2012

*All at CPPS value respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and cooperation.*

## Dates for Your Diary

- **18 October** – 9.30am  
2013 Kindergarten  
Information meeting
- **19 October** – K/1P & 1B  
excursion Art Gallery
- **23 October** – Year 6 Fun  
Day
- **25 October** - Experiencing  
Kindergarten Program  
9.30am -10.45am
- **29, 30, 31 October – 1, 2  
November** – Life  
Education Van at CPPS
- **1 November** –  
Experiencing Kindergarten  
Program 9.30am -10.45am
- **8 November** –  
Experiencing Kindergarten  
Program 9.30am -10.45am
- **14 November** – 7pm P&C  
mtg.

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to Oscar in 3V who was the winner of the Regional Spelling Bee Competition that was held last term at Concord PS. Oscar competed in the junior competition against the top spellers in Sydney Region. He will progress to the state final that will be held on November 7 at the ABC Centre Sydney.

Congratulations also to Allyssa 4F, Abi 5/6R and Kerry 5/6H who also represented CPPS at the regional final. All our students tried their best but were eliminated on words such as krypton, grievous and steppe. When asked about the secret to being a good speller, all of our students agreed that reading big books and practice made the difference. Oscar also mentioned that taking the time to think before spelling out loud also helped.



#### Air Conditioning for A Block

After speaking to a number of air conditioning contractors to discuss the needs of CPPS and negotiating a comparative best price, I am very pleased to announce that D. J. Staniforth & Co have been contracted to install DAIKIN inverter, reverse cycle split systems in each of the classrooms of A Block, in the staffroom, executive office and my office. The final price for the purchase, installation and 5 year warranty on each unit is \$30 000 (ex. GST). Installation will commence on 15 October 2012. A huge thank to you, our school community, who have supported fund raising efforts throughout the year to help pay for the costs.

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## From the Principal's Desk con't

### Performing Arts Night

We'd like to invite all members of our school and extended community to attend a performing arts evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm in the school hall. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear all of the children in our instrumental and musical programs perform, as well as to show support for our talented students.

There will be performances by the school choir, recorder group, junior & senior bands, violinists, the ukele group, Year 1 students on percussion and a Stage 1 recorder performance as well.

Entry is by a gold coin donation per person and the funds raised will go towards resources for our creative arts programs.

### School Self Evaluation – Survey about planning

As part of the school's annual self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different aspects of school life at Croydon Park Public School. A parent survey about planning has been designed by the Department of Education and Training and can be accessed via the following link.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HF2WSQK>

Your responses are confidential and will be stored securely. Although survey completion is voluntary, your participation would be greatly valued and appreciated. To date 22 families have responded to the survey but we need many more in order to gain a true and comprehensive picture of parent opinion.

### Planning for 2013

In preparation for the 2013 school year we would like to know of families intending to **travel overseas** and who plan to return **after school starts next year**. Also, families who are **leaving the school**, will need to **notify the school as soon as possible**. This can be done by letting class teachers or office staff know **in writing** or by completing the relevant form included in Neo Ora this week.

### Hats

The wearing of hats is very important at all times. Now that the weather is getting hotter, please support the wearing of school uniform by providing your child with a school hat. They can be purchased at the Uniform Shop, which is located in A block.

The uniform shop is open each Thursday morning at 8:30 am.

*As always, warmest regards*

*Sandra Angel*

## Leaving Croydon Park Public School at the end of 2012 Returning late to school in 2013

My son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

**Will be late returning** to Croydon Park Public School

in 2013 His/her late return date is \_\_\_\_\_

The reason for his/her late return is

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer

OR

My son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

**Will not be returning** to Croydon Park Public School

in 2012 and will require a transfer certificate to

\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer

## Celebrate With Us

Well done to all our students who  
received awards!!!

### Term 3 Week 9

**KB** Toby, Alileti  
**KM** Chiara, Israel  
**KR** Scarlett, Joey  
**K/1P** Blake, James  
**1B** Sammi, Alisha  
**1/2VH** Holly, Kashvi  
**2G** Nicolas, Natasha  
**2/3M** John Paul

### Term 3 Week 10

**KM** Elena, Ahmad  
**KR** Ruby, Asher  
**K/1P** Flynn, Ethan  
**1B** Kalea, Judah  
**1/2VH** Sakara, Owen  
**2G** Ngia, Peter

### Term 4 Week 1

**2/3M** Jirah  
**3V** Reilly, Mathew  
**3/4T** Karen, Daniel, Connor  
**4A** Natalie, Robert  
**4F** Christina, Alyssa  
**5/6C** John, Kevin  
**5/6H** Georgia, Aadil  
**5/6R** Evie, Shaiden



### Go Green for CPPS

Congratulations students on raising  
**\$380.00**  
on our Go Green for CPPS day, funds  
will be put towards the upgrading of the  
gardens near E block.

## Sport News

21/09/12 CPPS v Haberfield

### Softball

Senior Girls win 15-12  
Senior Boys win 27-2  
Junior Girls loss 25-9  
Junior Boys loss 18-8



### Cricket

Junior Cricket win 86-35  
Best and Fairest Natalie and Levi  
Senior Cricket win 105-70  
Best and Fairest Carl and Ngalu



## Canteen News

### LUNCH COMBO's – TERM 4

#### MONDAY

**(G)** Chicken and Salad Wrap **(A)** Jelly Cup \$4.20

#### TUESDAY

**(A)** 6 Chicken Strips **(A)** Orchy Cup \$4.20

#### WEDNESDAY

**(G)** Chicken Burger **(A)** Hello Panda \$4.20

#### THURSDAY

**(G)** Pasta Napoletana **(G)** Bottled Water \$4.20

#### FRIDAY

**(A)** Wedges **(G)** Corn on the cob **(A)** Icy Bite \$4.20

Green- Healthy Choice = **(G)**  
Amber- Select Carefully = **(A)**  
Red- Occasionally = **(R)**

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Guessing Competition

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Guessing Competition run by Mrs Field last term. It raised \$16.90 which, you guessed it, will be used to buy a book or two for the school library.

### Herman and Rosie

Remember author/illustrator [Gus Gordon](#) who visited our school two years ago? His latest book has just been published. Titled '[Herman and Rosie](#)' it is set in New York.

During the recent school holidays Ngia from class 2G was lucky enough to attend the book launch. She came back to school with an autographed copy of the book to add to our library collection – how exciting! I'll be sharing this terrific story with classes over the next few weeks.

If you can't read the photo, it says "For Croydon Park primary school, I hope you all enjoy my 'Herman and Rose'. Best, Gus Gordon"

Thank you Ngia!



### Volunteers

Would you be able to assist in the library? I *desperately* need some helpers to cover books – just for an hour or two once a week or fortnight.

See me in the library before or after school (Monday to Thursday) if you'd like to volunteer.

Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe  
Teacher librarian (Monday-Thursday)  
School Library Blog: [An Open Book](#)

## Homework Help at Ashfield library Tutors at the library

A free homework tutor's service is provided to assist with any school homework or study questions that young people in Year 4 to 12 may have. This program focuses on homework assistance in a group setting. Bring your homework and drop in to the library. Homework help will be on every week, except during school holidays:

Ashfield Library every Monday and Wednesday in the Study Room between 3.30 - 5.30pm.

### Your Tutor Online

This free online service connects students to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions.

This service is available to students from Year 4 to Year 12.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

You are invited to a party were hoping to thrill, chill and even scare you so please come

When: Saturday 27th Oct. 6.30pm

Where: Croydon Park Ex-Serviceman's Club  
55 Seymour Street,  
Croydon Park 97970449

Why: Halloween & fun what else

Dress: Fancy Dress (get into the spirit)

There will be finger Food, Music  
& a fantastic night, heaps of prizes for  
best dressed & scariest costume all for

\$15 Adults \$10 kids over 12  
FREE for kids under 12

