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Newsletter of

Croydon Park Public School

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

Dates for Your Diary

- **23 November** – Kindergarten excursion Zoo
- **29 November** – Musica Viva “Hercules – The Opera”
- **3 December** – Silver Award Performance
- **4 December** – Helpers and Scripture Teachers morning tea.
- **11 December** – Presentation Day
- **12 December** – 7pm P&C mtg.
- **14 December** – K-2 Concert 9.30am
- **17 December** – Year 6 Farewell
- **18 December** – School Picnic
- **19 December** – Students Last Day

Dear Parents and Carers

Delegation from Japan

On Wednesday 21 November CPPS had the enormous pleasure of hosting a special visit to our school by a number of representatives from prefectural and local governments as well as Non Profit Organisations in Japan. The purpose of their visit was to experience multicultural initiatives in education by visiting a primary school with a notable percentage of students from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds to see the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ (DEC’s) policies and principles in action.

Our visitors stayed for 2 ½ hrs during which they listened to me speak (brag might be a more accurate word) about our wonderful school and many of our initiatives. Students Emma, Sanjit and Sanshea provided the student voice and Mrs Mendes and Mrs Broadhead represented our parents. Our guests visited some classrooms to experience quality teaching and learning in action and chatted to our students and staff. Their visit was concluded with the singing of the song Different People (Stand Together) by all of our students and accompanied by our recorder ensemble, under the COLA. Student leader Isabelle gave thanks to our visitors on behalf of our school. Her message, spoken straight from the heart, indeed brought a tear to the eye of our guests who remarked that if they lived in Australia they would be choosing CPPS as the school for their children.

To be asked by the DEC to host such a visit is a great honour and testament to the outstanding efforts of our whole school community in the provision of a quality, inclusive education for our students and to the fantastic work we do together as a community to make CPPS the wonderful school that it is.



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Staffing: Congratulations Mrs Thomas

I am extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Davida Thomas was successful in gaining the Assistant Principal's position at CPPS through the merit selection procedure. I'd like to thank our selection panel members for their commitment to the task and for ensuring that we chose the right person for such an important job.

This now leaves Mrs Thomas' classroom teacher position vacant which I hope to fill before the year's end. Should the position not be filled through a central appointment, which is via a nominated or compassionate transfer or via the Aboriginal unit, the position will be filled through the merit selection procedure.

Garden Improvements

The funds raised last term on our "go green for CPPS" day have been put to great use. Both garden beds outside E Block have now been totally revitalised. All the old plants have been removed and replaced by beautiful new plants, woodchip and sandstone. Huge thanks must go to Mark Knights, dad of Liam in 2G who did most of the planning and heavy work. We must also thank our general assistant, Paul who put in some hard yards as well. Thank you to our students who are ensuring the plants are well watered. What a fantastic facelift to this part of the school.



Olympathon Fundraiser

What a fantastic time was had by all at the Olympathon last week. Students represented their adopted country with great pride and joy. The Olympathon commenced with an official opening ceremony and the lighting of the cauldron. Students then participated in a fantastic selection of events. The Olympathon concluded after lunch with a closing ceremony and the announcement of the overall winning country which was Germany. Congratulations to all our students who demonstrated true Olympic Spirit through their drive and determination to try their very best. Huge thanks to the many parents who assisted with events on the day. Thank you also to Pina Tripodi for donating the iceblocks for every student and to Ms Belinda Mullens and Mrs Raffaella Puglese who were our Olympathon Event organisers. Job well done to all!!!!!! Please don't forget to collect and return sponsorship monies to the school asap.



Co-operation – Pride – Success

Hat Blitz (repeat)

CPPS has always strongly encouraged the wearing of a hat to provide protection when outside and exposed to the sun's rays. We have always promoted a policy of "no hat, play in the shade". However, recently quite a number of students are continually choosing not to play in the shade or wear a hat in preference to not spoiling a particular hair style. As a result, staff have decided to have a major blitz on the wearing of hats. Students without a hat are now required to sit in the shade in a particular area during play periods. While the majority of students wear the school hat, at this point we are aiming for 100% of students in the playground wearing a hat. I ask that you encourage your child/children to wear their school hat so that together we ensure that all our students are protected from the sun's harmful rays.

*As always, warmest regards
Sandra Angel*

Exodus Foundation Can Drive

Each year students from CPPS are given the opportunity to attend reading improvement courses run by the Exodus Foundation. The results are always very positive and the students have enhanced educational opportunities and self-worth as a result.

The Exodus Foundation also assists needy community members with a variety of services and packages, including food hampers.

As a Christmas gesture, CPPS is gladly working with Exodus Foundation to collect and distribute hampers to families and individuals in our local area, who may otherwise face a bleak Christmas. We are asking staff and students to help by bringing in non-perishable food items such as canned veggies, fruits, hams, fish and puddings, as well as UHT custard, milk and breakfast cereals, sweets, crackers and soft drinks. Personal care items like razors, shampoo, soaps also gratefully accepted. Please allow your child to bring in something to help with this worthwhile activity.

CPPS SRC Members



Celebrate With Us

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

Term 4 Week 5

KB	Yohan, Rhys, Alex
KM	Elena, Akira
KR	Olivia, Kevin
K/1P	Dash, Salvatore
1B	Nicholas, Natalie
1/2VH	Nina, Stephanie
2G	Jack, Liam, Oliver
2/3M	Kyle

Term 4 Week 6

KB	Mia, Samuel
KM	Luca, Liana
KR	Asher, Ruby
K/1P	Ethan, Lauren
1B	Kalea
1/2VH	Stefi, Joe, Sakura
2G	Ruby, Savannah
2/3M	Gabriella, Akif
3V	Makayla, Molly
3/4T	Karen, Daniel
4A	Penda, Natalie
4F	Arabella, Carl
5/6C	Kevin
5/6H	Mary-Rose, Emma
5/6R	Bridgette, Nellie

Term 4 Week 7

2/3M	Aaron
3V	Pragya, Zack
3/4T	Melody, Owen
4A	Albert, Niko
4F	Gang, Corrado
5/6C	Bill, Nikki
5/6H	Rhiannon, Zahra
5/6R	Leilani, Fiona



Sport

Junior Cricket

Junior cricket had a great season finishing equal fourth. Unfortunately they missed the semi-finals on percentages. This was a particularly good result as several of our more experienced juniors played in the senior team this year, so we fielded a young and inexperienced side. We fielded four girls in the side, who all played very well. Two of the girls, Natalie and Katie, were selected to represent Western Suburbs Zone at the Sydney East Girls' Cricket Trials.

S. Costello

Senior Cricket

The team finished in 7th spot out of the 12 competing teams. The team consisted of many players who had little experience, as well as a few juniors to make up the number. The team improved greatly as the season progressed, winning quite a few games in the second part of the season.

S. Costello



Senior Girls Softball

Well, another season of PSSA has come to a close. Unfortunately the Snr girls' softball team didn't make the semis however everyone can be proud of themselves for a fantastic effort in finishing 6th. We had some really tough games but through it all we showed we could compete with the bigger schools. We displayed great teamwork and most of the time remembered our motto - *Never Give Up!* Congratulations girls on a fantastic effort. Unfortunately our last game was washed out so we couldn't farewell the year sixers with a win. Thank You to all of the girls for letting me be a part of your team. I hope we can do it all again next year.

Lynn

Senior Boys Softball

A big congratulations to the senior boys softball team for finishing 5th in the PSSA competition. What a great season it has been for these boys. The boys played sensibly, respectfully and were excellent representatives for our school. I was lucky enough to take them every Friday and they even taught me a few things about the game. I am very proud of them and they should be proud of themselves.

A big congratulations to Sanjit who made it into the Zone softball team to compete at the regional championships.

V. Michos

Junior Softball Teams

The junior softball teams have had a wonderful season in which they have displayed their improved catching, throwing and batting skills. The most impressive and noticeable difference was their understanding of how to play the game strategically. All the junior boys and girls should be incredibly proud of how well they conducted themselves throughout the year, you have made softball coaching an absolute pleasure!

N. Arnold



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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

From the P&C

What a great Olympic day, it was enjoyed by children, parents and staff. The winning country was Germany. I would like to thank all the parents for volunteering on the day and a thank you to Pina in the canteen for donating the ice blocks.

Please collect your sponsorship money and send it in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class to your child's teacher asap.

Raffaela

P&C Fund raising committee.

Volunteer Opportunities at CPPS

Volunteering at school is a great way to support our children. It's also a great way to make new friends with people who share a common goal, that is, to make school a great place for our kids. How much time you can spare and the level of involvement is up to you, every little bit helps! Here are two ideas:

Book Club –For many years Scholastic Australia have been selling books to kids at school. For every dollar spent the school is rewarded with “points”. These points or rewards are then used to buy resources for the school. Thanks to our generous school community this year we have collected hundreds of points and this has meant we have been able to buy many new, attractive and interesting books for the classroom, home readers, end-of-year prize books and books for the school library. If you would like to be involved in this initiative please let us know. Primarily the role is to distribute brochures, collect money and send off orders. Once the ordered items are sent to school they would then be distributed to children and teachers. There are eight issues per year. This job could be shared or done alone. Some of it can be done at home too. Comprehensive (and easy) training would be available.

Fundraising – Throughout 2012 we have managed to raise thousands of dollars for the benefit of our kids. We have equipped the classrooms with up-to-date technology which assists in catering for the different learning styles and interests of our children. We were also able to make their environment more comfortable by installing much needed air-conditioning in the Block A classrooms. We are looking for people to assist in the planning and running of activities throughout the year in 2013. Fundraising has the potential to make lots of money for the school and it requires the support of many volunteers. Whatever time you can spare would be appreciated. Your kids would love it too! Please contact a P&C representative if you can help.

Kerrie Kiem (current Book Club organiser)

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Croydon Park Public School PLAYGROUP



All little brothers and sisters of CPPS students are invited to come along to playgroup every Friday during Term 4.

Playgroup runs from 9-10 every Friday in the school hall and the kids have a great time playing and getting to know each other.

Great for the mums and dads to have a chat too!

We hope to see you there! No need to RSVP!

For more info please email nicoleyade@live.com.au or phone Nicole on 0432 469 144

Thanks, Nicole

