

Croydon Park Public School

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Term 4 Week 1

Respect, Responsibility, Co-operation, Caring & Fairness

Thursday 10 October 2013

Dates for your Diary

Week 1

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| Thursday 10 October | Stage 2 Taronga Zoo excursion |
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Week 2

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| Wednesday 16 October | Nude Food Day |
| Wednesday 16 October | Appreciation Morning Tea Staff |
| Thursday 17 October | Kindergarten Info Day 9.30am in school hall |

Week 3

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| Wednesday 23 October | Performing Arts Night 6.30pm |
| Thursday 24 October | Experiencing Kindergarten Program 9.30am |
| Thursday 24 October | Finance Committee mtg 3.15pm |

Week 4

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| Thursday 31 October | Experiencing Kindergarten Program 9.30am |
| Friday 1 November | Halloween Disco |



Gurung Playgroup At Croydon Park Public School

When: Fridays

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

Where: School Hall

Who: Pre-school children and their carer

Facilitator: Emma Stanton from the Infants Home at Ashfield



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers

P&C Election Day BBQ

A huge thank you to the P&C for organising an amazing BBQ, cake stall and preloved books and toys stall on election day last term. There was a fantastic contingent of energetic parents and students who put their sales and cooking skills to the test in support of this initiative to raise funds for our school. Thank you to all families who baked delicious treats and donated books and toys. Special thanks to Cathy Hudson and Tania Mitchell who performed most of the leg work and organisation. \$2 000 was raised on the day.

P&C Walkathon

The walkathon held at the end of last term was another fantastic opportunity to raise funds for technology at CPPS. The weather on the day was perfect for walking and all of our students took great pride participating knowing that they were contributing towards raising funds for our school. Parent helpers and teachers watched on, dancing and grooving to the music. Thank you to Pina Tripodi for donating iceblocks for all our students and to Carol Hale, Raffaella Puglese and Mrs Mullen for organising the event. The event was also supported well by many of our parents who volunteered their support on the day. It's now time to collect and hand in your sponsorship money by Friday 18th October. The P&C are aiming to raise \$5000.





NIDA Kidspeak Program

Year 4 and 5 students had the time of their lives last term when they showcased their creativity, stagecraft and performance skills by scripting and performing their own production in front of their peers, parents and staff.

Croydon Park Public School, in partnership with the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) joined to develop and implement an inspirational, integrated drama-based program aimed at developing students' literacy skills and engagement in learning.

The nine week *Kids Speak Program* was implemented by NIDA tutor Bronwyn Batchelor in collaboration with CPPS teaching staff. It focused on developing each student's competency in his/her speaking, writing and expressive skills while at the same time developing within themselves a stronger sense of self-worth and wellbeing. Throughout the program there was a focus on team work, collaboration, problem solving and mentoring.

In evaluating the success of this joint venture students have reflected on their learning and that of their peers. Students and parents declared the program a resounding success.

CPPS thanks Macleans, client of the company GlaxoSmithKline for their sponsorship of this initiative. (Keep an eye out for this press release provided to the Inner West Courier)





Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

CPPS is participating in the first year of the national collection of data on students with disability. The data collection will be used to inform future planning by governments and educational authorities and will help us to better support the participation of students with disability in our school and all other NSW public schools.

The data collection will focus on the adjustments being made by teachers and schools to support individual students to access and participate in education. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing. The data will be provided to the DEC in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified. When the data is passed on to the Commonwealth, the school name will be removed ensuring that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

Staff are currently undertaking professional learning introducing them to the Disability Discrimination Act and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. They are also collating evidence of adjustments and support they put in place to ensure all their students are accessing their education.

A letter providing full details about the data collection was distributed to all families yesterday. Please read this letter carefully as it provides the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Families who do not want their child to be counted in the data collection should complete the form attached to the letter and return it to school before 18 October 2013.

Performing Arts Night

We'd like to invite all members of our school and extended community to attend a performing arts night on Wednesday 23rd October from 6:30pm in the school hall. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear all of our instrumental and musical programs perform as well as show support for our talented students.

There will be performances by the recorder group, the school band, violinists, Year 2 recorder and various solo groups.

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

School Self Evaluation

The school has begun the process of self-evaluation in preparation for the 2013 Annual School Report and our 2012-2014 School Plan. During this time the school community will be asked to participate in the review of educational programs and practices as well as report on specific target areas. A self-evaluation committee has been formed and will meet to review the data collected and make recommendations. The committee includes Mrs Denise Broadhead, Mrs Cathy Hudson, school captains Claire and Zahra and the school leadership team.

Planning for 2014

In preparation for the 2014 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.

*As always
Sandra Angel*

A friendly Remember:

Our schools gate are locked between 9.30am and 2.45pm.

Celebrate With Us

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

Term 3 Week 9

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| KB | Samuela, Isabella |
| KM | Alana, Ewan |
| KR | Ethan, Olivia |
| 1B | Tim, Samuela |
| 1P | Ruby, Luca |
| 1H | Toby, Hazel |
| 2E | Blake, James |
| 2G | Alisha, Finn |

Term 3 Week 10

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| KB | Lucas, Audrey, Molly, Christian |
| KM | Adelia, Ibrahim |
| KR | Mikhial |
| 1B | Michael, Stephanie |
| 1P | Alyssa, Avalokita, Ruby, Mark, Kevin |
| 1H | Olivia, Christine |
| 2E | Ivy, Seini |
| 2G | Cruz, Holly, Fynn, Sammi |
| 3M | Sophie |
| 3/4V | Harim, Natasha |
| 4/5I | Declan, Alec |
| 5HM | Levi, Ishika |
| 6H | Casey, Daniel |

Term 4 Week 1

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| 3M | Allanah, John |
| 3/4V | Ruby, Julian |
| 4T | Lara, Samuel |
| 4/5I | Kailah, Tuv |
| 5HM | Isaac, Sophia |
| 5/6C | Rhys, Gang |

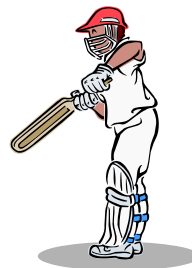
**Sport News****PSSA****Cricket**

20.9.13 CPPS v Croydon PS
 Junior Cricket loss
 Best and Fairest Mathew
 Senior Cricket loss 97-76
 Best and Fairest Alisia and Tuv

Softball

20.9.13 CPPS v Croydon
 Junior Girls loss 30-10
 Best and Fairest Fololina
 Senior Girls win 22-2
 Best and Fairest Kathleen

Junior Boys loss 18-8
 Best and Fairest Rhys
 Senior Boys loss 24-1
 Best and Fairest Hao-Rong

**Canteen Update**

Welcome back for our last term for the year, hope everyone had a good earned rest.

This is a small note to inform students and families that all vegetarian sushi is to be pre-ordered.

Keep Smiling
 Pina



National Nude Food Day is back in 2013 and is held on Wednesday 16th of October. Nude Food Day encourages Australians to pack healthy, natural lunches and snacks without the use of any disposable wrapping. The day raises awareness and tackles two of Australia's biggest concerns: landfill caused by excess waste, and childhood obesity levels caused by poor diet and lack of physical activity. Did you know: Australians use over 1.3 million tonnes of plastic each year which ends up in landfill. (ref: Nova, Magazine of the Australian Academy of Science) Less than half of Australian children meet the Australian physical activity guidelines of at least 60 minutes per day. (ref: Hardy, 2011) Coinciding with **National Nutrition Week** once again, this is a brilliant opportunity to help kids learn about important issues in a genuinely fun way.

Mr Connor Grennan
Stage 1 Teacher
Croydon Park PS

Kindergarten 2014

Kindergarten Information Meeting:

- 17 October 2013 at 9.30am

Experiencing Kindergarten Program:

- 24 October 2013 9.30am – 10.45am
- 31 October 2013 9.30am – 10.45am
- 7 November 2013 9.30am – 10.45am



From The Library

Term 4 in the Library

Term 4 is always a busy term in the library. We will have seven weeks of regular class lessons before I close the library to our students and start the annual stocktake of resources.

All classes will be doing units of work based on Digital Citizenship. I will share links, resources and ideas about this topic with parents in future Neo Oras.

PRC SuperStars Celebration

Organisation for this exciting event is underway. It will be held in the library on Thursday 28 November starting at 11.15am and be followed by a shared lunch. Those students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who completed the PRC will get their invitations soon.

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates are expected in November and will be awarded when they arrive.

Volunteers

Would you be able to assist in the library? I 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.

Library monitors

Term 4 is a busy time for our wonderful library monitors. During this term, the experienced Year 5 and 6 monitors work hard to train Year 4 students, getting them ready for this student leadership role in 2014. Any student who is interested should come to the library next Monday at 1.35pm. I really enjoy watching this student leadership and mentoring in action.

If you have any queries, I am in the school library on Mondays to Thursdays.

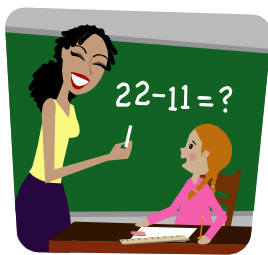
Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe
 Teacher librarian (Monday-Thursday)
 School Library Blog: [An Open Book](#)



Welcome to the home stretch everyone! Spring has sprung and it's hard to believe that we're in Term 4 already and it's only 11 weeks until Christmas! This year has flown by.

The Walkathon was a great success. Thanks to Raffaella Pugliese and Carol Hale for organising the event and coordinating the many volunteers that helped out on the day. Thanks also goes to Pina Tripodi for donating the well eared ice blocks, the kids enjoyed them!

We have a couple more fund raising events this term and one community building event.



Community Building **Wednesday 16th October:**

World Teachers Day is October 5th which fell during the school holidays so the P&C will host a morning tea as a token of our great appreciation for

what the wonderful teaching and admin staff of CPPS do for our children every day.

We are calling on our baking community to whip up sweet and savoury treats to help the celebration along.



Never been camping and wonder what the fuss is all about?

In Term 1 2014 we are looking at having a camp out experience at CPPS with help from our local Scout Troop. Look out for the expression of interest next week for more information.

Fund Raising



Friday November 1st: We will be holding a Halloween Disco this year. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and cakes for sale. Pina will be selling snacks and her great coffee as well.

So get your dancing shoes on and put on your spookiest outfit so you can dance the night away with your friends!



Wednesday November 20th is our final 'Fun Food Day' for the year. Keep an eye out for the note in the next few weeks.

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

My son/daughter _____
from class _____

Will be late returning to Croydon Park Public School

in 2014 His/her late return date is _____

The reason for his/her late return is _____

Signed: _____
Parent/Carer

OR

My son/daughter _____
from class _____

Will not be returning to Croydon Park Public School in 2014 and will require a transfer certificate to _____

Signed: _____
Parent/Carer

P&C MONEY MATTERS OCTOBER 2013

Welcome back everyone, hope you all enjoyed your spring break, and are fresh and ready for the last term this year.

Our children enjoyed the Walkathon held on 19 September, and Thank You to Pina (Canteen lady) for donating iceblocks for the children after their walk, this was very much appreciated by all children. We now need all children and parents to collect all sponsorship monies and return them to school by the end of next week, Friday 18 October. Please ensure money is sealed in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front, to be handed to their teacher. Sponsorship money raised will go directly towards the purchase of new Technology equipment (*) for our children.

As announced late last term, P&C will be having a Halloween Disco on Friday 1 November. There will be a BBQ, with other food, drinks and novelties also available on the night. So put on your scary / fun outfits, and come and have a dance with your scary friends. We look forward to seeing you all there....

will provide the school community monthly updates with P&C Money Matters in the NeoOra (first issue after monthly P&C Meeting), through the Parent Class network (if you would like to be added please contact Amanda Goddard on 0407 410 567 or email croydonparkpnc@gmail.com), and also posted on billboard at front of assembly area. Alternatively you would be most welcome to join us at any meeting held on the second Wednesday night in the month, from 7pm in the school library.

Tania Mitchell, CPPS P&C Treasurer

None of us can achieve what the sum of us can

- CPPS P&C has committed to raising funds for the installation in the school of Wireless Access Points, and purchase a minimum of 7 charging trolleys (15 ipad/tablets per trolley for children to access educational applications at their own desk – to be funded by CPPS). Our target for achieving this is \$22,000, currently we are at \$15,000.

Croydon Park Yogi's



On Friday afternoon's enrolled children from classes 3 to 6 having been enjoying yoga for sports with Connect Kids Yoga. Each week the classes include a variety of activities including breathing exercises, yoga games, movement, drama, music, relaxation & meditation as well as art & journaling. Most importantly we focus on a value to encourage the children to connect not only to themselves but each other and ultimately to community and the world.

Last term we focused on;

- Co-operation, assisting our friends in partner poses and group exercises
- Gratitude, reflecting on what we are thankful for and
- Respect, valuing each other's personal space & property.

We discussed about how these are important in our lives as well as playing yoga games to help us understand these values better.

We also finished each session reflecting on how we felt during class with journaling and art work.

Every week we also practice the sun salutations, which we sing in a song. We use them as a way to warm up our bodies. The sun salutations are a flowing series of movements and are the basis of all other yoga sequences. They're a great place to start practicing yoga if you never have before.



Group Mandala Relaxation

Classes for Term 4 are starting tomorrow but there are some spots still available. If your child is keen to try yoga please return the expression of interests forms, handed out last term to the office asap or contact me directly.

If you would like any more information about the classes or yoga in general you can call me on 0414552747, email at

info@connectkidsyoga.com.au or check out the website at www.connectkidsyoga.com.au

Breath, Play, Namaste,
Cynthia



Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the 'Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

Act now!
Time is running out fast!

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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**Do you live in Canterbury or in Sydney's Inner West
and want to know more about mental wellbeing?**

Come along to...

FEELING GOOD!

Getting Help in the Community for Your Mental Wellbeing

Find out about the role of GPs, psychologists and carer advocates in helping you get the support and services needed to feel good. There will be presentations as well as time for questions and discussion.

Guest presentations by:

- Dr Hester Wilson, GP
- Dr Norris Ma, Psychologist
- Deirdre Healey, Carer Assist
- Almarza Habib, Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre

This is a free event. Light supper will be provided.



Commonwealth Respite
and Carelink Centre
Inner West



Health
Sydney
Local Health District



Event Details:

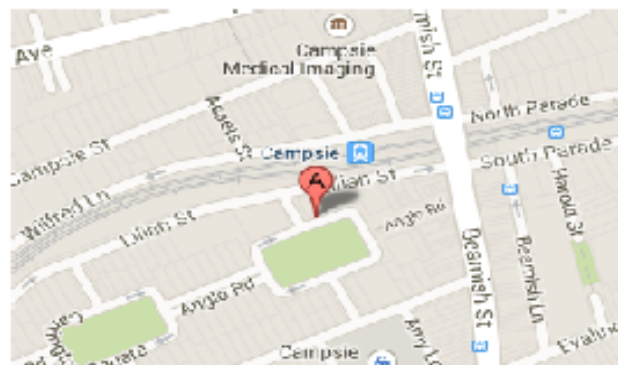
Thursday, 17 October 2013

5.30pm-8pm

Salvation Army Hall:

23 Anglo Road

Campsie, NSW 2194



Venue has disability access & is walking distance to Campsie Train Station.

For more information or to register, please contact Wayne at 9787 0600 or Suhasini at 8752 4925.