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Principal Update

TERM 4 WEEK 11

2021

MONDAY 13th

* Year 6 Farewell

TUESDAY 14th

WEDNESDAY 15th

* Year 6 Jamberoo

THURSDAY 16th

* Student's last day

FRIDAY 17th

* Staff Development
Day

Dear parents and carers,

Term 4 Week 10 Update

Semester 2 Student Progress Reports

Today, you will have received your child's Semester 2 Progress Report. Due to the impact of COVID-19 this semester, the Department of Education provided guidelines to schools to support modified student reports.

The following modifications have been made for this semester's student reports:

- student and teacher reflections regarding learning at home and school
- a three-point scale of working towards grade expectation, working at grade expectation and working above grade expectation for English and Mathematics.
- a statement outlining learning undertaken in other Key Learning Areas

Well done to our students for an incredible semester of learning and a huge thank you to our parents and teachers for working in partnership to support the continuity of learning at home and school. Please take the time to discuss and celebrate with your child their achievements this semester. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Presentation Day Assemblies

This week, every year group participated in an end of year Presentation Day Assembly. Each assembly has provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievement of our students. Within every year group, we presented every class with awards to recognise the following:

- Academic Excellence in Literacy
- Academic Excellence in Numeracy
- Achievement of Excellence in various Key Learning Areas
- Most Improved
- Citizenship



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TERM 1 WEEK 1 2022

MONDAY 31st

* Staff Development
Day

TUESDAY 1st

* Years 1-6 start

WEDNESDAY 2nd

* Kindergarten start

THURSDAY 3rd

FRIDAY 4th



Some students also received awards for various programs such as Sport and Band. Thank you to all parents and carers of award recipients who were able to join us via live stream. Photos of all award recipients will be sent home next week. We are all looking forward to hopefully next year, being able to welcome parents and the school community back into our daily operations of the school.

2022 School Leadership Team

Last week, 29 of our Year 5 aspiring leaders presented their speeches for consideration of voting for our 2022 School Leadership Team. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of the candidates for their outstanding efforts and well prepared 'campaign' speech.

Last Friday 3 December, our Election Day enabled Years 2-6 students the opportunity to vote. After a rigorous process of vote counting, the outcome of our 2022 School Leadership Team was announced at the Year 5 Presentation Day Assembly on Wednesday 8 December.

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who took the Leadership Pledge and were presented with their leadership badge for 2022:

School Captains- Joshua Yip, Mae Pope

School Vice Captains- Myka Petkovic, Ema Vidal

Prefects- Samuel Harper, Niamh Tulloch, Oscar Macleod, Ilaitia Vuniwa



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Classes for 2022

Based on our current enrolment numbers for next year, we have now formed 16 classes. The reduction in student numbers is a result of many factors including changes to our out of area enrolments, families moving to rural and other parts of NSW.

Classes for 2022 include single grade classes, 2 composite classes and job share classes. The placing of children into new classes is a complex and time-consuming process as we strive to ensure that we have well-balanced classes. Classes at Croydon Park Public School are not academically graded. When forming balanced classes, many factors are taken into consideration: gender, academic ability, special needs such as learning support, English as an additional language and dialect, behaviour and social needs, medical needs and learning behaviours. Teachers also request students to identify friendships in an attempt to place each child with a nominated friend in their class. Thank you for respecting teachers' professionalism as they place students in a class that will best meet their educational needs.

For 2022 the following 16 class structures will commence when students return next year. Students will go into their 2022 classes as of the first day at school next year.

Kindergarten:

Miss Shenae Guiffre - R/Assistant Principal
Miss Samantha Moussallem

Stage 1:

Year 1

Ms Sally Webeck- R/Assistant Principal
Mrs Judi Rawle (4 days) & Mrs Margie van Egdom (1 day) (**job share**)

Year 2

Mrs Emma Thuell - Assistant Principal, including LaST
Miss Merisa Mulasmanovic

Years 1 & 2: Mrs Litsa Hallaby



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Stage 2:

Year 3

Mrs Joanna Houvardas (4 days) & Ms Melissa Maddison (1 day) (*job share*)

Mrs Eliza Judd - R/Assistant Principal

Year 4

Miss Nicole Betts

Mr Eric Jewson

Year 3 & 4: Mrs Naomi Isaacs (3 days)/ Ms Melissa Maddison (2 days) (*job share*)

Stage 3:

Year 5

Mr Bruno Brayovic (4 days, including 1 day R/ Assistant Principal) / Mrs Sarah Strachan (1 day) (*job share*)

Miss Rebekah Coates

Year 6

Miss Vicki Michos

Mrs Shellianne Stainton - Assistant Principal (4 days)/ Mrs Sarah Strachan (1 day) (*job share*)

Learning and Support:

- Mrs Sujatha Sharma - Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction) new role as of Term 1.
- Mrs Emma Thuell
- Mrs Angela Taseski (4 days)
- Ms Terri Burnet (3 days)
- Ms Belinda Mullen
- Ms Linda Murphy (EALD) 4 days

Staffing Matters for 2022

- Mr Hayden Ellis will continue as our Physical Education specialist (3 days)
- Mrs Doris Hoang will continue in the Teacher Librarian role whilst Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe is on extended leave.
- Mrs Ashley Winwood will continue on extended leave until mid-Term 3
- Thank you to Miss Augoustinos, Miss Chen, Miss Daoud, Miss Michael for their support in teaching our students this year. We wish each of you all the very best in 2022.



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Start Dates for Term 1, 2022

Next year, the Department of Education has nominated two Staff Development Days to commence the school year. These will be Friday 28 January and Monday 31 January (pupil free). We look forward to seeing students from **Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 1 February.**

Kindergarten 2022 students will start school on Wednesday 2 February. Term 1 will end on Friday 8 April.

Here are the important calendar dates for Term 1, 2022

Term 1

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| o Friday 28 January 2022 | Staff Development Day |
| o Monday 31 January 2022 | Staff Development Day |
| o Tuesday 1 February 2022
to school | Students Years 1-6 return |
| o Wednesday 2 February 2022 | Kindy starts |
| o Friday 8 April 2022 | Last Day of Term 1 |

Thank you to our P&C

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our P&C executive and members. Special thanks to **Jodie Caruana** (P&C President), **Phil Pooley** and **Sarah Skillen** (Vice Presidents) **Megan Day** (Assistant Treasurer) for their tireless efforts, particularly with our fundraising events. **Jo Mazzotta** (Secretary) and **Courtney Sertdemir** (Assistant Secretary) for their superb organisation and communication with our P&C members, and **May Lim** (Treasurer), for her ongoing commitment and care. Your team approach has been amazing and very much appreciated.



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Farewell Year 6 2021

We are looking forward to hosting our Year 6 graduation farewell on our school site this coming Monday. It will be an evening of celebration of the many wonderful experiences and friendships that our Year 6 students have gained during their time at Croydon Park Public School. On Wednesday, our Year 6 students will enjoy a day at Jamberoo Park followed by a COVID safe student only clap out for all our Year 6 students on Thursday afternoon.

Thank You and Happy Holidays

Lastly, I would like to thank all our students, parents, staff and the extended school community for supporting each other through the challenges of 2021. We have shown what incredible teamwork can achieve and how learning takes many shapes and forms, both in a classroom, at home and outdoors. Every member of our school community deserves an extra special congratulations this year for their part. Thank you to our students for their perseverance and resilience, thank you to our parents for their outstanding partnership especially during remote learning and to our teachers and administration staff for their dedicated commitment to our students and school community.

Wishing all families a safe and well deserved holiday and for those celebrating the festive season, a joyful festive season.

Kindest Regards,

Anastasia Galanos, Principal.



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Early Stage 1 Update

What a year in Kindergarten!!

Wow what a year 2021 has been. Our Kindergarten students have grown so much over the last year. I can not believe it is time to say goodbye to them as they ready themselves for Year 1.

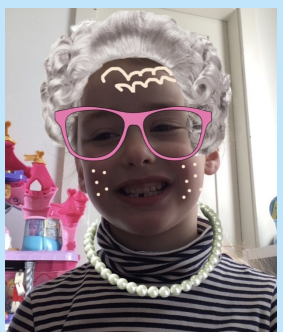
Kindergarten experienced a year full of unpredictability but they rose to the challenge, adapted and continued to grow in their learning. They experienced their first incursion with Toys in Term 2. Who would not enjoy playing with toys for a whole 2 hours!!! They celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten virtually in Term 3 and had lots of fun watching Mrs Thuell sing and dance as a chicken during remote learning.

In week 3 of Term 4, our Kindergarten students returned to school with smiles and excitement. Both teachers and students were excited to see each other. This term, students have had fun learning about weather to create a video weather report and using Sphero robots for the first time to re-enact Rosie's walk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful team: Miss Betts, Mrs Panteli, Mrs Ho and Mrs Murphy. I am proud to have worked alongside such incredible teachers whose drive, passion and determination saw student learning and progress continue even through challenging times.

Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful Kindergarten students. You have made coming to school each day a joy for your teachers. You should be proud of all you have achieved. I wish you all the best for Year 1.

Emma Thuell



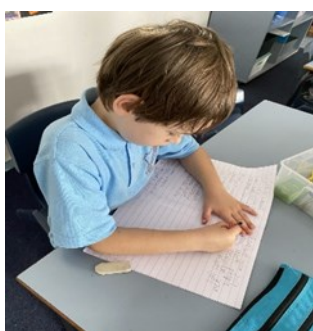
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Stage 1 Update

What's happening in 2H!



Literacy

In writing, for the second half of this term, we have been focusing on persuasive texts. We wrote a persuasive text on, "Children should be allowed to stay up late" and "Children shouldn't have to go to school." 2H had a lot of fun coming up with arguments for these tongue in cheek topics. We worked in pairs and the children helped each other edit and improve their work.



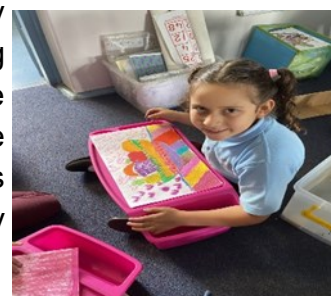
Numeracy

2H had a great time learning to play the trading game. They were asking great questions of their partners while playing the game and were learning all about place value at the same time. Maths is fun!



Visual Arts

In 2H we do art across every KLA. Here we were painting arrays for maths and also we used oil pastels to create amazing still life fruit bowls for our topic on Healthy Foods.



Judi Rawle

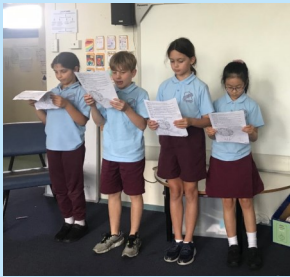


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Stage 2 Update

What's happening in 3I!



What a busy end to the year it has been! It feels like we're accelerating towards the end at the moment, not slowly unwinding, but it sure makes for an exciting last few weeks!

In literacy we have been learning the subtle art of research and note taking. The students have built their stamina in reading more detailed informative texts on a range of topics, including Asian Elephants, Thailand, Australian animals, and we have finally arrived at choosing a topic of our own choice. The students in 3i have been busy researching topics like the snapping sea turtle, Roblox and even Christmas! They have then used this research to write their own information report. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching our class build more and more interesting and complex sentences in their reports.



In maths we have been exploring time, and we have a request for the holidays – turn off your microwave and oven clocks! Display your analogue clocks in a highly visible location, and hide the devices! Our students need as much practice as they can get with reading clocks, so any chance you get, read the time together! We have also chosen to drill down into our number skills in our final two weeks of school and we are enjoying our number of the day, quick quiz and multiplication grid as daily exercises.



However, the Key Learning Area we have been enjoying the most has to be drama. The students in 3i have been learning about Reader's Theatre, where they present a script, with limited dramatic movements and sound effects. We have had so much fun rehearsing our scripts, performing them and giving each other meaningful feedback to ensure we are constantly improving. In the final week of school, we will be performing our Reader's Theatre scripts for the BFG. We can't wait!

We have also been doing fun things in Science, forming groups to collaboratively create a solar oven. Now we are hoping for a sunny day to test them out!



The live stream meant that Presentation Day felt a bit different this year, but we were so thrilled to be able to acknowledge the hard work of our students across the year. Every student in 3i has made this incredible roller coaster of a year a joy to be part of, and we have been honoured to share it with this group of warm, big-hearted, and thoughtful students. We wish all our families a happy and safe holiday!

Naomi Isaac and Melissa Maddison



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Stage 3 Update

What's happening in Stage 3!



Although this year has been tough, it's been amazing to see all our students and staff work hard through this episode of our lives. We've persevered through 17 weeks of remote learning and lockdown and now it's almost Christmas. So far, we as Stage 3 have worked so hard and creatively to make this year as fun as possible. Even



though this year has meant that year 6 can't do all the great things that usually happen, the teachers deserve lots of thanks for their hard work to make this year special. Now that we write this, everything that has happened throughout our primary school years comes back to mind.



Hopefully the next chapter in our lives will bring more opportunities to make friends, to learn and start anew. Now we are the big fish in the small pond, it's only a matter of time before we move into an even bigger pond. Farewell from the prefects and farewell from the students. Good luck to those who get to experience this fantastic school and to

those who already have.

Annabelle Yip, Stella Mackenzie and Adi Vuniwa



Presentation Day 2021



KAT



KB



1DJ



1H



1G



2H



2S



2M

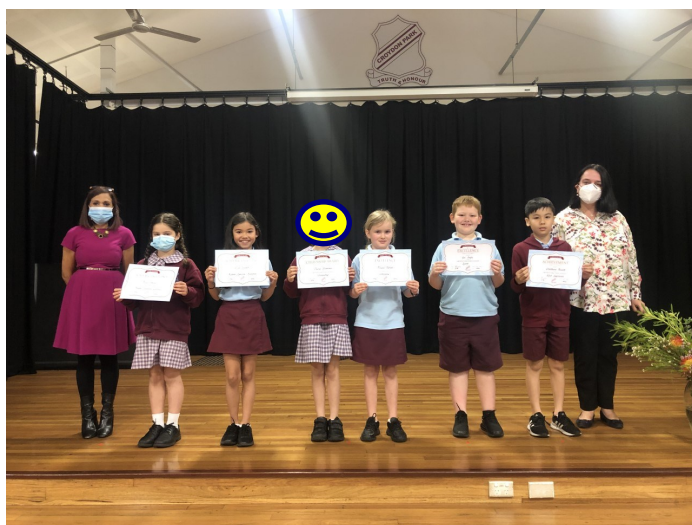


Presentation Day 2021



3I

3W



4M

4J



3/4B



Presentation Day 2021



5C



5M



6M



5/6W





P&C Update – Week 10, Term 4 2021



Election Day BBQ —Sat, Dec 4, 2021—

