

CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



TERM 1 WEEK 5 2021

MONDAY 22nd

* Meet the teacher
Stage 3

TUESDAY 23rd

* Meet the teacher
Early Stage 1

WEDNESDAY 24th

* 3-6 Swimming
Carnival

* Meet the teacher
Stage 2

THURSDAY 25th

* Meet the teacher
Stage 1

FRIDAY 26th

* PSSA



Principal Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

House Captains

Yesterday, Years 2 -6 students were provided with the opportunity to vote in our House Captains for 2021. Congratulations to the following students who are now our 2021 House Captains. We look forward to having them support their teams next Wednesday at our Years 3- 6 Swimming Carnival.

Quong Tart	Pemulwuy	Nelson	Downing
Captains Danae Stavropoulos Danielle Vaccaro Mezei	Captains Asher Conyers Erin King Down	Captains Dominic Galimi Sofia Forbath Luna	Captains Jessica Rich Victor Cao
Vice -Captains Sam Flowerday Sabina Williams	Vice -Captains Leondre Lentros Hamish Sutherland	Vice -Captains Liam Hudson Damian Dang	Vice -Captains Isabelle Day Alvin Tran



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TERM 1 WEEK 6 2021

MONDAY 1st

TUESDAY 2nd

WEDNESDAY 3rd

THURSDAY 4th

FRIDAY 5th

* PSSA

Meet the Teacher Evenings - Next Week.

All classes have settled well into their learning routines for the year. We are now looking forward to sharing our teaching and learning overviews with you at a Meet the Teacher Evening. Class routines and organisational matters will also be discussed. A COVID-safe session will commence in the school hall at the following times:

Monday 22 February 5:30pm - 6:30pm :**Stage 3** (Years 5 and 6)

Tuesday 23 February 5:30pm - 6:30pm :**Early Stage 1** (Kindergarten)

Wednesday 24 February 5:30pm - 6:30pm :**Stage 2** (Years 3 and 4)

Thursday 25 February 5:30pm - 6:30pm :**Stage 1** (Years 1 and 2)

In line with the COVID-safe guidelines, we kindly ask that parents/ carers:

- limit the event to one parent/ carer per household
- enter and exit via Georges River and Seymour Street entry gate
- sign in using the NSW service QR code
- use hand sanitiser upon entry
- keep a distance of 1.5m from others
- leave promptly after the session has concluded
- are reminded NOT to attend this event if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms

We look forward to meeting you and delivering our presentations outlining the 2021 school year.

Interested in being a Class Parent/Carer for 2021

This year, we are introducing the role of the Class Parent/Carer. Each class will have the opportunity to have one or two parents who take on the role of Class Parent for the year. It is a voluntary role whose focus is to support the teacher, other parents, the P&C and the broader school community. They play a key role in maintaining effective communication between teachers, parents/carers and the P&C.



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TERM 1 WEEK 7 2021

MONDAY 8th

TUESDAY 9th

WEDNESDAY 10th

* Zone Swimming
Carnival

THURSDAY 11th

* Mad about
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FRIDAY 12th

* PSSA



Class parent tasks include creation of class contact lists. Class parents play a key role in the social life of the school by helping build cohesion (such as arranging a class play date or parent social event each semester) and by welcoming new parents into the school community. Most communication in this role is done by email. If you are interested in being a class parent, please express your interest at our meet the teacher evening. The class teacher will make time to choose the Class Parent/Carer during this event, next week.

2021 Co- curricular Activities

Last week, we received an overwhelming response to our co-curricular activities offered this year. Every effort has been made to offer students 2 of their 3 preferences. Students should now have received confirmation from their co -curricular teachers outlining the term in which their activity will be held.

The following is important information that supports the implementation of our co-curricular activities this year.

- Participation in co-curricular activities is not mandatory however, regular attendance and commitment is expected from all students who choose to participate.
- All Term 1 activities commenced this week. Aside from Term 1, activities will begin in Week 2 of each term and continue to the end of each term.
- Popular activities have had to be offered within stage teams for one term only to accommodate for the large number of interested students.
- Students must be picked up promptly from the Seymour Street entry gates at 4:15pm for all after school activities.
- If activities need to be cancelled for any reason, parents will be notified via the SkoolBag App.
- Co-curricular activities for all Kindergarten students will commence from Term 2 onwards.
- As in previous years, all PSSA Sports preferences require students to trial for selected teams.

We look forward to having our students and teachers engage in a variety of activities throughout 2021.



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TERM 1 WEEK 8 2021

MONDAY 15th

* Harmony Week

TUESDAY 16th

WEDNESDAY 17th

THURSDAY 18th

FRIDAY 19th

* PSSA



Change in our Seymour Street Crossing Supervisor

Earlier this year, Julie our crossing supervisor notified the school that she had accepted a new position in another field and was unable to continue in her role as Crossing Supervisor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Derrick for stepping into the role and supporting our school community. Derrick will remain with our school community for the next few weeks until the position is permanently filled by Transport for NSW.

Birthday Treats

At this stage we are continuing with our COVID Safe Guidelines as we did last year. This means that children can celebrate their birthday by purchasing a Birthday Bucket from the Canteen but are not allowed to bring food treats from home. This includes individually wrapped items at this stage. We will let you know when the situation changes. Please place Birthday Bucket orders at least a day in advance with our Canteen.

Kindest Regards,

Anastasia Galanos, Principal



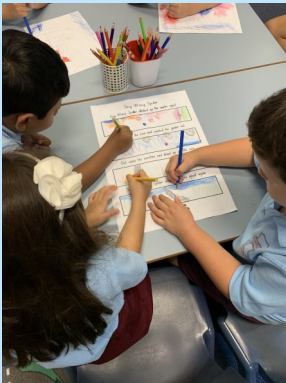
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Early Stage 1 Update

Welcome to KN!

It has been wonderful to welcome new Kindergarten students in KB this week. We have been settling into our new room and learning lots about our new classmates and school environment. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and how quickly students are adjusting to new routines. Most importantly we are learning to listen with the 5L's (lips closed, hands in laps, legs crossed, listening and looking). This is very important as we also learning to follow instructions.



In the early weeks of Kindergarten students have been learning about nursery rhymes. Their engagement builds key literacy skills they will use when developing their knowledge of sounds. This week KB learned the Nursery Rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider'. Students have discussed sequencing and the importance of understanding the order in which stories are told. We have been painting, colouring, threading, cutting and sticking. All our beautiful creations help with our fine motor skills.

In Numeracy, KB are doing lots of counting, learning about dot patterns and using various concrete materials to represent numbers up to 10.

It has been a great start to our first year of school at Croydon Park, and we cannot wait for all the special things we will experience with our class and teachers in 2021.

Nicole Betts



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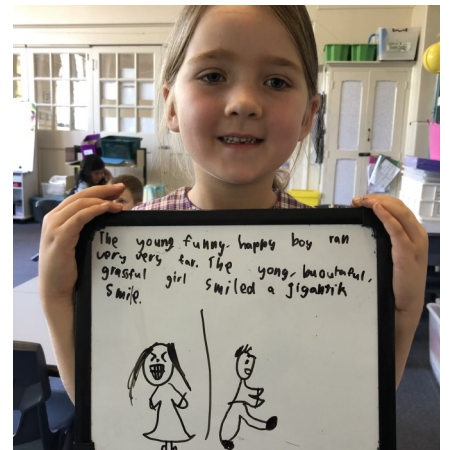
Stage 1 Update

Welcome to 1G!

1G have had a fantastic start to the term, getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the expectations of a new stage and classroom. New and old friendships are blossoming and students have transitioned into the new year quickly and smoothly. We are so excited for Year 1!

Literacy

This week 1G began their L3 literacy groups and engaged in a range of activities around reading, writing and phonics. In writing, we have been focussing on using adjectives to describe nouns in sentences to make our writing more interesting. We have had daily shared reading sessions where students have been developing their comprehension strategies, in particular prediction. 1G predict that this year is going to be a great one!



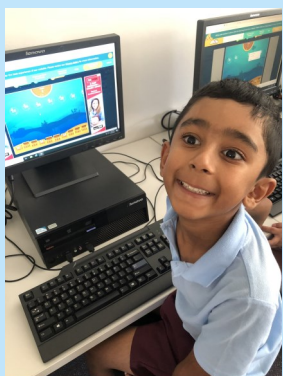
Maths

1G are super skip counters! Students have been practising their skip counting by 2, 5, and 10 from any given number through a range of hands on interactive activities. They have also been building numbers using MAB blocks and building their maths vocabulary through number talks in order to build their problem solving abilities and number sense.

Sport and Technology

This week, Stage 1 started stage sport. Stage 1 classes will be learning a new sports activity with a different Stage 1 teacher each week. 1G had lots of fun this week getting to know their peers through a range of games and activities. 1G have also been visiting the computer lab on Friday afternoons and are learning how to turn on a computer and login, as well as properly shutdown.

Shenae Giuffre, Relieving Assistant Principal,



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Stage 2 Update

Welcome to 3I!

The children in 3I have had a wonderful first couple of weeks of learning and getting to know each other.

We've been spending a lot of time singing and playing games each day and enjoying learning about each other. Students came

up with a set expectations that align with our PBL values, and we have been reviewing these each morning before class.

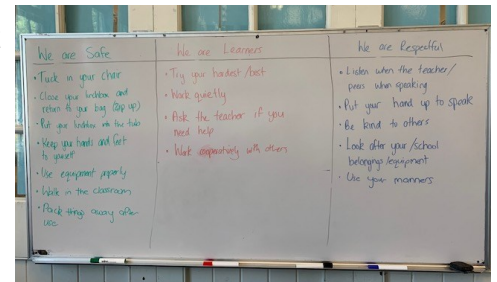
Through circle time we have been learning to listen to each other's feelings, and responding with kindness and empathy. Students use this time to discover what they have in common with each other, and have been able to share social problems when they arise. The beautiful part of this process is that other students then offer advice on how to solve these issues. Circle time always finishes with a couple of fun games to work on our cooperative skills.

In Literacy we have been getting to know each other and how to use some of our special stage 2 resources, particularly the Reading Box. When students use the Reading Box they are allocated a reading level based on a pre-test, then they pick a card at the correct level and read the text. Independently, students then answer comprehension questions and mark themselves. Students in 3I have really enjoyed the independence involved in completing these tasks.

In maths we have been exploring numbers - how to read numbers, counting forward and backwards and ordering numbers. Students have also been practising expanding numbers (Ex, 321 is recorded as $300+20+1$). At Crunch and Sip time each morning we do some fitness while we practice skip counting by 2, 3, 5 and 10. This has been so much fun for teachers and students alike.

Mrs Isaac and Mrs Maddison are so proud of how well all of our beautiful students have settled in and are looking forward to helping them grow across the next 12 months!

Naomi Isaac & Melissa Maddison



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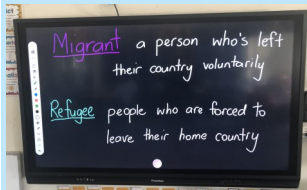
Stage 3 Update

It's a very important and enjoyable time of year as the stage 3 students and teachers get to know each other. We are focussing on "Working Collaboratively" and are having repeated discussions about what this looks like in a stage 3 classroom. We are guiding these discussions by encouraging the students to be open to working with different people, to encourage and support each other, to disagree respectfully with each other, and to empathise with our classmates. These conversations will help us through the entire year and so we encourage parents to support this at home. During term 1 we are focussing on persuasive writing, and oral debating skills. Throughout this unit we will be encouraging students to develop their own opinions, to listen, agree or disagree respectfully, and be open to changing our minds. Dinner time conversations is a great time to share ideas and opinions and to challenge our way of thinking through discussion. Sometimes students are being challenged to argue a point of view that they don't necessarily agree with, as that is what we sometimes faced with during a debate. This ensures that we are all able to understand the other side of the argument which is an important part of forming our own opinion.

A big part of the stage 3 maths curriculum focusses on the students' understanding of a variety of addition and subtraction strategies. So many students are very comfortable doing algorithms, however they aren't as comfortable using other strategies that can be used mentally and more efficiently. From earlier grades, we have been learning how to compensate, how to split numbers and how to use the jump strategy, and now we are becoming more comfortable using these strategies mentally with much larger numbers, and even decimals!

The students in 5/6W are developing their understanding of migration and its impact on the development of Australia as a nation. We will research the Australian government policies of migration in the 20th century and how this contributed to changes in the Australian population. As a part of this unit of work, we will look closely at people's stories to understand the reasons people migrate. So many students' families at CPPS have their own migrant story to tell, which has made for very relevant and interesting discussions. We are reading "The Happiest Refugee" by Anh Do. This engaging story documents Anh's experience as a Vietnamese refugee in the 1970s and supports our history unit well. Please discuss the stories of how your families came to be in Australia and encourage your child to proudly share these in class.

Sally Webeck



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Library Update



Get your books ready Croydon Park!

I am happy to announce that the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021 will open from Monday March 1 to Friday August 20.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

Students can access the PRC website using their Department of Education (DoE) username and password.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

I've included the number of books students must read as part of this challenge below:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

I am looking forward to seeing how many books we read this year! Happy Reading!

Doris Hoang



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BRONZE AWARDS

6M: Isabelle, Eddie

SILVER AWARDS

5/6W: Danielle

GOLD AWARDS

5/6W: Adi

Croydon Park Crest Awards



We are Safe, We are Learners, We are Respectful

Who's responsible? We are!

Each fortnight this term, the students and teachers are focusing on one of our school's expectations in a shared space of the school. Teachers will be on the lookout for students following our school expectations to be awarded 'Do It Right' tokens and Croydon Park Crests. Remember

PBL Expectation for Weeks 5 & 6

We are SAFE before school

- We only play with handballs (no big balls)
- We sit and wait patiently in the correct area for the duty teacher.
- We place our bag neatly in our class line under the COLA
- We wear our school hat

Blue Level- All students begin here

5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Bronze Award

1 Bronze Award + 5 more Croydon Park Crests = 1 Silver
award

1 Silver award + 5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Gold Award



Uniform Shop

New School Uniforms

The sale of School Uniforms for the 2021 school year are from the front office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Uniform orders can be left at the school office from Monday to Friday but will only be distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Payment is by Cash or Cheque (made out to Croydon Park Public School), via the skoolbag app or the Croydon Park Public School website (make a payment).

Preloved School Uniforms

We have lots of preloved uniforms priced at \$2 per item. Please leave your Uniform Order for the clothing pool orders at the front office and indicate on the top of the form 'Second Hand' and I will try to accommodate your order.

Regards Uniform Coordinator Carole Tricase



Summer Uniform



Winter Uniform





P&C Update – Week 4, Term 1 2021

Tea & Tissues (Feb 1)

The P&C welcomed new families to CPPS at our annual Tea & Tissues welcoming event! COVID-Safe morning tea was provided as well as lots of tissues for those tears. It was lovely to chat and get to know our new families. Welcome to CPPS! We hope your little people are enjoying their time in Kindergarten.



First Meeting of 2021

The P&C had a great turnout for our first meeting of 2021 in the school library on Thursday, February 11. We were joined by Ms Galanos and Mrs Thuell from the School Executive. Ms Galanos provided an update regarding the 'Meet The Teacher' event, current COVID restrictions and the new optional extracurricular activities on offer. What a great initiative! The parent community are very appreciative!



Annual General Meeting - March 10 @ 7pm

You are warmly invited to the Croydon Park PS P&C's Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM each year, all P&C committee positions are declared vacant and election of all new Executive Committee Members will take place. All members of the school community, both old and new, are invited to nominate for any of the positions detailed below, are encouraged to attend the meetings, participate in the voting, and become involved in the running of the school for the year to come. Membership is \$2.00 and you can join at any time. Email us with any questions!



Contact us and stay connected!

If you'd like to be kept informed of P&C items, School Events and other info, simply join the P&C Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/croydonparkpnc/> or send us an email via croydonparkpnc@gmail.com



Gardening Club

How exciting, we had our first planting today. We planted green beans, tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers. A big Thank you to Mr Glen who helped us get started.

Did you know that Woolworths are giving away free seed packets for every \$30 you spend. The gardening club would appreciate any spare seeds that you may have collected from Woolworths. Any spare seed packs can be passed on to Ms Murphy or Miss Michaels.



Canteen News - Pancake Day



Drama & Theatresports

Croydon Park P.S.

Term 1, 2021



School Hall
Performing Arts



Drama: Kindy-Yr 3, Mondays 3:10-4:10pm

Theatresports:

Yr 4-Yr 6, Thursdays 3:10-4:10pm

Where: The NEW school hall

To enrol:

schoolhallperformingarts.com

