



CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Friday 20 August, 2021

Dear parent and carers,

Week 6 Update

Learning From Home



Following today's announcement from the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, stay at home orders are to now continue until the end of September. I'd like to sincerely thank all our families for following the strong requests from NSW government and Department of Education to stay at home. We understand that learning from home is difficult however, keeping safe and following NSW health orders to stay at home is our highest priority in mitigating the Delta variant spread.

We want to remind all our families that our COVID safe school operations are now at **Level 4 Plus**. This means we are operating with an absolute minimum of 4 staff on-site for those students who cannot be at home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker. Thank you to all families who have continued to support our community by keeping their children at home to minimise movement in our community. Please get in touch with your child's teacher to discuss any additional needs for your child or family to support you to continue learning from home. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Staffing Matters

Mr Costello has announced his retirement and will commence his leave at the end of this term. We look forward to celebrating and acknowledging Mr Costello's tireless efforts and dedication to our school once restrictions ease.

Currently, plans are underway to appoint a relieving Assistant Principal and class teacher for Stage 3. More information will be provided before the end of this term.

'Learning From Home' Parent Survey

Thank you to all our P&C community who engaged in our Q&A 'Learning from Home' session last Wednesday evening. The session provided an opportunity for our P&C community to provide reflective questions and comments regarding our current learning at home arrangements. Our school executive team openly shared our

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rationales and insights to our current 'Learning at Home' arrangements. We trust that the session was helpful and extend our sincere thanks to all our parents who contributed valuable feedback and comments. We appreciate your input as we continue to flexibly meet the needs of our school community.

To further support our school community with the extended period of learning remotely, we welcome feedback from all our parent and carers in regard to the way we have facilitated Learning from Home over the past few weeks.

Below is the link and QR code to a parent survey and it should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. This survey will guide our planning for 'Learning from Home' in the future. Please fill out a new survey for each of your children if you have more than one child at Croydon Park Public School. **The parent survey will remain open until next Friday 27 August.** Thank you in advance for your time and support.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1B7VFtyX8WWSIGuYG_-wSIG38PtRzY4zFYpY3okJGVLY/edit



Please note: Next week, students and teachers will also have the opportunity to complete a survey. Our leadership team look forward to further evaluating our school community needs. We look forward to sharing these findings with our students, parents and staff and making further necessary adjustments, as needed to best meet the flexible needs of our school community.

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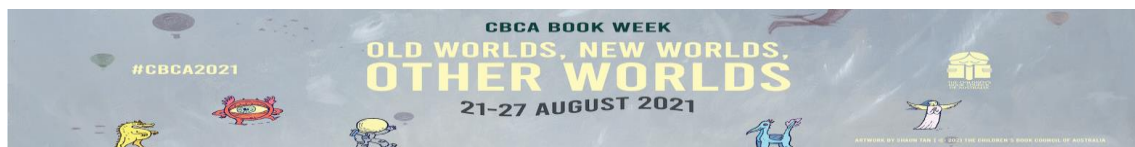
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Virtual Book Week Celebrations



Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Book Week. The theme for this year is '**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**'. There are a host of activities planned. Ms Hoang, our Teacher Librarian has planned virtual daily reading sessions. There are planned class activities incorporated into next week's Learning from Home Grids, including virtual book week parades during our class ZOOM check-in sessions. We hope that our students and families have some fun creating their costumes this weekend. More information regarding next week's book week celebrations are included in this newsletter.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Refund



Sadly, due to current COVID-19 restrictions all planned events for Term 3 have been cancelled. This includes our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. For those families who have made a payment, refunds are now available. Please complete and return your **refund form** to our school via our school email.

Refund form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GupCjv7PeiPUHOpVUaC_fuwifkwVgJCO/view?usp=sharing

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Kindergarten 2022 Enrolments



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Accepting
Kindergarten 2022
Enrolments Now

Save the Date:
Kindergarten Information Evening
Wednesday 6 October 2021
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
in our School Hall

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We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022. Please visit our school website for more information.

Please use [school finder](#) to check that your address is in our intake area and then complete the [online enrolment application](#). If you are an out of area sibling enrolment, you can enrol via the [out-of-area enrolment](#) form.

We look forward to welcoming our 2022 Kindergarten parents at our information session early next term.

Finally... gentle reminders to keeping positive during learning at home

- you don't have to be perfect
- having a bad day is ok
- asking for help is strength
- we appreciate you

Warmest regards, Anastasia Galanos

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The theme for Book Week this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

We're excited to be celebrating it remotely this year.

-  **Book Week Parade** as part of our Zoom wellbeing sessions. We invite students to dress up as their favourite character or share their favourite book with their class.
-  Daily reading sessions (videos) of our Teacher Librarian Ms Hoang, reading the CBCA short-listed books to students.
-  Book Week class activities as part of their remote learning.
-  Book week activity board below for students. We would encourage students to send their teachers images of activities completed and look forward to sharing these with our community.

Book Week 2021

Book Week Activity Board

Read your chosen book with a family member	Write a different ending for your favourite book.	Write a book review to share with others
Use toys or members of your family to act out a part of your favourite story	Take a picture of yourself dressed up as a character from a book	Re-design the book cover of your favourite book
Design and explain the process of you making your ultimate book week costume.	Draw a picture of your favourite book character and tell us why you like them.	Interview your favourite character or author. What would you like to know about them?



Virtual Book Week – Author live sessions

Dear parents and carers,

To celebrate Book Week, various authors are holding live sessions for children to attend. This is a great opportunity for your child to engage with Australian authors, including; Matt Cosgrove, Mick Elliott, Jacqueline Harvey and more!

The timetable for the live sessions are outlined in the table below. To attend the sessions, click on the 'Join Session' link below.

Kind regards,

Ms Hoang

Teacher Librarian



Monday 23d August	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	K-2 - Join Session 1 Authors: Aura Parker, Yvette Poshoglian, Pip Harry, Mick Elliott
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	K-2 - Join Session 2 Authors: Alexa Moses, Jacqueline Harvey, Jules Faber, Yvette Poshoglian
Tuesday 24 th August	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	3-6 - Join Session 3 Authors: Matt Cosgrove, Max Hamilton, Nat Amooore, Yvette Poshoglian
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	3-6 - Join Session 4 Authors: Sue Murray, Geoffrey McSkimming, Matt Cosgrove
Wednesday 25 th August	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	3-6 - Join Session 5 Authors: Jules Faber, Maryam Master, Nathan Luff
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	3-6 - Join Session 6 Authors: Belinda Murrell, Oliver Phomavannh, Geoffrey McSkimming, Deb Abela
Thursday 26 th August	
10:00 am – 10:45 am	3-6 - Join Session 7 Authors: Nathan Luff, Susanne Gervay, Pip Harry, Laura Sieveking









































Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

Congratulations to all the students that have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!



Great job to all the K-2 students for completing their Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

We would like to also acknowledge the following year 3-6 students that have completed their challenge.

 Amelia Kerr	 Samuel Harper	 Asher Conyers
 Florence Rai	 Evie Hillard	 Damian Dang
 Willow Stewart	 Eliza Kerr	 Isabelle Day
 Maeve Suwanto	 Kaya Koktas	 Erin King-Down
 Cassandra Barry	 Jayden Li	 Dakshesh Naicker
 Jonty Chan	 Georgia Luppino	 Jessica Rich
 Fox Christie	 Amy So	 Adam Sahbi
 Emma Semple	 Emmily Susanto	 Xzavier Sloss
 Vasilii Sergeiuk	 Joshua Yup	 Amelie Stewart
 Hannah Weise	 Alexander Yuen	 Sean Tan
 Cassandra Barry	 Liam Brotherson	 Eadith Thompson
 Josiah Cheung	 Victor Cao	 Adi Vuniwa
 Edlyn Davies	 Cooper Chan	 Annabelle Yip

For students in years 3-6 that have yet to complete the challenge, you now have until the extended time of **Friday September 3, 2021**. Students are now able to include up to **10 choice books** on their reading records. We look forward to congratulating more students who complete the challenge by the end of this term.



Burwood Library Click and Collect

While Burwood library is closed to the public, they still have resources available to help our community. If you are supporting online learning for primary schoolers, and would like to extend their learning or try some new resources to entertain them while you work from home, they offer a [Click & Collect](#) service. If you call their library team on (02) 9911 9932, they can put together a pack of picture books or readers at the appropriate level for you to collect. Their Click & Collect service is available 10.00am–4.00pm on weekdays, and 12.00pm–4.00pm on weekends. Members can also return library items during these times. [Learn more about how Click & Collect works.](#)

Burwood Library Digital resources

These might help break up the school day, give some extra information for research topics, or buy you a bit of time while you juggle work from home. If you're not already a library member, [sign up now](#) for instant access to these online resources.

- [Literacy Planet](#) is the leading online English literacy platform that helps improve student learning outcomes through fun, engaging and curriculum-aligned activities.
- [10Monkeys Maths World](#) offers high-quality maths learning content in a fun and motivating way. Games are designed especially for children aged 6-10.
- [Story Box Library](#) lets children view stories by local authors and illustrators, being read aloud by fantastic, predominantly Australian and New Zealand, storytellers. There's the option of turning on subtitles to support reading, and every story has a craft or learning activity to support it.
- [Britannica Library](#) makes it easy to find trusted information, with encyclopedia style articles, pictures and videos on every topic you can imagine.
- [National Geographic Kids](#) has a world of information about our amazing planet.

At the end of the day, you can stream children's films [from Beamafilm](#) and [Hoopla](#) to give everyone a bit of a break!

Burwood Library Audiobooks to enjoy

Audiobooks are a great way for children to experience stories, especially to relax at the end of the day. Burwood Library's [BorrowBox](#), [Libby](#) and [Hoopla](#) collections all have children's audiobooks you can download to your device and enjoy at any time. [Story Box Library](#) has picture books read aloud online, with animations and craft activities to support the story.