

# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Principal Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Presentation Day Assemblies

Earlier this week, our school community celebrated the 2022 school year and recognised the efforts and achievements of our students. It was a joyous occasion led by our 2022 student leadership team. Thank you to our distinguished guests, Mr Terry O' Donohue, Director of Club Burwood Group, Mr Jason Yat-sen Li, MP, Strathfield Office and Mr Djuang Agus, Senior Teacher at A.T.O.P tutoring who presented special awards to our senior students.

Special congratulations to our 2022 award recipients and to our student leadership team who confidently & competently lead both Years 3-6 and K-2 assemblies.



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## 2023 School Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who confidently gave their Leadership Pledge and were presented with their 2023 leadership badge at our Presentation Day assembly:

**School Captains-** Jessica Spratt, Jonty Chan

**School Vice Captains-** Mia Chow, Christie Fox

**Prefects-** Poppy Benko, Ziv Vasa, Emma Semple, Alvaro Kubilius

**Sports House Captains**

**Downing-** Ewen Reynolds (Captain) Liliola Taufu (Vice Captain)

**Quong Tart-** Bronson Birtles (Captain) Emilia Boyt (Vice Captain)

**Pemulwuy-** Ikahui Vei (Captain) Simone Lentros (Vice Captain)

**Nelson-** Alana Michael (Captain) Lachlan Jones (Vice Captain)



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## Classes for 2023

Based on our current enrolment numbers for next year, we have now formed 16 classes.

Classes for 2023 include 15 single grade classes, 1 composite class and job share arrangements. 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 2023 the following 16 class structures will commence when students return next year. Students will go into their 2023 classes as of the first day at school next year.

### Kindergarten:

Miss Shenae Giuffre - R/Assistant Principal  
Miss Rebekah Coates  
Miss Elefteria Goussis

### Year 1:

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

### Year 2:

Mrs Litsa Hallaby  
Mrs Sarah Strachan (3 days) & Ms Sylvia Maricic **(job share)**

### Year 3:

Mrs Ashley Winwood - Assistant Principal  
Miss Lara di Qual

### Year 4:

Mrs Alison Ho (4 days) Mrs Su Sharma (1 day) **(job share)**  
Miss Melissa Mulaosmanovic

### Year 3 and 4:

Mrs Naomi Isaac (3 days) R/Assistant Principal / Ms Melissa Maddison (2 days) **(job share)**





# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## Year 5:

Mr Bruno Brayovic –R/ Assistant Principal  
Mr Tim Stillato

## Year 6:

Mr Christian Benetel  
Mrs Elena Tauriello (3 days)/ Ms Belinda Mullen (2 days) (*job share*)

## Learning and Support (LST):

- Mrs Emma Thuell- Assistant Principal (LST)
- Mrs Joanna Houvardas (Interventionist) (4 days)
- Mrs Olcay Ozcelik (EALD) 4 days
- Ms Belinda Mullen (Interventionist) (2 days)
- Mrs Sujatha Sharma - Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction)

## Staffing Matters for 2023

- Mr Hayden Ellis will continue as our Physical Education specialist (3 days)
- Ms Doris Hoang will continue in the Teacher Librarian role whilst Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe is on extended leave.
- Mrs Shellianne Stainton will continue with extended leave until the start of Term 3. Mrs Naomi Isaac will relieve as Assistant Principal for Semester 1.
- Miss Vicki Michos and Ms Linda Murphy will take extended leave for the 2023 school year.
- We farewell and thank Ms Burnet, Miss Betts, Miss Moussallem and Mr Jewson for their commitment to teaching our students this year and in the past few years. We wish each of you all the very best in 2023.

## Start Dates for Term 1, 2023

Next year, the Department of Education has nominated two Staff Development Days to commence the school year. These will be Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January (pupil free). We look forward to seeing students from **Years 1-6 return on Tuesday 31 January**.

**Kindergarten 2023** students will start school on **Wednesday 1 February**. Term 1 will end on Friday 8 April. Here are the important calendar dates for Term 1, 2023

## Term 1

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| o Friday 27 January 2023    | Staff Development Day               |
| o Monday 30 January 2023    | Staff Development Day               |
| o Tuesday 31 January 2023   | Students Years 1-6 return to school |
| o Wednesday 1 February 2022 | Kindy starts                        |
| o Thursday 6 April 2022     | Last Day of Term 1                  |



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



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 **Dan Wade** (Vice Presidents) **Jo Mazzotta** (Secretary) and **Courtney Sertdemir** (Assistant Secretary) for their superb organisation and communication with our P&C members, and **Anna Mazzotta** (Treasurer) and **May Lim** (Assistant Treasurer), for their ongoing commitment and care. Your team approach has been amazing and very much appreciated.

## Farewell Year 6 2022

The Class of 2022 graduated on Tuesday night and finished the evening enjoying dinner and dancing at the Year 6 Graduation. We wish every Year 6 student a successful start to high school and that your future education is full of hopes, dreams, goals and achievements.

## Thank You and Happy Holidays

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students, parents, staff and the extended school community for a wonderful school year. We have achieved many successes for our students this year- thanks to the wonderful support and partnership provided by our parents and caregivers. 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



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEO ORA



### Early Stage 1 Update

We are so proud of all of our Kindergarten students for how much they have achieved in their first year of school. This week Kindergarten took a moment to reflect on all that they have learnt this year and what the best parts were.

#### Literacy

'I learnt how to write my own sentence because before Kindergarten I didn't know how to write any words. Now I can write a full on sentence!' - Mila

'I learnt how to segment and blend phonemes to read new words' - Sybella

'I learnt that when you write a sentence you need a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop at the end' -Rafael

'I learnt how to read my camera words' -Liana

'I learnt about the 'bossy e'. It makes other letters say their name' -Sarina

#### Numeracy

'I learnt how to add numbers together and what plus and equals means' - Ashton

'I learnt subtraction. You always have to start with the big number' -Mateo

'I liked learning new strategies like doubles and number facts' -Isabelle

'I liked playing maths games like 'Race to 100' and doing different challenges' -Lucas V

'I learnt how to write numbers all the way up to 100' -Clara

#### Kindergarten Highlights

'At the start of Kindergarten I was shy but I made some friends and we went to the farm. I liked making new friends and doing maths with them' - Leon

'I liked learning about the dash robots' -Massimo

'My favourite part was hugging the baby rabbit at the farm and spending everyday with my teacher' -Marley

'I loved learning how to write' -Stevie





# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEO ORA



### Stage 1 Update - 2M

#### Literacy

This Term, 2M have been practicing writing and presenting impromptu speeches to their peers. Students are given a topic and 10 minutes to write their speech. They then take turns presenting their speech to the class and afterwards receive constructive feedback from their peers. This improves their skills to think quickly on their feet, to develop confidence to speak in front of an audience, to improve their oral expression and to learn to provide constructive feedback to others.



#### Numeracy

2M had a great time learning to measure the mass of objects using informal units such as marbles, base ten blocks, connecting cubes and dominoes. They had a lot of fun working in small groups using the balance scales to work out the weight of objects found around the classroom.



#### Science

In Term 4, 2M have been learning fun and interesting facts about their class pets, Chloe and Liam, the spiny leaf insects. For instance, spiny leaf insects are also known as Giant Prickly Sticks and live up to 18 months. Students in 2M have had a lot of fun getting to hold their insects and discovering fun facts every week about their class pets!



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEO ORA



### Stage 2 Update - 4B

#### Literacy

In literacy 4B have worked hard creating their own imaginative texts about honeybees. The focus while writing was including specific language features such as descriptive language, similes and personification. We took a deep dive into the revising stage of writing to ensure we were critically reflecting on our work to make it our best. Together, with 4J, students gave feedback on each other's work in small groups. This process of giving feedback, then reflecting on that feedback proved a valuable tool as our final published Bee Stories were beerlliant!

#### Numeracy

This week in mathematics, 4B were focusing on revising whole number to help us prepare for Stage 3. We played games involving reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 100 000.

#### Science

In Science, we investigated the special relationship between flowers and bees and explored how bees are important for the survival of a variety of other living things. One of 4B's many science experiments included the use of a balloon and different coloured powders as a fun way to learn about pollination.

4B has had an exciting year learning together. 2022 being my first year on Year 4 has been a very memorable year for me including all the fun we had at camp. This week students in 4B received their Pen Licenses! I wish all students the best of luck in Upper Primary!

Miss Betts





# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEO ORA



### Stage 3 Update - 5B

#### Literacy

It's been a big year in literacy for the entire school and Class 5B have done exceptionally well at adapting to some new routines and absorbing new modes of learning, according to new pedagogical practices. This is especially commendable as students were also getting used to their new school stage, which is always difficult. We read lots of books as part of our weekly Book Club, which sees students read a novel over the course of the term while engaging in various comprehension and research activities. Narrative writing got a big boost as the kids developed a character throughout a term, giving them physical and personality traits. These characters then formed the basis of an end-of-term story, using this character and their motivations to drive the story forward. This was a new way of developing their imaginative writing and the kids really enjoyed it. Thank you to Ms. Mullen who supported the class in all our literacy activities throughout the year.

#### Numeracy

Maths goes to a whole new level in Stage 3. All of a sudden we're dealing with far bigger numbers and manipulating them in all manner of new ways. Numbers to the right of the decimal point get a good working over and multiplication tables should now be set in stone. We were wonderfully supported by Ms. Sharma, who came into our classroom twice a week to develop students' understanding and processing of word problems. Our daily Numeracy Ninja number practice was a highlight for most kids as they progressed through their Ninja belts levels and as usual, we had games, games and more games to develop all the facets of their numeracy learning. Beating Mr. Brayovic in these games was of utmost importance!

#### 2022 Highlights

What were the highlights for 5B this year? I'll let the kids tell you themselves. Fox says, "My highlight was making maths and STEM projects throughout the year. I also enjoyed playing PSSA netball and cricket". Ziv also enjoyed sport and says, "a memorable moment for me was being chosen to represent our school in the Inner West Zone cricket trials". Finally, Mia's highlights were "Book Club, because we got to read lots of interesting novels", as well as "getting into the PSSA netball and softball teams". Sport and literature, what a great combination!



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## Year 6 Graduation

By Oli

On Tuesday the 13th December, Year 6 and their families gathered together to celebrate the graduation and final days in primary school for Year 6. We had a lovely ceremony with speeches from the principal, assistant principal Mr Brayovic and Mrs Stainton, our lovely Year 6 teachers and our great school captains, Mae Pope and Joshua Yip. We received a bag with some memorable goodies inside as well.

After the ceremony and a lot of family photos, we walked across the road to the Croydon Park Club. Here, we had a delicious dinner with a photo booth, disco, DJ and candy bar. Miss Angela from the school canteen also made a very generous contribution. It was definitely a night to remember.

When we all walked in the ballroom we were all astonished. The teachers had made the ballroom look amazing with balloons, confetti, and much more. We all got to pick what we wanted to eat. They gave us a wide variety of delicious food from chicken schnitzel and chips to vegetarian lasagne which was all so good. Then we washed it down with some soft drinks such as Sprite, Coke and Lift. After some dancing we all raided the snack bar that our amazing parents had donated as a gift and that our lovely teachers prepared for us to devour. We had a lovely lady from SNAPPY ENTERTAINMENT running the photo booth and she gave us lots of silly filters to use in our shots!

Meanwhile, the DJ played some sick beats with songs such as, Kings and Queens by Ava Max and One Kiss from Dua Lipa. The DJ had brought some super bright disco balls, microphones and speakers to help make this night a definite one to remember. Thanks to Miss Galanos and our wonderful Year 6 teachers Mrs Strachan and Miss Michos, Year 6 and our wonderful farewell definitely wouldn't have been the same without you.





# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## Year 6 Jamberoo Excursion

By Zoe, Evie and Emmily

On Thursday 15th December, Year 6 went to Jamberoo Recreation Water Park as one last big day of celebration before we finished primary school. We left school at about 8:00am and drove for 1 hour and 40 minutes until we were finally at Jamberoo.

Once we got there we were all buzzing with excitement to get onto the rides and slides. After we set our bags down and got changed we set off to go on the slides. Some of the biggest slides there were The Perfect Storm and The Funnel Web. At about 12:00 people started to have lunch or buy food. The fish and chips line was very long and took a while to order, but it was worth it. Some other rides were the Octo Racer, Surf Hill, The Taipan, Velocity Falls, The Rock and The Wave Pool. We had so much fun and we were disappointed when it was time to go. Year 6 had the best time at Jamberoo and hope we will have the chance to go back another day.



# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## K-2 Athletics Carnival

Last Tuesday, K-2 students participated in a variety of sports activities at Croydon Park Public School in their annual carnival. In the first portion of the day, teachers brilliantly led students in a variety of novelty activities including hoop targets, rob the nest and parachute games. These novelty activities developed students' fundamental movement skills and teamwork abilities. It was wonderful that so many parents and families were able to join us to watch the novelty activities. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for students to enjoy the many activities.

In the second portion of the day, students participated in grade races and finals. It was fabulous seeing all students actively participating and supporting their peers throughout their races. Stage 1 students competed in a tunnel ball competition. Stage 1 had been working hard to master tunnel ball leading up to the day and did fantastic.

Thank you to Mr Ellis for guiding students in their novelty rotations and to the Year 6 house captains that led their houses in cheers and modelled great team spirit and sportsmanship. Well done to all houses, particularly Nelson for winning the cheer-off and Downing for coming first overall.

-Miss Moussallem



in





# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL



## 2023 Chess Club

We are excited to announce that Sydney Academy of Chess will be conducting chess coaching program at our school starting from Term 1 2023. The classes will take place one morning a week from 7.50am – 8.45am. Please see detailed information below.



## SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

ABN: 14 139 982 004

Phone: 02 9745 1170 Fax: 02 9745 1176

PO Box 1325 Burwood NSW 1805

[info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

Dear Parents,

Sydney Academy of Chess is looking at running a chess coaching program at Croydon Park Public School. The classes will take place one morning a week from 7.50am – 8.45am

Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment! What a great way to combine learning and fun!

These classes begin with an interactive lecture by one of our experienced coaches. During the second half of the lesson children play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice.

As the term progresses and the children become proficient in all the basics, the lectures will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess technique.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

The cost for the coaching is \$15 per lesson per child. There are approx. 8-9 lessons during each term.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in the online expression of interest form which can be found at <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/eoi>

Thanks and regards,

*Sydney Academy of Chess*



# WELCOME ABOARD

Team Kids



We strive to support families and add VALUE to every day. Our child-centred programs excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

*Let the fun begin...*

## HOW TO REGISTER?

Head to [teamkids.com.au/register](https://teamkids.com.au/register)  
Allow **10-15 min** to set up your account.



To make a booking, we require the entire registration process to be completed, this includes all emergency contacts, payment details and medical forms.

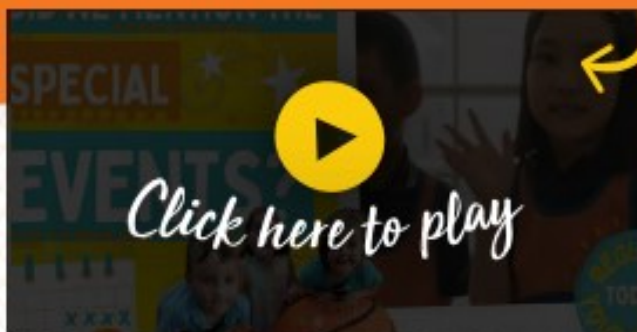
## HOW TO BOOK?



1. Sign in to your TeamKids account.
2. Select the following: » Add/Change bookings » Care Type » Child's Name » Date (it will turn green).
3. Click "Next".
4. Double check your bookings and click "Confirm Changes".



## CHECK OUT THE TEAMKIDS FUN!



@teamkidsaustralia



@teamkidsaustralia



“ My daughter could not wait to go back to TeamKids the next day! ” Danielle



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE TEAMKIDS



EPIC CLUBS + EVENTS



SAFE + FUN ENVIRONMENT



FUN + ENGAGING EDUCATORS



YUMMY FOOD



*See you soon!*

## NEED HELP?

Our friendly Customer Service team are only a phone call away and happy to assist.



[teamkids.com.au](https://teamkids.com.au) | 1300 035 000