

# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEO ORA

**TERM 2 WEEK 7 2022**

**MONDAY 6th**

\* Stage 1 tennis program

**TUESDAY 7th**

**WEDNESDAY 8th**

**THURSDAY 9th**

**FRIDAY 10th**

\* Winter PSSA week 7

## Principal Update

Dear parents and carers,

### Stage 3 Camp

Despite the cold weather it has been a wonderful experience for our Years 5 and 6 students to attend camp at Milson Island this week. Thank you to Mr Brayovic, Miss Coates, Miss Michos and Mrs Stainton for their care and commitment during the 3 days. Despite the cancellation of most water sports, our students experienced great adventure with archery, BMX bike riding, orienteering, games night, market stalls and kayaking.

Together, students and teachers created some memorable moments. Here are some of their memorable reflections:

- BMX bike riding through the forest.
- Archery and attempting to hit the bullseye target.
- Talking with friends at night-time.
- Dead ants' game at games night.
- Kayaking in freezing cold weather.

### Keeping our Students Safe



Unfortunately, I continue to receive complaints about unsafe driving practices such as U turns, three-point turns and double parking during drop off and pick up times in Seymour Street. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to be considerate of the safety of others.



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## TERM2 WEEK 8 2022

### MONDAY 13th

\* Public Holiday—  
Queen's birthday

### TUESDAY 14th

### WEDNESDAY 15th

### THURSDAY 16th

### FRIDAY 17th

\* Winter PSSA week  
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Here are a few things we can all do to help keep our children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always Park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in our school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It is safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

## Attendance

We appreciate all the effort that families are making to ensure that students don't come to school if they are feeling unwell. We know that this means families are using their supply of RATs responsibly. This has greatly reduced the number of students who are presenting at school with COVID-19 symptoms. While students are COVID-19 negative, the number of students with cold and flu has made a sharp rise in recent weeks. Be reminded that it is still vitally important that students with cold and flu symptoms remain at home until they are symptom free and come to school only when they are well.

## Winter is Here! Label your belongings

Winter has come a few days early this year! As a result, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families to ensure students are wearing their full school winter uniform including a 'named' jumper or jacket - particularly on cold windy mornings.

If your child does not have a school jumper or jacket these can be purchased - second-hand or new through the school office.



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**TERM 2 WEEK 9 2022**

**MONDAY 20th June**

\* Stage 1 tennis program 8-9am

**TUESDAY 21st June**

\* Stage 2 excursion

**WEDNESDAY 22nd**

**THURSDAY 23rd June**

**FRIDAY 24th June**

\* Student reports sent home

\* Winter PSSA week 9

### Free Flu Shots from 1 June!

Please see this very important message from NSW Health:

*A free flu jab will be available to all NSW residents in a month-long blitz from June 1 in an effort to combat this year's expected severe influenza season. With a sharp increase in flu cases already, the NSW Government will fund flu vaccinations at GPs and pharmacies until June 30. "We strongly urge everyone over six months of age to get a flu shot as soon as possible to protect themselves and their loved ones, as the virus is easily spread and potentially deadly." Dr Chant said. NSW Health has also permitted pharmacies to administer flu vaccines to children aged five years old, reduced from 10 years, making it easier for families to be vaccinated together. Other protective measures individuals can take include staying at home if sick and washing your hands. Find out more about how to protect yourself from the flu at [Influenza \(flu\) | NSW Government \(30.5.2022\)](#)*

### Late arrivals

In the last few weeks, we have seen a consistent pattern of some students arriving late to school. Whilst a couple of minutes here and there does not mean much, regular missed time at school can have a negative impact on children.

Lateness to school can increase anxiety in children. Often lateness contributes to children missing daily organisation explicitly articulated to the class, the first part to their literacy session, an opportunity to change their home reader or hand in notes. Your child's best learning time starts at the beginning of every day.

Arriving to school on time is important in positively setting up your child's learning for the day. Please ensure that your child/ren arrive at school by 8:55am. This will support establishing good habits of punctuality, organisation skills and contribute towards positive learning experiences. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to work in partnership with regular attendance and punctuality.

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

| When your child misses just... | that equals...                              | which is...                               | and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is... |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 10 minutes a day               | 50 minutes of learning each week            | Nearly 1½ weeks per year                  | Nearly ½ a year of school                        |
| 20 minutes a day               | 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week | Nearly 2½ weeks per year                  | Nearly a year of school                          |
| ½ hour a day                   | ½ a day of learning a week                  | 4 weeks a year                            | Nearly 1½ years of learning                      |
| 1 hour each day                | 1 whole day of learning each week           | 8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year. | Over 2 ½ years of learning                       |

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!**



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## TERM 2 WEEK 10 2022

### **MONDAY 27th June Beresford Avenue Carpark**

- \* Parent teacher interviews
- \* Stage 1 tennis program 8-9am
- \* Public Speaking School Final

A gentle reminder, the carpark in Beresford Avenue is for **staff use only**. The safety of our students and school community is paramount. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to be considerate in parking out of our staff carpark during before school drop off and after school pick up times.

### **TUESDAY 28th June Before and After School Care- tender now publicly available**

- \* Parent teacher interviews

Yesterday, the Department released a tender for the provision of before and after school care for Croydon Park Public School. The tender period will close on 23 June 2022, and the successful tenderer will be notified following an evaluation process. The tender is now live and publicly available on the [NSW Government's E-tendering site](#).

### **WEDNESDAY 29th**

- \* Parent teacher interviews

### **THURSDAY 30th**

- \* Parent teacher interviews
- \* PBL celebration day

### **Thank you – P&C Executive and Parents and Carers**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C president, Jodie Caruana and P&C executive team for their co-ordination in organising the P&C election BBQ and cake stall. Thank you to all our parents and carers who supported this event by giving up their time baking, selling, cooking, or preparing for the BBQ and cake stall. The P&C raised \$3000 on election day. A wonderful achievement and community spirit. Thank you!

### **FRIDAY 1st July**

- \* Parent teacher interviews
- \* Winter PSSA week 10
- \* School spelling bee final

Kind regards,  
Anastasia Galanos



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## TERM 3 WEEK 1 2022

**MONDAY 18th July**

\* Pupil free day

**TUESDAY 19th July**

\* Students' first day at school

**WEDNESDAY 20th**

\* Interrelate Stage 3

**THURSDAY 21st**

\* 100 days of school kindergarten

\* Koomuri incursion

**FRIDAY 22nd July**

\* Kindergarten farm excursion

\* Winter PSSA week 11

## Zone Cross Country Carnival

Croydon Park Public School sent 16 students from Stage 2 to represent the school on Monday 30 May in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. The event was initially postponed due to rain, which unfortunately meant that our Stage 3 students were at camp and unable to attend.

Ella in year 4 reached 12<sup>th</sup> place in the 8/9 girls' event, and Alexander in year 3 managed to come 8<sup>th</sup> in the 8/9 boys' event running 2km. He is a reserve to represent the zone in the regional carnival.

Luckily the weather held throughout the day, and we didn't have more than a few drops of rain. Congratulations to all students who participated!



Mr Eric Jewson  
Cross Country Co-ordinator



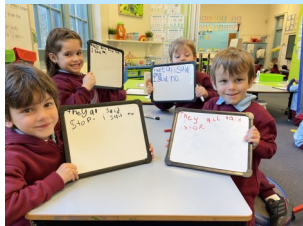
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## Early Stage 1 Update

### Literacy

There has been some amazing progress with reading and writing in KG this term! In writing, students have been learning to independently compose a simple sentence using a capital letter and full stop, as well as using phonics and camera word knowledge to spell new words. Writing tasks are always linked to our class story of the week and/or our learning in science or phonics. KG are also full speed ahead during literacy rotations as they work through a series of activities each day with a focus on phonics, camera words, writing and reading.



### Numeracy

Students learn best when activities are hands on and engaging, which has been just the case in KG maths lessons! Students have been learning all about subtraction in maths and last week played 'subtraction bowling' to deepen their understanding of subtraction using concrete materials. This was extended by asking students to draw the answer, write a subtraction sentence or even develop fact families using the corresponding addition facts!



### Science

Kindergarten are learning all about toys this term! In week 4, KG attended a science incursion and had a blast exploring lots of different toys and how they move. As well as exploring different toys and movements in class, students have also been making different toys with their buddies. This week each of the students imagined they owned a toy shop, then drew, labelled and spoke about the different kinds of toys that they would like to sell in their toy shops. We definitely have some future sales people in KG!



### Welcome Miss Layman!

This term KG have had the pleasure of welcome Miss Sophie Layman into our classroom for 3 weeks. Miss Layman is in her final year of her teaching degree at USYD and will be returning in Term 4 for her internship.



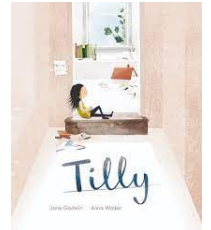
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## Stage 1 Update

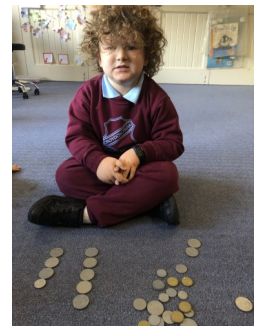
### Literacy

1W have been focussing on some fabulous literature in class, most recently we have been reading **Tom Tom** and **Tilly**. These books then become the focus for our writing in class as they provide the students with repeated modelling and practice of the skills and strategies that great writers use. **Tilly** showed us the significance of precious things and memories in our lives and it has been fabulous, seeing all the precious items coming in from home. After the children were given the time to discuss what makes these things precious to them, they then had the opportunity to write about their significance. But what would happen if they were lost? How would we cope? **Tilly** shows us how to be resilient, how to hold things in our memories, but then how to move on and create new ones. What a great story.



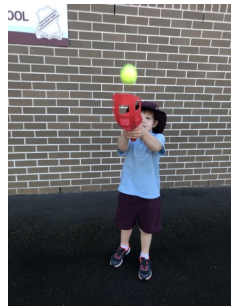
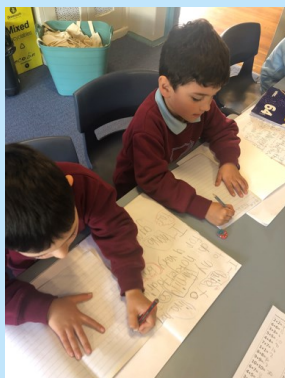
### Numeracy

Skip counting has never been so important as it is in 1W at the moment! How else would we know how much money we have? While we have proved to be great at counting by tens, and fives on and off the decade, when we are counting money we need to be flexible and count up by twenties and then change to tens and then fives. Soon we will be ready to go shopping!



### Sport

We take advantage of fine weather and love to get outside for sport time. This term we have been improving our ball skills, skipping and using frisbees. But some of our favourites are using the catchers, the parachute and launching the beanbags high into the air! Watching the students play with hoops is a personal favourite of mine!



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## Stage 2 Update

### Literacy



This term 4J have been learning about persuasive writing. We have been listening to speeches, reading books and talking about persuasive techniques which we can use to make our arguments stronger. Sorry parents!

*"This term we have been writing persuasive texts. We've been brainstorming arguments for and against about different topics. We have been given three topics to choose from each time, such as: **All kids over 8 should have a mobile phone.** We then have to decide whether we agree or disagree and write about that side."*

- Emilia and Maeve

### Numeracy



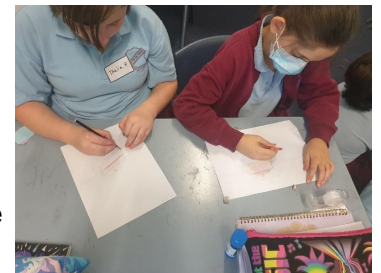
Mathematics has been all about fractions this week. 4J have been discussing equivalent fractions, mathematical language like numerator and denominator and fractions of a group. Diagrams and talking about pizza definitely help!

*"In math we are learning about halves, quarters and thirds. We are learning how to write and draw fractions. We are learning to recognise fractions in lots of places!"*

- Willow and Emma

### Visual Art

We have just begun our work for the art show next term. 4J has chosen to create art based on the style of Wayne Thiebaud, who was an American artist famous for his artworks focused on common food enjoyed by everyone. This also allows for many food-based puns during art.



*"We are doing work on an artist called Thiebaud. He does lots of art about food and stuff. The whole class started with one artwork for inspiration which was a piece of cake"*

- Olivia, Thalia





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## Stage 3 Update

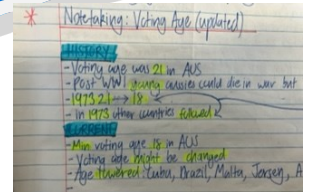


### Literacy

Response Writing, Note – taking techniques

*Our (6M's) lesson on note taking has helped a bunch. Not only did I learn abbreviations to help me with quickly jotting down more notes than before, but I also learned the useful benefits of colour coding with highlighters! Some of the most helpful note taking techniques in my opinion are the mind maps, illustrations and subtitles. This has really changed the way I take notes, research and plan for my Literacy tasks. We have been applying it to plan our tasks in writing Literary Responses. It will be really helpful also to use in high school.*

- Catriona 6M



### Note taking tips

- bullet or number points
  - write down KEY facts, names, dates
  - USE HEADINGS TO SORT YOUR NOTES
  - Graphic organisers help
  - Draw pictures
  - When taking notes from a book, cite your reference
  - Put your notes in your own words where possible
- DO WHAT WORKS FOR YOU

### Numeracy

This past fortnight in some of our groups we have been revising some concepts that are prominent in our Numeracy Ninjas including dividing and multiplying fractions and significant figures. We really enjoyed getting more familiar with Math-space and completing set tasks based on what we have been learning. We have also been completing Escape Rooms based on math topics which have been a great way to revise and consolidate our learning too!

...and we can't forget camp!

*Camp at Milson Island was so amazing and I cannot wait to go again! I loved how we did adventurous activities like BMX bike riding and fencing. I also like how we got an hour and a half to ourselves to play tennis at the tennis courts or hang out with our friends in our cabins. I liked the amazing race because you got to go around the island with a group to complete tasks and it's a fun way to revisit all the activities that you liked and more! I really enjoyed how you could see the water and how it feels like nature with all the dirt tracks and bush walks. I hope I can visit again in the future.*

- Perri



### Stage 3 Camp

Early in the morning, we had already set off to S3 Camp as ripples of excitement slid through everyone and groups of friends muttered around!

For an exotic school camp transportation for years, our mission to camp featured two parts - a bus and a ferry! Everyone on the ferry held an optimistic mood despite the weather. As our ferry from Kangaroo Point skied across the Hawkesbury river gracefully towards Milson Island, it was filled with waves of laughter, joy, delight, as it was such a great experience!

The first day's activities were one of the most thrilling experiences I've ever been through. There was a variety of "unique" education which included; archery and BMX riding. Archery was absolutely insane! One of my arrows almost landed on the bullseye, which encouraged us for more effort! BMX riding was an "action-packed" adventure, the BMX track dodging through forests, which led us to the Milson Island Ferry Wharf! It was one of the best experiences!!

- Maxwell 6M



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## BRONZE AWARDS

Maxwell - 1R  
Maya M - 1W  
Levi O - 1R  
Patrick - 1W  
Ruby W - 1R  
Hannah L - 1R  
Alex B - 1R

## SILVER AWARDS

Yalguun - 1W  
Harry M - 1W  
Joshua T - 1R  
Uzair - 1R  
Madeleine I - 1R  
Harvey S - 1R

Jack B - 3/4I

## GOLD AWARDS

Jarren A - 2T

Ria P - 3/4I  
Mahe BV - 4B  
Emily T - 4B

## 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

### We are safe in the playground before school

- Only handballs before school*
- Sit near the office and wait for the teacher on duty*

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



# THANK YOU

Thank you to all our school community who supported the P&C Election BBQ.

- To all the 40 + parents and even a few students who volunteered on the BBQ and cake stall.
- To the 25+ parents who baked delicious cakes.
- To all the parents who came along on the day with their hungry kids and bought a BBQ item or cake.

We thank you!! Because of YOU we raised over **\$3,000**. With the money we have already ordered some new soccer goals for the students to use at lunch time. We have other goods coming too for non -soccer players!

All parents who helped or donated a cake will be in a lucky drawer to win one of 5 Angela's Kitchen vouchers or a coffee voucher! Winners will be announced at the next General Meeting on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

Look out for our next Chocolate Box Drive so we can buy giant board games and other sporting equipment!!!

