

# CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEO ORA



## Principal Update

### TERM 3 WEEK 3 2022

#### Education Week

#### MONDAY 1 August

\* Kindergarten Living Eggs Program (all week)

\* Stage 1 Tennis Program

#### TUESDAY 2 August

#### WEDNESDAY 3 Aug.

\* Stage 3 Interrelate

\* Future Self - Dress Up Day

#### THURSDAY 4 August

\* Extra-curricular photo day

#### FRIDAY 5 August

\* Winter PSSA week 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcome to Term 3

We have had a busy start to Term 3 with the following events successfully taking place in the last two weeks:

- 100 Days of Kindergarten Celebration
- Koomurri Whole School Incursion
- Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
- Stage 3 excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Due to the increased cases of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses within our community, the department has a current '4-week blitz' that strongly encourages postponing indoor whole school gatherings until later this term.

To best support the wellbeing and safety of our students and staff, we will be celebrating Education Week later this term. Please refer to events flyer in this newsletter.



We look forward to having our school community gather and celebrate together on school grounds, however, to acknowledge the theme **Creating futures: education changes lives** during Education Week next week, we will be holding a **your future self** dress-up day on Wednesday 3rd August, where students are encouraged to think about what they want to be in the future.

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**TERM 3 WEEK 4 2022**

**Winter Walk to  
School Week**

**MONDAY 8 August**

\*Stage 1 Tennis  
Program

**TUESDAY 9 August**

\*Charity Food Drive

**WEDNESDAY 10 Aug.**

**THURSDAY 11 August**

\*IWSSA Zone  
Carnival

**FRIDAY 12 August**

\* Winter PSSA week  
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## 2023 Kindergarten Enrolments and Open Day

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. If you have a child who will be attending school next year or know of someone who is in our local enrolment catchment area and has a child entering Kindergarten in 2023, please visit our website for more information and online enrolment details <https://croydonpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Due to high demand, we will be offering another Open Day on Friday 19 August for prospective Kindergarten parents. Please refer to the flyer below for more details.



### CROYDON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2023  
Information Session  
and Open Day

*Save the Date:*  
Friday 19 August 9.30am-  
10.30am

Location: School Library

RSVP by Wednesday 17 August  
via  
02 9797 9753  
[croydonpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:croydonpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)





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TERM 3 WEEK 5 2022

National Science  
Week

**MONDAY 15 August**

\*Stage 1 Tennis  
Program

**TUESDAY 16 August**

**WEDNESDAY 17 Aug.**

**THURSDAY 18 August**

**FRIDAY 19 August**

\* Winter PSSA week  
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## Staffing Matters

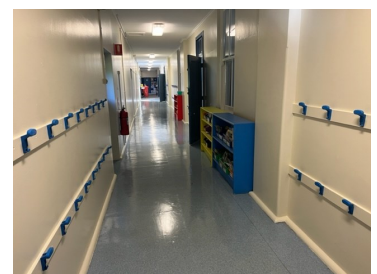
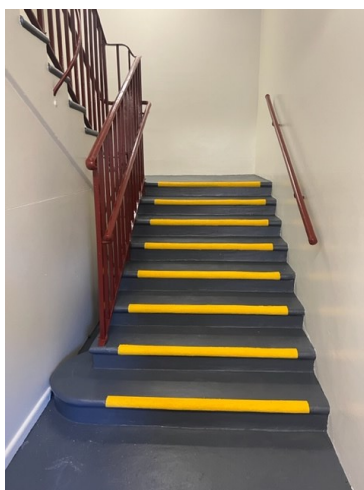
Due to extenuating family circumstances, **Mrs Houvardas** will be taking leave for the remainder of this year. For the next two weeks, **Miss Maddison** will teach 3H on Monday and Miss Daoud will teach 3H on Tuesday to Friday.

We look forward to having **Mrs Winwood** return on Wednesday 17 August (week 5). Mrs Winwood will teach 3H every Wednesday to Friday. **Mrs Maddison** will continue to teach 3H every Monday and as of Tuesday 16 August, Mrs Maddison will commence teaching 3H every Tuesday. This arrangement will continue for the remainder of 2022.

**Miss Michael** will undertake Mrs Taseski's Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) role for the remainder of this year. She will work closely with K-2 students and Mrs Thuell, (K-2 LaST Coordinator.)

## Holiday Maintenance

Despite the wet weather, we managed to undertake some major maintenance projects in the holidays. Staff and children's toilets, stairwells, corridors and 17 classrooms were freshly painted. Block F roof and internal ceiling was replaced. There are further maintenance works, including ICT cabling and new carpet and vinyl flooring scheduled to take place later this term. Further details to follow, closer to the commencement date.



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**TERM 3 WEEK 6 2022**

**Book Week**

**MONDAY 22 August**

\*Stage 1 Tennis Program

**TUESDAY 23 August**

\*Ursula Dubosarky Author Visit

**WEDNESDAY 24 Aug.**

\*Book Week Parade

**THURSDAY 25 August**

**FRIDAY 26 August**

\* Winter PSSA week 15



## Dogs on School Grounds

Whilst we enjoy greeting your pet dogs, they need to remain outside the school gates. This is a requirement under the NSW Companion Animals Act (1998) and I thank you for your understanding with this matter.

## Beresford Street – Staff Only Car Park

For the safety of our students and staff, it is important that the staff car park is only used by staff. Thank you to all our parents, carers and wider community who continue to cooperate with this matter.

## Year 6 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Thank you to our Year 6 parent helpers who volunteered their time to prepare, cook and deliver the sausage sizzle to all Years 2-6 students at the Athletics Carnival yesterday. Thank you also to Mrs Stainton for her superb coordination in supporting this event. A total of \$226.00 was raised, which will now go directly towards the Year 6 Farewell.



## Pemulwuy and Quong Tart - Charity Food Drive

Our Sports Leadership Teams from Pemulwuy and Quong Tart will be organising a Charity Food Drive on Tuesday 9 August. Last year, the Rev. Bill Crews Foundation provided more than 1.1 million meals to families and individuals during the pandemic. To help support the fantastic work done by this charity we are asking our families to donate food items from the following list:



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- Ring-pull cans i.e., soups, beans, spaghetti, tuna
- Packet soup in a cup
- Packets of noodles in a cup
- Up and go
- Soft biscuits
- Uncle Toby's Le Snacks
- Fruit juice packs
- Nestle condensed milk and coffee
- Fruit jelly cups
- Easy open snacks
- Pasta



All donated food items will go directly to the Rev. Bill Crews Foundation in Ashfield. We thank you in advance for your support with this worthy cause.

## COVID smart measures in Term 3

Some of the layered COVID-smart measures you've come to know in recent months will continue this term. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from 3 months after your child's primary COVID-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families. Staff and volunteers on school grounds are to follow vaccination guidelines
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- enhanced cleaning

**Close contact requirements remain the same in Term 3.** On 20 April the NSW Premier announced that from 6pm 22 April 2022, close contacts (including household contacts) could leave home isolation with certain restrictions. The announcement means that students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with the following risk mitigations in place:



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- You must notify the school if you/your child have been identified as a close contact and are intending to return to school.
- You/your child should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 subsequent school days as part of your personal responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- If attending a school site and interacting with students for an extended period of time, the visitor should advise the school that they are a close contact.
- In line with these changes, students with health conditions should speak with their treating medical practitioner or specialist to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school around any local considerations.

**Ventilation** The NSW Department of Education is reviewing environmental differences across NSW as part of their winter ventilation planning, ensuring that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The department will provide local guidance to schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions through the winter months.

**Reducing the risk of illness for the remaining winter months.** Finally, it's important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect our school this winter like the flu. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:

- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.
- staying home if unwell



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- keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water

Continuing these baseline measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

## What's new in Term 3?

**Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs).** The department will continue to supply RAT kits to students and staff to support symptomatic testing and testing for close contacts returning to school. This coming Monday 1 August we will provide 1 multipack of rapid antigen tests per student and staff member.

Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access PCR tests and store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or let the school know that you need more, and we will try and assist. The distribution of the 1 multipack RATs will be provided once our school receives delivery.

**Masks.** As part of a 4 weeks 'blitz', the Department of Education as advised by NSW Health are strongly encouraging the use of masks by staff, students and visitors. It also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result).



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**Responding to our local situation.** We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health and Safety case management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep-up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean temporarily reintroducing some additional COVID-smart settings including:

- directing cohorts to learn from home for short periods of time
- postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school.



On behalf of our school, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support and flexibility as we adapt to each new development this term.

Kindest Regards

Anastasia Galanos, Principal





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## Early Stage 1 Update

### 100 Days of School



On Wednesday of Week 1, Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school! Students and teachers dressed up as though they were 100 years old to celebrate the occasion, which meant that our Kindergarten classrooms were looking much more like nursing homes. Students engaged in lots of fun activities through the day that were all based around the number 100. We are incredibly proud of how far Kindergarten have come in the past 100 days and we can't wait to see all of the amazing things that they accomplish in the next 100!

### Farm Excursion

In Science this term, Kindergarten are learning all about the characteristics of living things and how plants and animals help us to meet our needs. To begin this exciting program, Kindergarten visited Calmsley Hill Farm on Friday of Week 1. Here is what some of our students had to say about the experience:

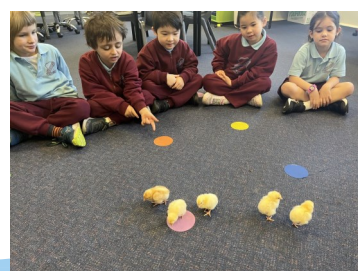
'I liked the tractor because it was bumpy and it was fun' -Sybella

'I liked patting the baby animals because they were cute' -Frida

'I squeezed the cow's udders to milk it. It was fun because I like milk' -Misha

### Living Eggs

During weeks 2 and 3, Kindergarten will be home to baby chicks! Each day students have been observing how the chickens have changed, talking about their characteristics. Each class is keeping a chicken journal to document these observations. Kindergarten have also chosen some interesting names for the baby chicks, including 'Chicken Nugget', 'Scrambled Egg' and 'Noodle'.



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## Stage 1 Update - 2T



2T started the term with a very challenging task, setting up our classroom! During the holidays, our classroom was painted which meant that everything had to come down from the walls and all the furniture moved.



2T were given the task to redesign the classroom setup to best suit their learning needs. They worked in small groups to design and create a bird's eye map of the classroom which they then had to present to the class. Together we discussed what ideas we like and why they would work well.



With the help of Ms Joanne, we worked together to create and trial several ideas before we were happy

### Literacy

2T have been writing a holiday recount over the last 2 weeks. They are very familiar with the writing process. This term, Year 2 will focus on narrative writing.



"First, we write our plan, then we write our draft. After that we do our edit and revise. Finally, we publish our writing. I really like the publish part of the process" - Margaret

"The planning part is my favourite as I like the drawing and writing combined." – Aiman



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## Stage 2 Update - 3J

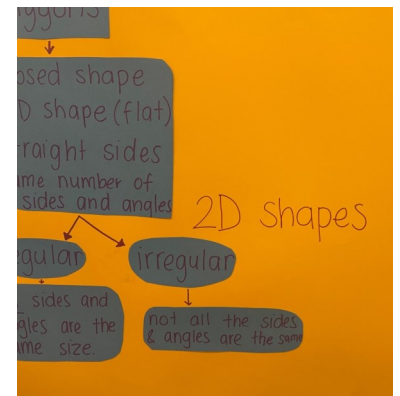
### Literacy

Our literacy program has hit the ground running this term. 3J have been busy reading and composing informative texts across all literacy tasks. We've started to look at how to take effective notes when reading an informative text to help us better understand and organise the factual information we have found. In particular we have looked at three texts all about the Bar-Tailed Godwit and used our note taking skills to discover many things about this impressive bird.



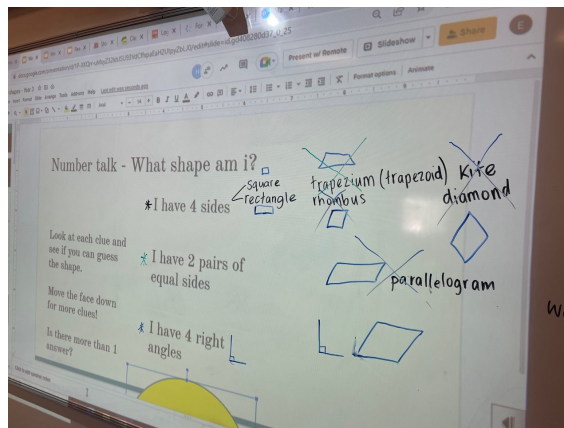
### Numeracy

3J began our learning in mathematics this term investigating 2D shapes, with a particular focus on polygons. We looked at the features and characteristics of a polygon and what the difference is between a regular and irregular polygon. Did you know that polygons are closed shapes with all straight sides? Or that a regular polygon must have all sides and angles equal? In groups we worked at created 2D shape posters to be displayed in our classroom.



### Science

This term in Science, we are looking at the Living World! Linked closely to our work in literacy, across the past two weeks we have been investigating the four key characteristics of living things. We have learnt that living must grow and change, reproduce, respond to its environment and require energy to survive.



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## Stage 3 Update - 5B

### Literacy

Students in 5B have been busy little beavers these first two weeks of Term 3. In Literacy they have been learning all about characters in stories. What makes a character? Do they have to be human? Kids have been analysing popular characters in books and movies and exploring how those characters drive a story forward with their goals, motivations, emotions and actions. The next step will be for students to start constructing their own characters, who will then form the basis of a narrative story they will write.

### Numeracy

In Maths, we have been dealing with 3D shapes and their properties and features. Students have been busy drawing 3D shapes (no easy task for many of us) and identifying the vertices, faces and edges of each shape, as well as giving the shape a name. The various prisms and pyramids have all made an appearance. Our next challenge will be a tasty one - to make these shapes out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

### Botanical Gardens Excursion

On Monday of Week 2, Stage 3 students made their way to the Royal Botanical Gardens. We were lucky enough to have immaculate weather for this day of science learning. Our main focus was to learn about algae and seaweed and the important role they play in our fragile ecosystem. Not only do algae absorb carbon dioxide (helping our climate change challenges), but they also emit around 70% of the oxygen we breathe. We also took a lovely walk around the gardens, exploring the less traveled nooks and crannies, ending up at the fernery to see what the dinosaurs would have encountered in terms of their surrounding flora. What a great day!



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## 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 Term 3 Weeks 3 & 4**

### **We are SAFE when moving through the school**

- Walk on the left side of stairs and corridors
- Stay on the correct side of the red lines
- Get a building pass if you need to go inside a building at break time
- Walk under the COLA

Blue Level- All students begin here

5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Bronze Award

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

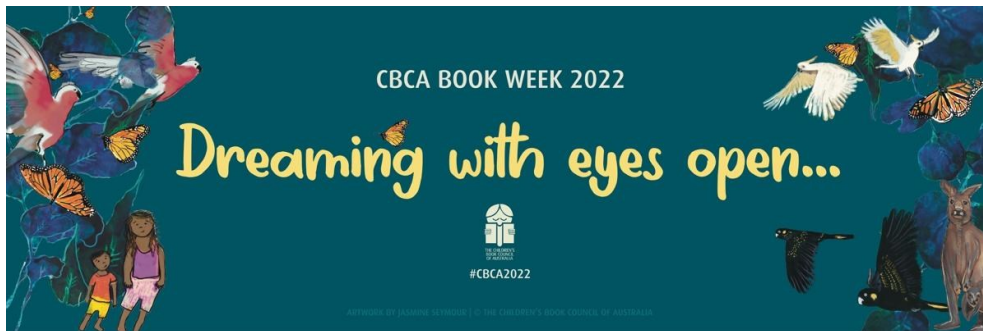
1 Silver award + 5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Gold Award



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## Library Update



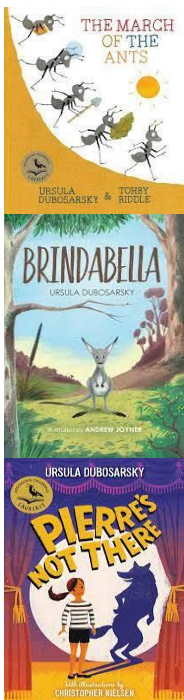
Term 3 is an exciting Term for all booklovers! CBCA Book Week will run from 22 – 26 August. The theme for Book Week 2022 is “Dreaming with eyes open...”.

### Important Dates:

**Monday 22 August – Thursday 25 August:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Tuesday 23 August:** Author Visit – Ursula Dubosarsky

**Wednesday 24 August:** Book Week Parade 9:30 – 10:55 (parents and carers are welcome).



### Scholastic Book Fair

This year we are organising a Scholastic Book Fair. The library will be open for parents and carers to purchase books for your family or donate books to our school library. The library will be open before and after school for families to browse the selection. We will only be accepting cash payments. The opening hours for the Book Fair is Monday to Thursday: 8:25 – 8:50 and 3:15 – 3:45.

### Author Visit

Croydon Park Public School are fortunate to have Ursula Dubosarsky visit our school during Book Week. Ursula was the Australian Children’s Laureate 2020-2021, winner of nine Premier’s Literacy Awards and the Children’s Book Council Book of the Year. Her books include; Pierre’s not there, The Blue Cat, The March of the Ants, Midnight at the Library, Too Many Elephants in this House, The Word Spy and more.

### Book Week Parade

The Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday 24 August from 9:30 – 10:55. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the parade. There will be prizes for the best dressed, and we can’t wait to see all the fantastic costumes on the day!



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## Sport Update

### PSSA Netball Results

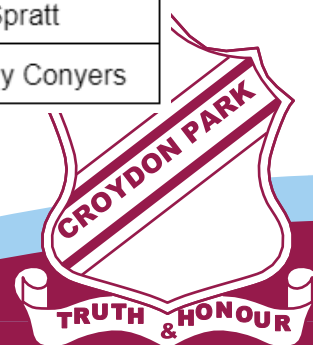
Term 2 netball results are as follows:

#### Junior Netball A Team

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Russell Lea	9-4 Croydon Park Win	Emma Curley
2	6	Enfield	2-3 Enfield Win	Ayla Koktas
3	7	Ashfield	9-3 Croydon Park Win	Emily Tydd
4	8	Croydon	9-0 Croydon Park Win	Jasmine Leaeno
5	9	Abbotsford	4-2 Croydon Park Win	Marie Vuniwa

#### Junior Netball B Team

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Russell Lea	1-5 Russell Lea Win	Ria Petkovic
2	6	Enfield	0-3 Enfield Win	Arianna Ayoub
3	7	Ashfield	1-0 Croydon Park Win	Olivia Shamoun
4	8	Croydon	0-3 Croydon Win	Ryan Spratt
5	9	Abbotsford	3-7 Abbotsford Win	Bethany Conyers



## PSSA Netball Results

Term 2 netball results are as follows:

### Senior Netball A Team

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Russell Lea	2-22 Russell Lea Win	Joshua Yip
2	6	Enfield	15-1 Croydon Park Win	Zoe Pappas   <input type="text"/>
3	7	Ashfield	4-4 Draw	Jonty Chan
4	8	Croydon	10-3 Croydon Park Win	Fox Christie
5	9	Abbotsford	3-17 Abbotsford Win	Hannah Weise

### Senior Netball B Team

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Russell Lea	8-3 Croydon Park Win	Demi Tsiamis
2	6	Enfield	3-9 Enfield Win	Ilaitia Vuniwa
3	7	Ashfield	7-9 Ashfield Win	Divij Jaidka
4	8	Croydon	5-0 Croydon Park Win	Madeline Chow
c	9	Abbotsford	3-5 Abbotsford Win	Emelia Boyt





## PSSA Soccer Results

Term 2 Girls Soccer results are as follows:

### Junior Soccer

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Haberfield	2-2 Draw	Bonnie
2	6	Russel Lea	3-0 Croydon Park Win	Rollyn
3	7	Five Dock	0-1 Five Dock Win	Ella
4	8	Ashfield	2-0 Croydon Park Win	Caliyah
5	9	Croydon	0-1 Croydon Win	Willow

### Senior Soccer

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	Haberfield	2-0 Croydon Park win	Kiera
2	6	Russel Lea	6-1 Croydon Park Win	Georgia
3	7	Five Dock	5-0 Croydon Park Win	Alexis
4	8	Ashfield	4-0 Croydon Park Win	Eva
5	9	Croydon	0-2	Natalia



## PSSA Soccer Results

Term 2 Boys Soccer results are as follows:

### Junior Soccer

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	BYE		
2	6	Summer Hill	Lost 0-6	Darko
3	7	Abbotsford	Lost	Lucas
4	8	Dobroyd Point	Drew 2-all	Alexander
5	9	Russell Lea	Lost	Leo

### Senior Soccer

Game no.	Round	Opposing School	Score	Player of the Week
1	2	BYE		
2	6	Summer Hill	Lost 0-17	Myka
3	7	Abbotsford	Lost	Lennox
4	8	Dobroyd Point	Lost	Matthew
5	9	Russell Lea	Lost	Oscar



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## NAIDOC Week Celebration - Koomurri Aboriginal Incursion

On Thursday 21 July 2022, Croydon Park Public School celebrated NAIDOC Week. Students participated in interactive workshops focusing on:

1. Artefacts, weaponry, bush survival and history
2. Aboriginal song and dance
3. Aboriginal art on canvas and Aboriginal face painting
4. Didgeridoo and storytelling





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## Education Week Celebrations

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Students will have the opportunity to share their thinking about what they want to be in the future with their class peers and teacher.

A video presentation will be shared with our parent community.

Kind regards,  
Anastasia Galanos





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# Education Week

We warmly invite parents/carers to join us for:



**Steve Costello Farewell Assembly**

School Hall  
9am



**Helping at home with Literacy and Numeracy (Information Session)**

School Hall  
9am

**Open Classrooms**

K-6 Classrooms  
10am

**Year 6 Bake Sale**

School Hall  
11am



**Art Show**

School Hall  
5-7pm





Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Cadbury Fundraiser for new Sporting Equipment and the Lawn Area upgrade**

**THANK YOU** to all who have sold their box, or in many cases, multiple boxes, and already returned their money! The positive support from the school community has been overwhelming and very much appreciated. Our Cadbury Fundraiser officially **ended on FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022.**

- Please ensure that you **return your money** and any unsold products ASAP.
- You can also **submit your money online** via the following link: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLKMW2J3Q0S3N/checkout/RMS4F6FSZBUWMARKLY6KWRZY>

Cadbury has generously donated a Mini iPad for all your fabulous efforts and once we've collected all the money raised, we can start planning for our new Sporting Equipment and Lawn Upgrade.

There will also be a **PRIZE for the individual and class** that raises the most funds.

Looking forward to updating our hard-working school community on the final amount raised.

Thanks again for your amazing support.

The P & C Fundraising Committee

