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TERM 4 WEEK 1 2023

MONDAY 9 October

* First day of Term 4

TUESDAY 10 October

* Check-in Assessment

WEDNESDAY 11 October

* Check-in Assessment

* P&C Meeting 7pm

Croydon Park Club

THURSDAY 12 October

* Check-in Assessment

FRIDAY 13 October

* PSSA Summer



Principal Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Holidays

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our Annual Art Show last week. I trust that you were inspired by the creative talent of every student at our school. Thank you to Ms Webeck for her creative vision, coordination, and tireless efforts in inspiring our teachers and students to use various art techniques to create a range of artistic works. Thank you to all our teaching staff and students for producing such creative works. The evening was truly spectacular.

After a busy term of activities and learning, we are grateful for the following highlights:

- 100 Days of Kindergarten Celebration
- K-2 & Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
- Years 1&2 Excursion to Sydney Tramway Museum
- Years 5&6 Overnight Excursion to Canberra
- Education Week - Open Classrooms
- Red Day - SRC Fundraiser
- National Science Week Assembly
- National Action Day against Violence and Bullying Assembly
- P&C Trivia Night
- Book Week Character Parade, Author Visit and Book Fair
- Bennelong AND Cantabile Choir Concerts at Sydney Opera House
- Peer Support with Year 6 students facilitating sessions with Years 3-5 students
- extra-curricular activities, such as Chess, Tennis, Junior, and Senior Band
- parent audiences at our Thursday afternoon, Years K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies
- whole school community events such as Father's Day breakfast, Annual Art Show



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MONDAY 16 October

- * Check-in Assessment

TUESDAY 17 October

- * School Spectacular rehearsal
- * Check-in Assessment

WEDNESDAY 18 October

- * Year 4 Camp
- * Check-in Assessment

THURSDAY 19 October

- * Year 4 Camp
- * Check-in Assessment

FRIDAY 20 October

- * Summer PSSA
- * Year 4 Camp



Principal Update

Thank you to our amazing teaching and administrative teams for your tireless efforts. You support, educate and inspire our students. You are greatly appreciated for all that you do and the difference that you make to our student's lives.

Well done to our students for continuing to do their best every day. I am proud of you all. As I said at our whole school assembly this morning, it is time to look back and practice being grateful for all the things that have gone well for you this term. Perhaps it is learning a new science experiment, playing sport, performing at the Sydney Opera House, showcasing your artwork or seeing snow for the first time. Whatever it is that has gone well for you, please be grateful.

After a busy term, it is now time for all of us to stop and recharge our batteries. I wish everyone a happy, relaxing, and safe holiday break with family and friends.

Term 3 commences on Monday 9 October

Term 3 begins for students on Monday 9 October and all students are expected to return to school in summer uniform. A gentle reminder, please label your child's belongings. We are continuing to work hard at trying to minimise lost property items, especially items without a name.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking final enrolments before our 2024 Kindergarten students and families attend orientation days next term. 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 2024, please encourage them to enrol at Croydon Park Public School.



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TERM 4 WEEK 3 2023

MONDAY 23 October

- * 2024 Kindergarten Interviews
- * Talk-and-Walk-A-Thon- (Peer Support Initiative)

TUESDAY 24 October

- * 2024 Kindergarten Interviews
- * Check-in Assessment Catch up

WEDNESDAY 25 October

- * 2024 Kindergarten Interviews

THURSDAY 26 October

- * 2024 Kindergarten Interviews

FRIDAY 27 October

- * Summer PSSA
- * 2024 Kindergarten Interviews
- * World Teachers Day



School Maintenance Works

The following works are scheduled to take place during the upcoming school holiday period:

- Resurfacing of the basketball court
- Stencilling of handball court squares
- Landscape Garden works at the entry point on Seymour Street.

We look forward to having these new changes take place ready for next term.

School community events in Term 4

Thank you to all who have joined us this term for our annual Art Show, Sports Carnivals, Book Character Parade, Assemblies, Fathers' Day Breakfast and P&C Meetings. We look forward to having our school community come together during the following upcoming Term 4 whole school events.

- **P&C meeting at Croydon Park Club:** 10 October & 8 November (7pm)
- **P&C New Garden Working Bee:** Saturday 28 October
- **P&C Halloween Disco:** Friday 3 November (5:30pm -7:30pm)
- **Performing Arts Night:** Tuesday 14 November (5pm-7pm)
- **2023 Presentation Day:** Tuesday 12 December
- **Year 6 Farewell:** Wednesday 13 December
- **End of Year Celebration Day (K-6):** Thursday 14 December



Kindest Regards

Anastasia Galanos, Principal



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Early Stage 1 Update - KC

Literacy

KC students have been exploring our farm integrated literacy and science unit. Over the past few weeks we have been exploring how we are able to take care of the land and how the land came to be. We talked about giving back to the land and the things that we can do everyday to help look after our land. When we went to the farm, the students were shown different types of plants around the farm and how they give back to the farm, through the flowers' nectar for the bees, the seeds that fall off the flowers and bushes that grow into new flowers and bushes and giving other creatures food. All of these things help our environment and give back to the land where we may not be able to.

Numeracy

To end the term, Kindergarten have been exploring halving, sharing and equality. We have been exploring the importance of equally halving items and numbers so that if it was split into groups that each group would have the same amount. We have explored using a variety of materials such as dominoes, cards, plastic piece of fruit and stationary but our favourite one so far has been modeling clay. Students have been given a ball of modeling clay along with some scissors, we have created a variety of different shapes and used the scissors to cut them many ways to see if they are all equal. Who knew modeling clay and scissors could be used in mathematics?



Science

Saying goodbye to our chickens was one of the hardest things Kindergarten students have had to do this year. We have loved having all 8 of the chicks with us through the last 3 weeks, we have watched them grow from a small egg to the start of becoming a chicken. We have loved learning about the life cycle of the chick's and the farm.

"They are so fluffy and cute" Lily said, Franky and Joni also agreed that they were cute, fluffy and small. Billy loved how they strutted when they walked across our chick mat. The students identified that as the Chick's grew in size, their feathers changed from yellow to brown.



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Stage 1 Update - 1W

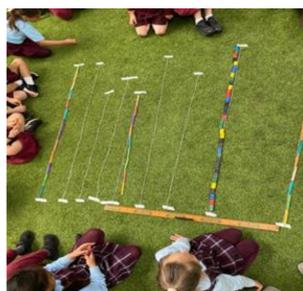
Literacy

To support our understanding of character, 1W have been using a drama strategy called “hot seating”. This requires the students to act as a character from our modelled text, and respond to questions from the other students. This strategy invites the children to recount specific events and explore multiple motivations and perspectives when responding. It deepens understanding of a text by requiring students to apply new vocabulary while also developing enquiry and questioning skills. It’s also a lot of fun! Clara was a fantastic dragon from our recent book, “Boy”.



Maths

It’s always nice to take our lessons outside when we can and last week we went jumping. 1W were tasked with jumping as far as they could and then marking their jump with masking tape and string. We were able to compare and order the jumps and then began to estimate the lengths.



Sport

Stage 1 has recently acquired some new sport equipment for our Friday rotations. It is always great to see determined year 1 students practice until they can master a new skill. We all have our own favourites, but mine is the net and beanbag toss. The children are required to coordinate their hands as they spread their arms wide, tossing the beanbag high into the air and then attempting to catch it again in their net. Working for mastery with a lot of laughs along the way!



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Stage 2 Update - 3D

Literacy

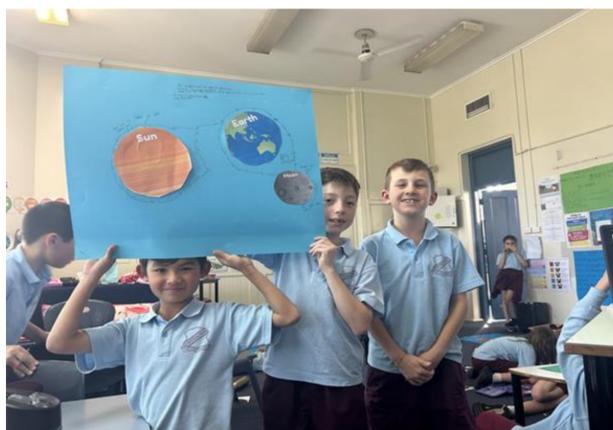
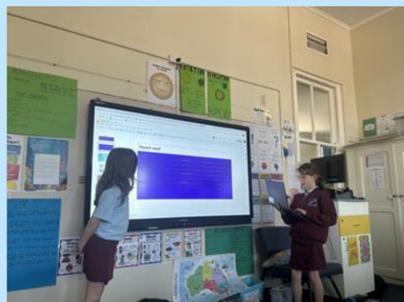
This term in literacy, students in 3D and Stage 2 have been learning about informative texts and our work has been closely linked to our geography unit on the Australian continent. Students have been immersed in quality literature based on unique locations, habitats and animals in Australia. This week in 3D, students participated in a small group project where they chose, researched and then presented one unique place in Australia in a fun, in-class competition named 'Australia's Got Talent!'. Whilst a group was presenting, the others took notes on the facts they learnt from the presentation in order to vote for which location wins 'Australia's Got Talent!'.

Numeracy

Students in 3D have dived into the world of angles! This week, we have discussed the properties and attributes of various types of angles. Students have been enjoying applying their new knowledge to daily word problems, and referring back to how angles relate to real-life scenarios! We have looked at various types of angles, constructing various representations of each angle in different orientations and constructing these using a variety of hands-on materials. Students have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons as they created angles using their bodies and using computer-based programs.

Science

This term our science unit is 'Earth and Space'. Students have been investigating regular changes caused by interactions between the Earth and the Sun, and changes to the Earth's surface. Since it's nearly the end of term, the students reflected on everything they learnt in science this term through a poster. The students wrote and then presented all the information they've learnt this term about the Earth, Sun and moon. For example, many of the students defined what causes day and night (Earth's rotation) and what makes a year (Earth's revolution)!



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Stage 3 Update - 5B

Literacy

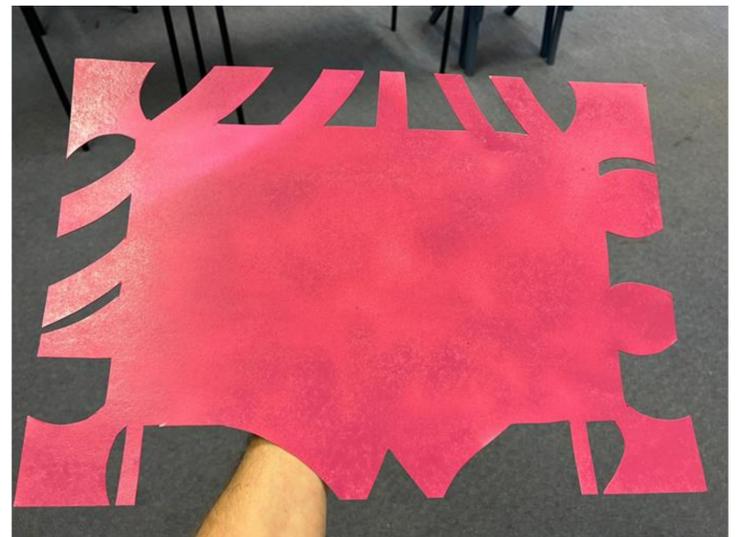
Congratulations to all students from 5B who have been working tirelessly on their narrative writing. Throughout the terms, students have been using the writing process of planning, drafting, editing, revising and publishing to create highly imaginative, character-driven stories. All manner of genres from thrillers to mysteries to fantasy were explored and students developed their styles and narrative voice in a very impressive manner. I've never seen kids so eager to work on a task!

Numeracy

Since camp, 5B has mostly been focusing on 2D space and shapes. Students have been learning how to translate (shapes, not languages!), rotate and reflect shapes based on their original positions. It's not as easy as it seems, but students have done a great job.

Art

This term is all about our annual Art Show, which you hopefully were able to attend. As a class, we studied and were influenced by the works of local artist Julia Flanagan. Students looked at Flanagan's sculptures and paintings and were influenced by her works' shapes, textures, form, structure and colours to make their own works. Much like many artists, 5B had to start over several times as they experimented with various media in order to make the final product. Their patience and resilience paid off as they successfully completed these abstract, framed collages of a wide range of shapes and colours.



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Stage 3 Camp

Years 5 and 6 students had the pleasure of going to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains in Week 8. With beanies on heads and clipboards in hand, Stage 3 attended fascinating tours and workshops at Parliament House, the Australian Electoral Electoral Commission, the National War Memorial and Questacon.

Students further developed their understanding and knowledge of our democratic system of government, as well as getting the chance to undertake the many scientific wonders of Questacon. And of course, not least, they ventured into the snow where many a fancy snow person was made and teachers were subjected to more than a few snow balls.

Thank you to all staff and students for making this camp a memorable one!



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Art Show

Thank you to our school community for coming on Friday night to support the creative arts at Croydon Park. Our 2023 CPPS Art Show was a huge success, a fabulous night, full of colour, creativity and joy. Congratulations to those who took home new art works. With your support, we raised approx. \$2600 at the auction. But most importantly, our students got to experience their own artworks hung, gallery style, as all good artists should be. They should all be very proud.



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SRC Update - Green Team

Saving Trees By Erika 6T

People think trees are something we have so much of and they're never going to go to waste, but really trees are actually important. Here are my reasons why we need to prevent the risk of losing them.

Firstly, trees provide us with oxygen and people need oxygen to survive. Without trees the world would be empty, with no people whatsoever and we definitely do not want that.

Secondly, all of these new buildings are going up in places where there are trees. In order to build these new structures, we are getting rid of trees. So if we have the chance to save trees, we should.

Lastly, we can prevent the loss of trees by getting rid of some things made of paper such as paper straws and paper bags. These are my three reasons on why we need trees and how to prevent losing them.



**GREEN
TEAM**



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PSSA Results

Week 9 (round 6)

Basketball	
Junior	Croydon Park: 10
Mixed	Summer Hill: 12 Player of the Match: Jack Mazzotta
Senior Girls	Croydon Park: 0 Summer Hill: 42 Player of the Match: Emma Curley
Senior Boys	Croydon Park: 6 Summer Hill: 44 Player of the Match: Ewen Reynolds

Cricket	
Senior	Croydon Park: <i>match drawn</i> Burwood: Player of the Match: Moala F, Domenic D
Junior	Croydon Park: 103 Burwood: 100 Player of the Match: Fosch I, Dylan R

Junior T-Ball	
Girls	Croydon Park: 7 Russell Lea: 36 Player of the Match: Harriet Krasnowski
Boys	Croydon Park: 22 Russell Lea: 25 Player of the Match: Nelson Iasparro

Senior Softball	
Girls	Croydon Park: 8 Russell Lea: 9 Player of the Match: Jessica Spratt
Boys	Croydon Park: 6 Russell Lea: 16 Player of the Match: Jonty Chan



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PSSA Results

Week 10 (Round 7)

Basketball	
Junior	Croydon Park: Forfeit
Mixed	Five Dock: Player of the Match: Mahi
Senior Girls	Croydon Park: 18 Five Dock: 10 Player of the Match: Poppy
Senior Boys	Croydon Park: 11 Five Dock: 12 Player of the Match: Ziv

Cricket	
Senior	Croydon Park: 44 Haberfield: 209.5 Player of the Match: Lucas V & Emily T
Junior	Croydon Park: 74.5 Haberfield: 88.5 Player of the Match: Fosch I & Samuel P

Junior T-Ball	
Girls	Croydon Park: 14 Enfield: 13 Player of the Match: Lale Dincer
Boys	Croydon Park: 21 Enfield: 21 Player of the Match: Adam Abu Naim

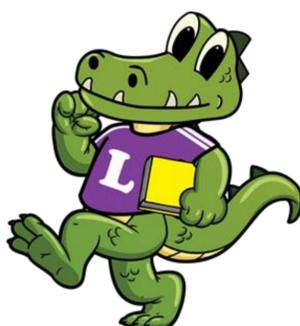
Senior Softball	
Girls	Croydon Park: 9 Enfield: 10 Player of the Match: Adah Powell
Boys	Croydon Park: 8 Enfield: 23 Player of the Match: Fox Christie



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PBL - Expectation of the fortnight



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.

PBL Expectation for Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2

We are **RESPECTFUL** of our school playground

- We are responsible when we play with equipment on the playground.
- We do not play with large balls in the morning, before school.
- We use the cricket nets for only cricket.
- We play soccer and football on the grass area.
- We play netball and basketball on the basketball/netball courts.
- We use yard game equipment safely and responsibly.

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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P&C Update

Croydon Park Public School will act as an official polling location for the Referendum on **Saturday October 14**.
The one thing we can all agree on is that our P&C BBQ and Cake stall always wins the day!

We are asking for volunteers to assist with a range of jobs on the day to make this popular event happen. It takes a large crew to pull this together but we have a great time connecting with the community, having fun together and raising thousands of dollars to put towards improving our school.

If you can spare a some time to help on the day, please sign up on our google form here:
<https://forms.gle/oeZyL7YgBFKERSdV7>

Alternatively, you can visit the P&C website to access the form and find out more about what we're fundraising for this year.

Go to: **croydonparkpandc.square.site**

We are also putting a special call out for anyone that would like to take on **coordinating roles for BBQ events**.
Jodie Caruana has become a 'master' of the BBQ fundraiser, but is ready to pass on the tongs to the next group of grillers and secure the democracy sausage (and haloumi) legacy for years to come! **If interested, please email us at croydonparkpnc@gmail.com**

Thank you,
Croydon Park P&C Committee