14 March 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

All at CPPS value respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and cooperation.

Dear Parents and Carers

P&C School Disco and Welcome to CPPS

A wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to welcome new members and catch up with old ones was shared by many of our families who attended the school disco last Friday night. Our guest DJ played many musical favorites for the young and old. There was much dancing, plenty of toe tapping and families enjoying each other and their picnic goodies. Congratulations to all involved in making the night a complete success. Special mention to Julie Scott and her helpers on their outstanding efforts, ensuring all aspects of the evening ran smoothly.

More photos of the evening can be found on the school website.

Comments from students in 5/6C

“It was fun, crazy and I loved the music that was played towards the end.”
Zahra
“I liked the disco we should have more.”
Rhiannon
“I think that the disco was great. We should have them more often.”
Sarina
“The disco was great and I loved the DJ’s music, it was fun.”
Kathleen
“It was fun and colourful. The DJ was amazing and a lot of people were busting out some moves.”
Kerry
“I thought the disco was fun. Lots of kids were dancing. I really enjoyed it.”
Christina
From the Principal’s Desk con’t

Parent Teacher Interviews Years 1-2 and Three Way Conferences Years 3-6
All students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a three way conference with their parent & teacher during the weeks commencing 1st and 8th April.

A three way conference is a 15 min. joint meeting between the student, parent and teacher. The purpose of the meeting is for the student to reflect on and share highlights of his/her learning and together with his/her parent set goals for improvement.

These goals are recorded on a reflection sheet and monitored by the student, teacher and parent. The conference is facilitated by the teacher and parents are encouraged to take an active role in the discussion.

A second conference to discuss progress and the achievement of goals will take place at the end of Term 3. Written reports will be distributed at the end of Term 2 and Term 4, however, no interviews will follow. Parents are always welcome to speak to their child’s teacher about their progress at all times, we ask only that you make an appointment.

A conference will be 15 mins in duration and dates & times will be distributed soon.

Interviews with parents will occur for students in Years 1 and 2. A note to book a day and time for your conference or interview will be distributed shortly.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our students who represented CPPS at the recent district swimming carnival at Auburn pool. While most of our students did not win any of the races they listened carefully for their event/s, competed with enthusiasm and pride, were extremely well behaved and above all gave their very best effort. Congratulations to Rhiannon in Year 5 who came 3rd in 50m freestyle and 3rd in the 50m butterfly finals. All at CPPS are very proud!!

Harmony Day Activities
Harmony Day will be celebrated on Thursday 21st March and all community members are invited to join in activities that will be conducted on the day. Preparations are currently taking place and a note about the day was sent home yesterday.

As always, warmest regards
Sandra Angel

Some families enjoying the Disco evening
Celebrate With Us
Well done to all our students who received awards!!!

Term 1 Week 5 and 6
KB Aleksandra, Noah, Michael, Chi
KM Eman, Kalid, Charlotte, Sam
KR Jessica, Aahil, Hajoon, Abbie
1B David, Asher, Tara, Lauren
1P Shianne, Andrew, Ruby, Luca
1H Tia, Simon, James, Harrison
2E Ivy, Salvatore, Natalie, James
2G Sophia, Ingrid, Atreiui, Nina

Term 1 Week 6
3M Allanah, Joseph
4T Adam, Bronte
4/5I Samantha, Joshua
5HM Martina, Jaxson
5/6C Fiona, Antoinette
6H Jasmine, Jordan

Term 1 Week 7
3M Caitlin, Zara
3/4V Hassan, Ngiakula
4T Marco, Grace
4/5I Thomas, Olivia
5HM Stephanie, Isaac
5/6C Rhys, Sarina
6H Seini, Francesco

Sport News
Region Swimming
Rhiannon recorded a personal best time in the 50m freestyle at the Sydney East Regional Carnival, finishing 18th place in the event.

Co-operation – Pride – Success
Neo-Ora
Newsletter of Croydon Park Public School

FROM THE LIBRARY

Author Visit: Aaron Blabey

Excitement is mounting with Aaron Blabey coming to Croydon Park PS on Wednesday 20 March. Thank you to the parent who spotted the error in the note sent home. We had put the wrong date. Due to this mistake, we are sending home another note, which must be signed and returned, giving permission for your child to attend Aaron’s talk on Wednesday 20 March. Sorry for this inconvenience. Of course, the money does not need to be paid again!

Library Monitors

A number of senior students volunteer to assist me in the library at lunchtimes. They do a great job helping other students, sorting and shelving books, organising the resources and generally helping with whatever needs to be done. Each monitor works for half of a lunchbreak every week with some volunteering for extra sessions. They take on the role for one term.

Thanks to this great group, I wouldn’t be able to run the library lunchtime sessions without them!...
Grace, Melody, Olivia, Madeleine, Sophia, Christina, Nerina, Martina, Stephanie, Sasha, Winnie, Olivia, Matthew, Gang, Arabella, Albert, Alicia, Ishika and Jacobina.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students in Years 3 to 6 have commenced reading the required twenty books, at least fifteen from the PRC booklists. Next week teachers of Kinder, Year 1 and 2 classes will start reading their required thirty books. The enthusiasm in the school for this reading challenge is very high.

The DEC has changed the way the PRC Honour Roll newspaper supplement is produced. Names of students who complete the PRC are no longer linked to their school name. This means we will not be asking all parents/caregivers to sign a form related to the PRC and privacy. Instead we are asking that any parents/caregivers who do not wish their child to receive a PRC certificate or have their name published in the Honour Roll to contact the school office immediately to opt out. A note about this was sent home on Wednesday 13 March.

Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe
Teacher librarian (Monday-Thursday)
School Library Blog: An Open Book
Canteen News
Greetings to you all, I hope everyone is enjoying their canteen lunches.
I want to remind all PSSA players that if they order their lunch on Fridays they must mark it as PSSA, that way you can be sure that your lunch is ready on time.
I would also to mention that if you use a canteen lunch bag to order your lunch there is a cost of 10c. You can purchase a packet of lunch bags from your local supermarket at a minimum cost.

Help Wanted
Keen to have your kids grow some veggies at school?
A few parents at CPPS are planning for winter/spring veggies in the school’s gardens.
Don’t panic! We would love to hear from you if –
a) You have ideas about what you want to eat from the school’s gardens.
b) You want to help plant vegetables.
c) You want to help a class and it’s teacher pick veggies ready for sale (they’ll do this at assembly on some Fridays)
Please contact Rachel King (SMS) on 0425 237 566 or mattrach1@yahoo.com.au

Missing Uniform Buttons
Lost one or more buttons from the summer uniform? Some extras are available at the school uniform shop.

Go for 2 & 5!
How much fruit and vegetables do children need?
We are encouraged to Go for 2 fruit and 5 vegetables every day. The amount children should eat depends on their, age, appetite and activity levels.

With the emphasis on ‘Go for’, it is valuable if children learn they should be aiming to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day. The emphasis in education should be on eating a variety of fruit and vegetables (including raw, cooked and different colours). This provides a wide range of nutrients.

The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends that children and adolescents eat the following number of serves of fruit and vegetables per day.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age of child (years)</th>
<th>Fruit (serves)</th>
<th>Vegetables (serves)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4-7</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>2-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8-11</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>3-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12-18</td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>4-9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What is a serve?
A serve of fruit is equal to an average sized piece of fruit.

Fruit
1 medium piece (e.g. apple) = 2 small pieces (e.g. apricots) = 1 cup chopped or canned fruit

A serve of vegetables is equal to one medium potato, ½ cup cooked vegetables or legumes or 1 cup salad.

Vegetable
½ cup cooked vegetable or cooked legumes = 1 medium potato = 1 cup salad vegetables

Trust this helps you in your healthy food preparation for kids’ lunches and snacks!

Student Well-Being Team

Co-operation – Pride – Success
We’re just half way through first term and our first event went off with a bang, or should I say boogie! I think everyone who went to the disco would agree that it was a fantastic night. The DJ did a great job and the kids, and a few parents, danced the night away.

Thanks to Pina for keeping the parents going with coffee and cannoli, we really appreciated it.

A big thank you goes to Julie Scott and her band of able volunteers for putting the lights up, ‘manning’ the gate and cleaning up at the end.

Last but not least a HUGE thank you goes to our fabulous and very generous school community; you donated over $500 which not only paid for the DJ it increased the bank balance!

You will have received a couple of notes from the P&C this week:

- The orange one contains information about the chocolate drive to raise funds for stage lighting in the school hall and wireless technology hot spots in strategic places throughout the school.

- The blue one is a reminder about the Class Parent volunteer programme. You have two opportunities;
  1. The first one is a class parent coordinator. This new role will work with the class teacher to identify areas that they need help with like covering books and organise volunteers to get the job done and help promote school activities to fellow class parents via an email list. If you think this is something you would like to do and need more information you can contact Amanda Goddard on 0407 410 567 or ajhall72@tpg.com.au. Alternatively fill in the top part of the form and give to your child’s teacher.
  2. If class parent isn’t your thing and you still want to help out where you can and want to be kept up to date with what’s going on in your child’s class you just need to complete the lower part of the form and send it back to your child’s teacher.

- The orange one tells you about Harmony Day. We celebrate the day with a multi cultural food festival and children may wear a national costume from their family’s cultural background or orange, which is the official colour for Harmony Day

On a more serious note; last night the P & C had their annual general meeting, as well as the March ordinary meeting for 2013. Many thanks to everyone who was able to make it. We would like to welcome new members of the association and thank those prepared to take on roles within the organisation.

Your P & C executive for 2013 are: President- Denise Broadhead; two Vice Presidents- Patrick Elliott-Brennan and Natalie Jennings; Treasurer- Tania Mitchell; Secretary- Cathy Hudson.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions. We would like to thank Margaret Matta for her wonderful job of treasurer over the last 2 years and Raffaela for all her wonderful work coordinating the fundraising over the last few years. We would also like to thank all the wonderful people who have assisted with organising and fundraising. No matter how big or small, your help has been very much appreciated!

We were also notified by some in the community of difficulties they are having hearing the announcements at the Monday and Friday morning school assemblies. We respectfully remind parents to stop talking during the assemblies so everyone, including the children, can hear. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Cathy and Denise - CPPS P&C
# Neo-Ora Newsletter of Croydon Park Public School

## Autumn 2013

### Croydon Park Holiday Club
Georges River Road Croydon Park NSW 2133
t 0402 955 877 (07:00-16:00)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Incursion Fee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 15 April</td>
<td>A Colour Explosion</td>
<td>$55.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Follow the colours to a treasure of activities</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>cultured with the full spectrum of fun. We will</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>bring you something special, remember to wear</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>your favourite colour too. Work and Craft</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 16 April</td>
<td>Make Some Noise</td>
<td>$51.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Clip your hands and move to the beat. Tune in</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and get your brain thinking! It's all about</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>creating sound in a new way. Ask your teacher</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>for extra writing and experiment.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 17 April</td>
<td>Hogwarts</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Alas about the Hogwarts Expressions Show in the</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>environment, where your hands and mind spell</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>a spell of fun!</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 18 April</td>
<td>The Kingdom Of The Rieuling Sun</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Journey to the Far East and immerse yourself in</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>the festivities of Children's Day celebrated in</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Japan. Enjoy her playing and learn some</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Japanese phrases</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 19 April</td>
<td>Prehistoric</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Make an ancient discovery in a land and before</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>our time get your hands dirty and create your</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>own artifacts. It's all about the prehistoric</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>today.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 22 April</td>
<td>The Croods</td>
<td>$61.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Drop in to time to the dawn of man and become</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sabers kill! The Croods are a great new film.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>There will be several screenings, painting</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and arts and recreation.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Please arrive by 9:45am.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 23 April</td>
<td>Rio Carnival</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Let's enjoy the rhythm of the Quirky as we</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>celebrate Brazil Carnival with instrument</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>making, dancing and the whole Carnival</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Please arrive by 9:45am.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 24 April</td>
<td>The ANZAC Spirit</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Celebrate the spirit and sacrifice of the</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ANZAC. Cook up a treat, create anzac themed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>and learn about the ANZAC culture with your</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>friends.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 25 April</td>
<td>Splashing Around</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Journey to the High Seas take a walk on the</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>planks, make your own duct tape or celebrate</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>the New Year's Water Festival. Come with us as</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>we splash around</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Daily Requirement: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, all snacks and suitable clothing for an active outdoor play day.

*Additional incursion fees will be provided.

www.campaustralia.com.au