Dates for Your Diary

- **29 March** – Public Holiday
  Good Friday

- **1 April** – Public Holiday
  Easter Monday

- **1 – 12 April** – Three-way-Conferences and Interviews

- **8 April** – School Photo Day
  (all students to be in full school uniform)

- **12 April** – Cross Country
  Yrs. 3-6

- **12 April** – Last day Term 1

- **1 May** – Students return to school start of term 2

Gurung Playgroup
at Croydon Park Public School

*When:* Fridays
*Time:* 9.00am – 11.00am
*Where:* School Hall

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers

The Harmony Day message of ‘everyone belongs’ was well and truly demonstrated and expressed by our students at our marvelous Harmony Day celebrations on Wednesday. Our students along with their buddies made and exchanged beautiful friendship bracelets and shared messages of goodwill, peace and harmony. The multicultural luncheon was a brilliant display of culinary treats representative of our diverse community. It was indeed a day where everyone felt a sense of inclusiveness, belonging and unity at CPPS. At the assembly after lunch students reflected on the meaning of harmony and some students beautifully shared cultural experiences from other countries through music and dance. Thank you to our students, parents and staff for coming together and sharing just what it means to be part of the CPPS community. Thank you to the P&C and their team of parent helpers, to the many parents who made and helped serve food and to Mrs Matta and Miss Healy our event coordinators, for ensuring Harmony Day was a memorable day.
From the Principal’s Desk con’t

P&C AGM
The P&C held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 March. I’d like to thank the following parents for accepting and taking on roles in the P&C Executive team.
The P&C welcomes:
Denise Broadhead – President
Natalie Jennings and Patrick Elliot-Brennan – Vice Presidents
Tania Mitchell – Treasurer
Cathy Hudson – Secretary

Other roles accepted by P&C and community members include:
Fundraising Coordinators – Rachel Hunt and Natalie Jennings
Canteen Committee – Kate Warren
Finance Committee – Tania Mitchell
Parent Representatives on Selection Panels – Nicole Cunningham, Margaret Matta and Denise Broadhead
Book Club – Kerry Kiem
Ethics Coordinator – Rachel Hunt
Volunteer Ethics Teachers – Ned Cutcher, Natalie Jennings and Val Latini
Student Banking Coordinator – Lydia Liang, Rebecca Mavromichalis and Deepali Bidiwala

Many thanks to the previous office bearers for their dedicated efforts and to everyone who assisted in different ways, big or small, that helped make the P&C an effective body in support of our school.

P&C meetings are held at 7pm in the school library on the second Wednesday of the month. Interested parents are always welcome to attend or pass on items you would like to see raised through your parent representatives.

Holiday Care at CPPS – register and enroll now
It has been confirmed that Camp Australia, our before and after school care provider will be providing holiday care on the school grounds of CPPS for the next school holiday period in April. We are very excited to have this service provided for our families at a safe venue known to our children and with staff that know the students. A flyer giving details and costs of the program has been included further in the Neo Ora this week. You can also visit the Camp Australia website at www.campaustralia.com.au for further information and to enroll. This is done by going to the holiday club finder, selecting Croydon Park Holiday Club and enrolling for the days you require. Currently only 10 families have registered interest in the program. It is crucial that you register and enroll now.

School Band
This year has seen a complete reorganisation of the band program at CPPS. Mrs Isaac has taken on coordinating and conducting the band program which has enabled costs to be lowered and resulted in greater interest and participation in the program. Currently we have 41 students partaking, which is an enormous increase in numbers from previous years. Our students are showing great commitment and enthusiasm towards learning their instrument and practice which will ultimately lead to the creation of a cohesive and beautifully sounding ensemble. Congratulations to all members of the program. All at CPPS are really looking forward to seeing and hearing our band perform.
From the Principal’s Desk con’t
Arriving on Time for School
There are times where nothing goes to plan in the morning, the wheels fall off and no matter how hard you try, arriving at school on time just won’t happen. However, when a pattern of late arrivals takes place, it is extremely disruptive for the teachers, students and administration staff. Teachers have to retrace their steps with regard to instructions, other class members are distracted by the interruptions, and administrative staff are unnecessarily diverted from other important tasks. Constant lateness can also be stressful for the student concerned and does not set a good example for being principled and reliable in the future. It is important for the students to arrive at school in plenty of time to ensure they are at lines at 8.55am. If lateness persists on a regular basis, a meeting will be arranged with the school to jointly solve the problem. Thank you for your support on this important issue.

To our families who celebrate Easter, wishing you all a very happy Easter!!! I hope everyone has an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you again on 2 April when school resumes.

As always, warmest regards
Sandra Angel

Celebrate With Us
Well done to all our students who received awards!!!

Term 1 Week 7
KB Christian, Aaliyah
KM Elijah, Bernadette
KR Markos, Olivia
1B Serina, Annabella
1P Ahmad, Liana
1H Christine, Akira
2E Dylan, Annabella
2G Deja, Chester

Term 1 Week 8
KB Caitlin, Samuela
KM Omar, Adelia
KR Mariam, Phoenix
1B Asher, Michael, Lachlan
1P Avalokita, Andrew
1H Timothy, Jack
2E Lena, Esther
2G Mattathias, Kalea
3M Kyle, Oscar
3/4V Pragya, Natasha
4T Lara, Sebastian
4/5I Sonasi, Kailah
5HM Big, Danielle
5/6C Sarina, Alisha
6H Vanessa, Keanu

Term 1 Week 9
3M Ila, Joven
3/4V Emily, Peter
4T Beulah, Matthew
4/5I Mauger, Tuv
5HM Steven, Enoch
5/6C Fiona, Zahra
6H Anna, Kosta

Book Covering
Thanks to Mrs Cheah and Ms McKendrick who have covered hundreds of books this term. If you could help in this task please contact Ms Phillips.
## Sport News

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## From the Counsellor

Dear Staff and Parents,

I just wanted to introduce myself and say how much I’m enjoying working with you all at Croydon Park PS. I also wanted to tell you all about my role. I’m a registered Psychologist with a teaching background. I was previously a high school language teacher and I’ve been with the DEC since 1998. I’m at CPPS every Wednesday for a full day and every second Friday for half a day.

My job description is extremely varied. I get referrals from students, teachers, parents, paediatricians, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and numerous agencies. My work involves complex case management with many individuals from both the DEC and the wider community. At CPPS I provide counselling, testing (including IQ and many other forms), group programs and administrative duties such as review meetings, funding applications and access requests.

School Counsellors are like the GPs of the Psychology world. We can generally see students for three sessions before we have to refer on to an outside agency. In order to be effective, I can only take on complex cases which are specifically related to school matters and there are clear procedures in place.

Please make an appointment with me directly either in person or by calling the school on the main number. All other matters can be referred to your local GP or Croydon Health.

Referrals to the School Counsellor from parents or staff must be made in writing and be given to the Learning Support Team (LST) or the Classroom Teacher. Both forms can be found on the pin board in the photocopying room or at the office. In addition to the parent or teacher referral form, parents need to sign an additional form that gives me permission to liaise with outside agencies. The LST meets every three weeks to discuss and prioritise cases.

I’m passionate about our students and the job and I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the year. Wishing you a lovely Easter break,

Kind regards,

Cathy MacLaurin
School Counsellor/Registered Psychologist
Neo-Ora
Newsletter of Croydon Park Public School

FROM THE LIBRARY

Author Visit: Aaron Blabey

The visit by author/illustrator Aaron Blabey must be the highlight of the school year so far. After weeks of reading, enjoying and discussing his books, we were all ready to meet the man himself on Wednesday 20 March. Students were very excited when he arrived and walked through the playground as, indeed, were a few staff members.

Aaron spent an hour with each group, reading his books, sharing tales of where his stories come from, drawing his characters while giving hints and tips on how to bring a simple illustration to life all the while keeping the audience highly engaged. His dramatic readings with the images projected onto the big screen brought his books to life.

Thank you to Connor, Makayla and Feauini for being the “lighting dudes”, assistants to Aaron, turning the hall lights on and off as he read the books. For their efforts, each of these lucky students were given an autographed drawing.

Aaron shared morning tea with the staff, offering our teachers insight into the life of an author and an illustrator. During lunch he slipped into the library and met our wonderful and hard-working library monitors. They chatted with him for some time, discussing all sorts of book-related matters.

In discussions in the library this week with students, Aaron’s visit was described as exciting, awesome, fantastic, creative, funny, informative, dramatic, inspiring and brilliant.

[More photos can be found on the library blog An Open Book]

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Our students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been shown how to find the PRC website, and how to enter their books on the online reading record. The usernames/passwords needed are the same as that used in school to log onto our network and the internet. Some classes have also looked at the online booklists as many have PRC books at home or can access them in public libraries.

The challenge will end in the middle of August with certificates given out in November. If you’ve got any questions, come and see me in the library.

Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe
Teacher librarian (Monday-Thursday)
School Library Blog: An Open Book
Hello wonderful people!

What a fantastic day Harmony day was! Once again the whole school community came together in friendship and harmony. It was a great day and we hope you all had a great time and got to enjoy all the wonderful food prepared. The kids certainly enjoyed it!

Many thanks to Margaret Matta and Miss Healey, for organising the children who gave such great performances and everyone who helped to set up, serve food and clean up, there were a lot of new faces at the tables, thank you; you made the day a wonderful success for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who brought in food we had such a delicious selection to choose from and no one went hungry!

Don’t forget that money for the fundraising chocolate boxes needs to be returned by Friday 5th April. If anyone would like extra boxes to sell, they are still available. Please see Natalie.

The next P & C meeting is Wednesday 10th April, just before school breaks up for term 1, at 7.00pm in the library.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter break.

Cathy and Denise

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**Why is it so important that children drink water?**

Water is good for us - our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather.

Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Any level of dehydration can cause physical symptoms such as poor concentration in class, headaches and irritability.

Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Crunch&Sip® provides an opportunity to drink water and helps to prevent dehydration.

**How much water does my child need?**

The recommended daily amounts of fluid for children and adolescents are:

- 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds
- 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 13 year olds
- 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 14+ years

* a glass is 250 ml

More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat. **And don’t forget to send some fruit or vegetables to school each day for your child to enjoy during Crunch&Sip® break!**

Crunch & Sippingly yours,
Neo-Ora
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CANTERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE
rides food books games art noise FUN!
5th MAY
Church Street, Canterbury
10am-4pm
www.cspnc.org.au

-school Phmpt Day is
8 April 2013

Have your child’s school memories captured forever
Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day.
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our friendly MSP Office staff prior to the day.
- Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.

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FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES
Cultures, Communities, Connections

Wednesday 17 April 2013
Burrwood Park, Burwood
(cnr Burrwood Road & Park Ave, Burwood - opposite Westfield)
10am - 2pm
FREE School Holiday Fun for the whole family

Art and Craft Jumping Castle
Poster Making Face Painting
Play Van Popcorn Stunt Show
Spend Zone Youth Zone
**Neo-Ora**  
Newsletter of **Croydon Park Public School**

### Croydon Park Holiday Club
Georges River Road Croydon Park NSW 2133  
0402 353 977 (07.00-18.00)

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| **Monday 15 April, 2013** | **$55.00** | **A Colour Explosion**  
Follow the rainbow to a treasure of activities coloured with the full spectrum of fun! We will be wearing blue, remember to wear your favourite colour too!  
Arts and Crafts Themed incursion |       |
| **Tuesday 16 April, 2013** | **$61.00** | **Make Some Noise**  
Clap your hands and move to the beat, tune in and get loud! Today is all about creating sound in a new way. Join your friends for some exciting sound experiments. |       |
| **Wednesday 17 April, 2013** | **$45.00** | **Hogwarts**  
All aboard the Hogwarts Express! Share in the enchantment, wave your wand and cast a spell of fun! |       |
| **Thursday 18 April, 2013** | **$45.00** | **The Kingdom Of The Rising Sun**  
Journey to the Far East and rising yourself in the festivities of Children’s Day celebrated in Japan. Enjoy kite flying and learn some Japanese phrases. |       |
| **Friday 19 April, 2013** | **$45.00** | **Prehistoria**  
Make an ancient discovery in a land well before our time. Get your hands dirty and create your own artifacts. It’s all about the prehistoric today. |       |
| **Monday 22 April, 2013** | **$61.00** | **The Croods**  
Step back in time to the dawn of man and become a cave kid! The Croods (PG) is a great new film. There will be cave man dress-ups, paintings and an obstacle course.  
Please arrive by 8.45am |       |
| **Tuesday 23 April, 2013** | **$45.00** | **Rio Carnival**  
Olá Amigos! Come feel the rhythm of the Samba as we celebrate Brazilian Carnival with Instrument making, festive Brazilian games and jungle themed activities. |       |
| **Wednesday 24 April, 2013** | **$45.00** | **The ANZAC Spirit**  
Celebrate mateship and spirit of the ANZAC. Cook up a treat, create Aussie themed crafts and learn about the Turkish culture with your friends. |       |
| **Thursday 25 April, 2013** | **No program** | **Splashing Around**  
Journey with us to the High Seas take a walk on the plank, make your own waves or celebrate Thai New Year’s Water Festival, come with us as we splash around  
Water themed incursion |       |

* Daily requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.  
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

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