Dates for Your Diary

- **12 April** – Cross Country
  Yrs. 3-6
- **12 April** – Last day Term 1
- **1 May** – Students return to school start of Term 2
- **8 May** – P&C Mtg 7pm in the Library
- **9 May** – Mother’s Day morning tea

Gurung Playgroup
at Croydon Park Public School

**When:** Fridays  
**Time:** 9.00am – 11.00am  
**Where:** School Hall  
**Who:** Pre-school children  
and their mothers  
**Facilitator:** Emma Stanton from the Infants Home at Ashfield

*Please join us*

Dear Parents and Carers

**Gardening Bee**

Last Saturday we had a good turn up of committed gardening enthusiasts who made great inroads into improving some of our garden beds around the school. The main vege garden as well as the Kindy vege garden are now ready for planting. The garden beds in front of the administration building have been weeded and mulched. Mulch was also spread in garden beds where some of our larger trees reside. CPPS would like to give thanks to Enfield Produce and Croydon Park Building Supplies for their generous donation of materials. Enfield produce provided straw, seedlings, cow manure, organic fertiliser and compost. Their website [www.petandgarden.com.au](http://www.petandgarden.com.au) provides comprehensive information about all your pet and gardening needs. Croydon Park Building Supplies donated much needed garden mix for the Kindy garden. Huge thanks to the parents and students who worked tirelessly on the day. Thank you also to Rachel King and Mr Grennan for their organisation, vision, passion and commitment to environmental initiatives at CPPS.
From the Principal’s Desk con’t

Staffing
Today we farewell one of our School Administrative Officers, Mrs Julie Papallo. Mrs Papallo worked at CPPS on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the library, the main office and the uniform shop. Mrs Papallo will be taking up a 5 day a week position at Marrickville Public School commencing next term. While we will greatly miss Mrs Papallo we understand her decision and wish her all the very best. I’d also like to thank Mrs Papallo for her kindness, passion and dedication to the CPPS community.

ANZAC Ceremony
Our annual ANZAC Day ceremony will be held under the COLA on Wednesday 1 May at 10:00am. If raining, the ceremony will be held in the hall. The ceremony will be run by our student leaders and everyone is welcome to attend. We would greatly appreciate any donations of rosemary to wear on the day. Rosemary can be brought to the office on the morning of 1 May.

Annual School Report
The 2012 ASR has been completed and is ready for viewing. It can be accessed on our school website located at www.croydonpk.schools.nsw.edu.au. Printed copies are kept in the main office for anyone who would prefer a hard copy. Thank you to staff and committee members for their contributions to the report.

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
The National Assessment Program tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:
Tuesday 14 May - Spelling, Punctuation, Writing & Grammar
Wednesday 15 May - Reading
Thursday 16 May - Numeracy
Friday 17 May - National Testing - Catch Up Day

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

During the week of the tests it is important that all students in Year 3 and Year 5 have a good night’s sleep and are at school on time each day in readiness for the tests. If you have any concerns about the testing, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Additional Staff Development Day
An additional staff development day has been approved by the DEC to provide schools with time to commence work on new curriculum documents. This will mean that students return for the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May 2013.

Staff will be returning on 29 April and will be examining the new English syllabus due for implementation in 2014.

On 30 April, staff will be completing their annual CPR training and completing the online module, Teaching for the New Curriculum.

I’d like to wish everyone a lovely, relaxing break!!!!!!
As always, warmest regards
Sandra Angel

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

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FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier’s Reading Challenge

A number of our awesome students have already read the necessary number of books. Well done to them! After the holidays we will be adding their stars to our PRC SuperStars door in the library. Students are encouraged to add to their online reading log during the holidays. If they don’t have internet access at home, it can easily be done at school e.g. by visiting the library before school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Holiday Reading

With this being the last week of term, students are deciding whether or not to borrow for the holidays. For some classes, borrowing this week means they will have the books for four weeks (due to two Staff Development Days in the first week of Term 2). A few students have decided that being responsible for school library books for that long is too big a challenge, but they have assured me they’ll be reading books from home or their local library. Other students have taken the holiday opportunity to load up with the thickest, heaviest books they could find within their reading capabilities. With so many electronic devices in homes, many students will also investigate using free e-reader apps to download free classic books.

With the holidays just about here, I am looking forward to lots of time curled up on my couch with that pile of unread books I’ve been ‘growing’. Hope you get to do some of the same.

Ms Deirdre Ratcliffe
Teacher librarian (Monday-Thursday)
School Library Blog: An Open Book
P & C News

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to come to last night’s meeting.

**New Syllabus:** Mrs Angel gave us some information about the new K-6 Maths and English syllabus changes that are happening over the next couple of years. The first 2 days of term 2 are staff development days dedicated to this initiative. For more information go to [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents)

**SocialSchool:** Amy Miller from the SocialSchool network came and explained what this network has to offer the school community socially and business wise. It is a fundraising and business network for school communities in the Inner West. It provides schools with the platform to receive funds through school events booked with restaurants via socialschool.com.au and a free School Business Register for ‘parents in business’. Please check out the web site at [www.socialschool.com.au](http://www.socialschool.com.au). Joining is free.

**Chocolate fundraising:** There are still 74 boxes of chocolate that have not been returned or paid for. We ask that you return your box and/or money to the school as soon as possible. There are also 20 boxes still to be sold, for anyone who needs a chocolate fix these holidays! Please see Natalie or Rachel.

**Gardening:** Thanks everyone who helped out at the gardening bee last weekend. We are hoping to make this a more regular occasion so that we can keep the vegetable garden productive and the other areas looking good for everyone. Anyone with a green, or not so green, thumb can help out.

**Some notes for the diary**

- Mothers Day will be celebrated with a morning tea on Thursday 9th May starting around 8.30am (week 2 of term 2). We are hoping to get a few dads to volunteer to help. What a great way to thank the Mum in the family!
- ANZAC Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday the 1st May, which is also the first day of Term 2. It would be lovely to have some parents at this important ceremony.
- At our next meeting, Sarah Barton, the school speech pathologist will be coming to speak with us. Please come along and find out what she has been up to.

The next P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm in the Library. We would like to wish you all a very relaxing and safe holiday period. See you all refreshed in Term 2!

Cathy and Denise
Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented.

Without appropriate support and intervention, bullying can have lifelong negative consequences for the child and their family.

Date: Wednesday 29 May, 2013
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm
Venue: Learning Links Penshurst
       10 Railway Parade, Penshurst NSW 2222
Cost: FREE*
Suitable for: Parents and Carers ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

* This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.