



**Term Three**  
**18th August, 2023**

## Message from Monique

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a jam-packed, action-filled fortnight we have had! We have demonstrated our skills and knowledge as mathematicians, authors, gymnasts, archers, public speakers, scientists and everything in between. It is lovely to see the students actively engage and participate while following our CHIRPS values in the varied and unique learning experiences here at Christmas Hills. Additionally, I would like to thank the staff for always considering the students' interests and strengths while creating stimulating learning programs to ensure all students experience success and enjoy learning.

If your child is away, could you please remember to put it on Sentral.

Kind Regards, Monique

### A few shout outs...

Thank you to Jane Dempsey and our students for their hard work in putting together the Viking Presentation.

Thank you to Jet's Gymnastics in Diamond Creek for running an engaging program for our students. And, to our students for demonstrating our CHIRPS values during the sessions.

Thank you to Briony for organising a fun and engaging Science Week celebration day.

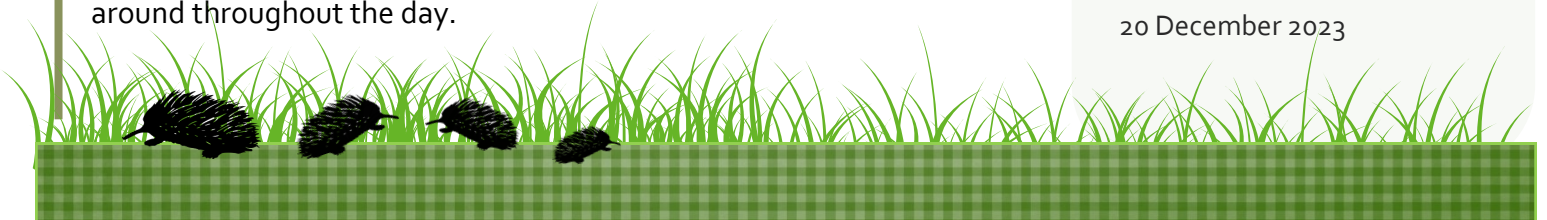
Thank you to Hannah and Donna who have been regularly checking food and water for our chooks, plus letting them out for a bit of a run around throughout the day.

### Important Dates for Term 3

19th - 25th August - Book Week  
23rd August - Book Week Dress Up  
22nd August - Gymnastics  
29th August - Gymnastics  
5th September - Gymnastics  
8th September - **Curriculum Day**  
12th September - Gymnastics  
15th September - Last day of Term 3

### Dates to Remember

**Term 1** - Monday 30 January 2023 - Thursday 6 April 2023  
**Term 2** - Monday 24 April 2023 - Friday 23 June 2023  
**Term 3** - Monday 10 July 2023 - Friday 15 September 2023  
**Term 4** - Monday 2 October 2023 - Wednesday 20 December 2023



Thank you to Maggie and Onyx, two of our school leaders, for being gentle and caring role models to our younger students. The staff have all noticed your growth as leaders and learners and it makes our hearts sing!

## Bush School

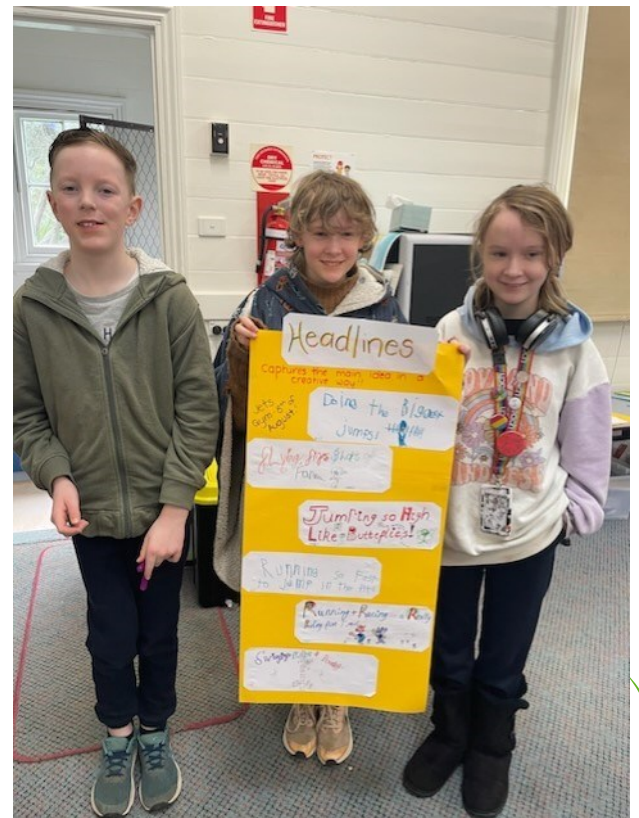
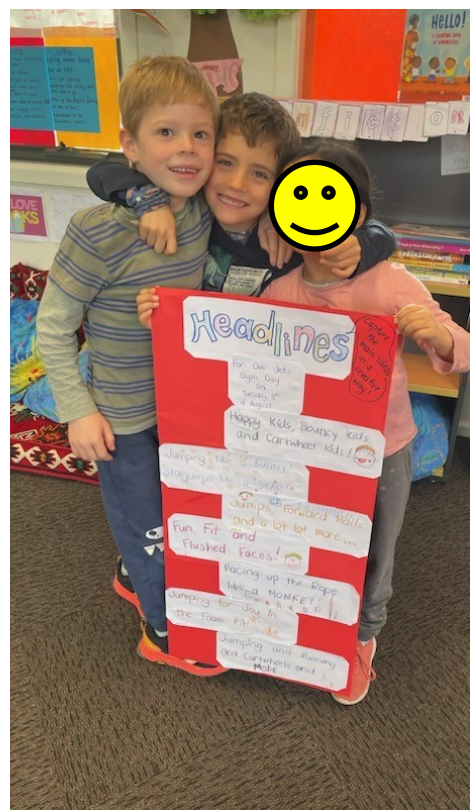
We will be continuing Bush School with Eco Explorers until the end of this term. Next term, we will have a break so we can focus on the additional end of year events such as the production, graduation, Christmas celebrations and art projects. School Council will be discussing the frequency of Bush School for 2024 and we will update the community and seek feedback as needed along the way.

## Parent Opinion Survey – Your School, Your Say

A reminder to please complete the parent opinion survey. The survey offered by the Department of Education is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional; however, we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All parents & carers received an email on 31st of July detailing how to access the survey. By completing this survey, we can continue our strong home/school partnerships and focus our energies on improvement together.

## Writing

The students completed a higher order thinking routine called, Headlines to recount their experiences at Jet's Gymnastics. The purpose of the Headlines thinking routine is to capture the main ideas of an event in a fun creative way. Check out the responses from our students below. Personally, I am impressed with the use of vocabulary and use of language devices such as 'jumping for joy' and 'racing up the rope'.



We are happy to share that we have recently purchased more decodable texts and resources from Little Learners Love Literacy to support our explicit and systematic approach to teaching reading and spelling. This guarantees all students have access to quality and research based teaching and learning experiences to ensure all students reach their potential and thrive.



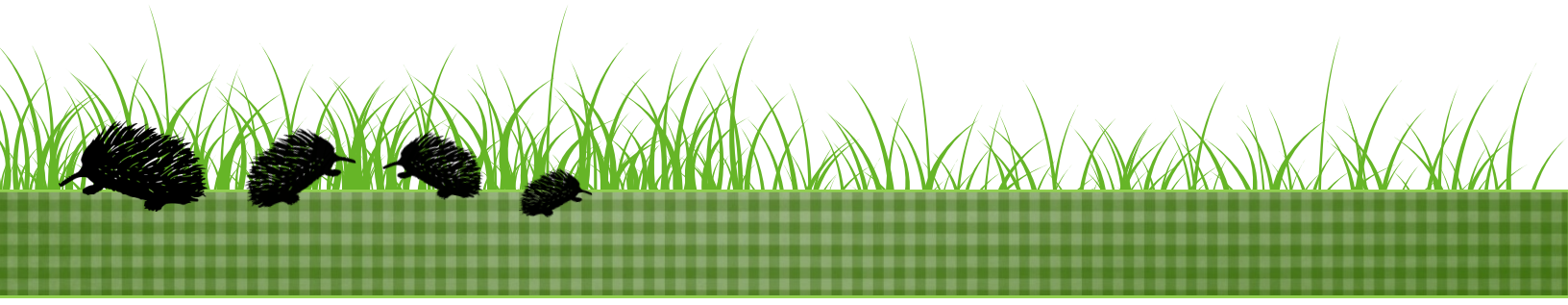
On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August CSIRO is running a national science quiz! Hosted by Charlie Pickering, two teams of Australia's leading scientific minds will battle it out with the winning team leaving victorious...and the losing team slimed live-on-stage!

If you'd like to come you can book tickets here: [National Science Quiz – Much more than trivia!](#)

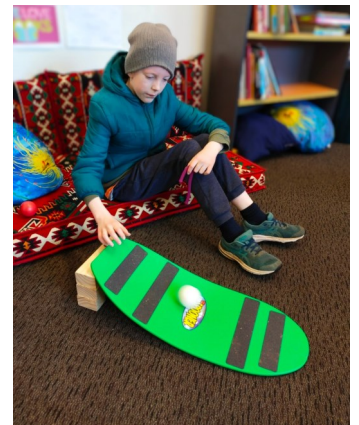
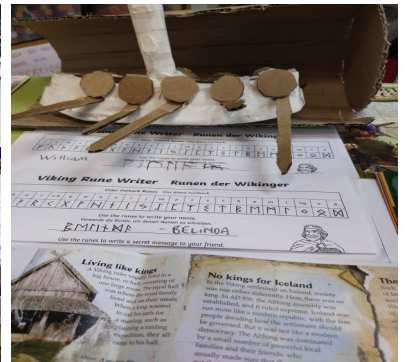
For students that are 11 and over, Chan will be there to supervise if you can get them there, just see him or the school to let him know your child will be coming!

If your student under 11 then they'll need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you can't make it but would like to watch the stream, join online here: [National Science Quiz – Much more than trivia!](#)



# OUR WEEK





**spinach and fetta gozleme**

200g greek yoghurt  
 pinch of salt  
 250g self raising flour  
 150g spinach, sliced  
 250g fetta cheese, crumbled  
 salt and pepper  
 olive oil  
 lemon

best cooked on the bbq

Mix yoghurt, salt and flour together until it forms a dough. Knead on a floured surface until soft. Divide dough into 4 pieces and roll into an oval shape. Sprinkle spinach and crumbled fetta over half the dough and season with salt and pepper.

Fold dough over to form a crescent shape and press edges with a fork. Brush each side of dough with olive oil and cook on bbq or frying pan until golden.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Wilkes Family  
 Sunnie - Kindy, Grayson and Elliot (Future Students)

These are best cooked on the bbq. Our kids LOVE them!



## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

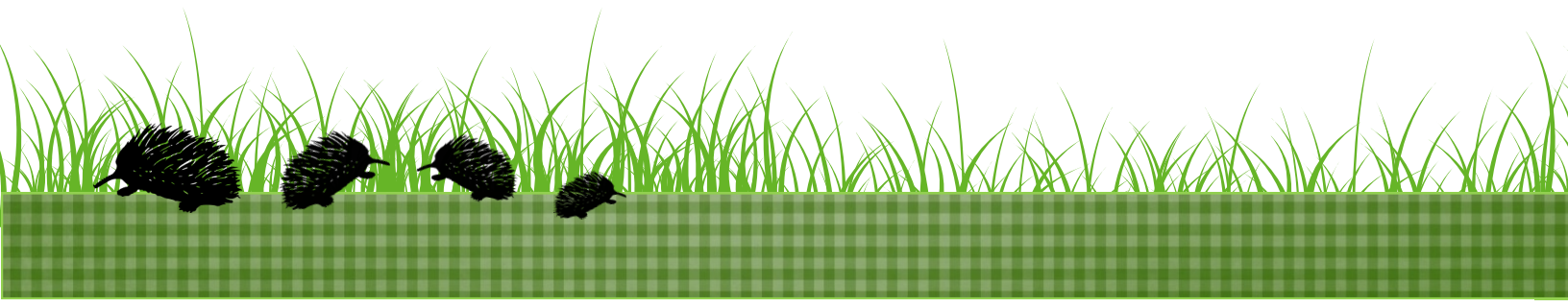
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

**Please check your email inbox for information regarding your access to the survey.**

Please come and speak to me if you have any questions.

Monique Rankin | Acting Principal



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Primary School Attendance

**Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.**

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**Day off** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts. "

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

### Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)



Education  
and Training

# BOOK WEEK

*Dress Up Day*

**August 23rd**

**Come dressed as your favourite book character**

**Book Week Parade will start at 9:00 am,  
followed by Book Week activities**



CHILDREN'S  
BOOK WEEK®

19 to 25 AUGUST

#CBCA2023



THE CHILDREN'S  
BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA

READ  
GROW  
Inspire



# We Need Your Help



## SCHOOL CHICKEN EGGS \$6 A DOZEN

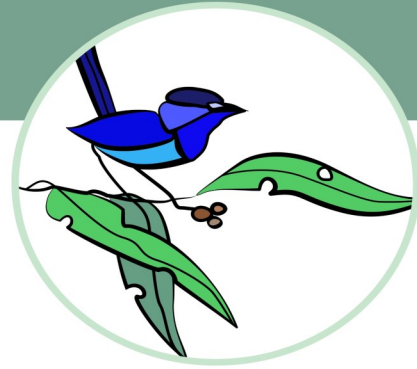
We are after more volunteers to help out with checking on the chickens water, food and hay on the weekend.

If you are interested in helping put, please contact the office



# Upcoming Dates Term 3

18th July - Strathewen PS & CFA Incursion  
8th August - Gymnastics  
15th August - Gymnastics  
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## Exciting Activities coming up

Jets Gymnastics - Every Tuesday from week 5 until the end of term

Book Week Dress Up Day and Activities - 23rd August

Lunch orders from Dark Horse are continuing this term.



# BOOK WEEK 2023

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

**BRING A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK!**

A variety of books to choose from - discover new authors, find a favorite story or a book of interest. Choose a book to take home and enjoy!

**Tuesday 22nd August - 9.30am - 11am**

Mt Evelyn Community House, 50 Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn

**Wednesday 23rd August - 9.30am - 11.30am**

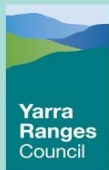
Monbulk Community Link and Reading Room, Main St, Monbulk  
*Come along for story time at 10:30am*

**Thursday 24th August - 9.30am - 11am**

Chirnside Park Community Hub, Kimberley Dve, Chirnside Park  
*Come along for story time at 9.15am*

Suitable for all children 0-6 years however children are welcome.

This program is free and no booking is required.  
For enquiries contact Michelle Lehmann at Yarra Ranges Council  
1300 638 333 / [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe organisation



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# DARK HORSE



## CHPS LUNCH ORDER MENU

Salad Roll \$6.00

Ham and Cheese Toastie \$5.00

Fresh Sandwich \$5.00

Ham and Cheese \$5.00

Vegemite \$5.00

Jam \$5.00

Nuggets and Chips \$6.00

Cheese Burger and Chips \$6.00

Chips \$3.00

Party Pies and Sausage rolls \$1.50 each

Hot Dog with Cheese \$3.50

Hot Dog no Cheese \$3.00

Chocolate or Strawberry Milk \$2.80

Prima Apple juice \$2.50

Water \$2.00

**LUNCH ORDERS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

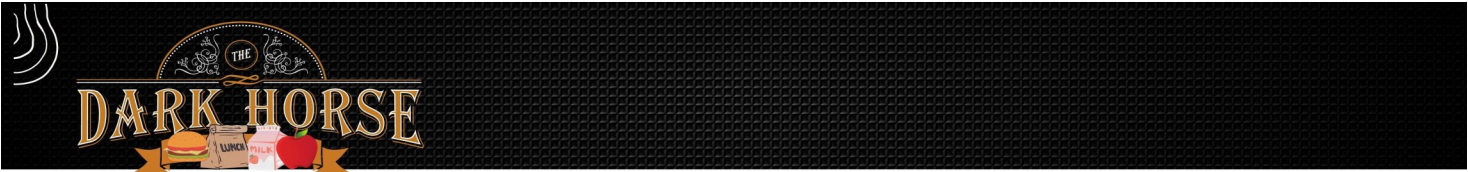
**PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER AND CHILD'S NAME ON A BROWN PAPER BAG AND  
ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY.**

**LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3PM TUESDAYS**



Call us to arrange a tour  
9730 1238  
0499 205 083

1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd,  
Christmas Hills, Vic 3775  
[Christmas.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Christmas.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Menu

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Salad Roll              | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham and Cheese Toastie  | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fresh Sandwich          | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ham and Cheese          | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vegemite                | \$5.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jam                     | \$5.00      |
|                          |                         |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nuggets and Chips       | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheese Burger and Chips | \$6.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chips                   | \$3.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Party Pies              | \$1.50 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sausage rolls           | \$1.50 each |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hot Dog with Cheese     | \$3.50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hot Dog no Cheese       | \$3.00      |
|                          |                         |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chocolate Milk          | \$2.80      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Strawberry Milk         | \$2.80      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Prima Apple juice       | \$2.50      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Water                   | \$2.00      |

**Please Enclosed Correct Money**

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Caring Honesty Inquisitiveness



# Christmas Hills Primary School

At CHPS we show our CHIRPS by...

Respect Persistence Sharing

Yard	Transitions	Classes	Toilets	Excursions
Hear calm, polite and friendly voices	Calm, organised	Be mindful of personal space	Good hygiene	Be good role models
See inclusive play with a variety of activities	Enter learning spaces in an orderly manner	Take responsibility for your own learning	Respect others' privacy	Hear calm, polite and friendly voices
See people caring for each other		Respectful listening		Be mindful of the general public
Respect nature				Move in an orderly, calm manner

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



### UNIFORM PRICES

- Polo shirt size 6,8,12,14- \$15
- Polo shirt - Adult S,M, L - \$21.50
- Wide brim hat - \$15
- Communication satchel - \$15
- Child vest - \$17.90 Adult 21.20
- Blue gingham dress- \$18
- Grade six top - \$46



Striving to ensure that  
no child is left behind.

Specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia, The Ranges Learning Centre provides a highly specialised service for students from 4 years of age up to high school who have dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia, or who generally need further support in literacy and numeracy.

We have spaces currently available for maths intervention, and a very small number of spaces available for literacy intervention.

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for more information or to secure your spot.