



Message from Monique

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of Week 4, time is flying by! We have had an eventful fortnight with our Mothers' Day afternoon tea, a visit from Emme the wellbeing dog, athletics carnival at Morrison Reserve and at Christmas Hills and a visit from numeracy educational consultant, Michael Minus. The highlight for me was the student performance for all mums and visitors last Friday. The staff were proud of them, the visitors were proud and based on the look on the students' faces they were proud of themselves, fantastic effort. Thank you to everyone who attended and a big thank you to the team who put the afternoon tea together. I hope all of our mums enjoyed a fun and relaxing Mother's Day.

I am still working my way through scheduling catch ups to meet with each of you. If we haven't met or arranged a meeting yet, I will be in contact very soon. As always, please feel free to contact me via email, monique.rankin@education.vic.gov.au if you think we need to chat sooner. Alternatively, contact the school on 03 9730 1238 and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Term Two
18th May, 2023

Important Dates for Term 2

14th-16th June - Smile Squad
visit

23rd June - Last day of Term 2
(2.30 dismissal)

Dates to Remember

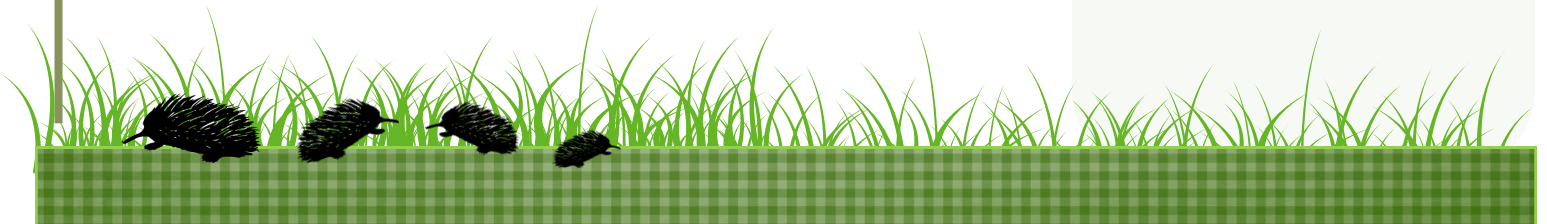
Term 1 - Monday 30 January
2023 - Thursday 6 April
2023

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



Emme the Wellbeing Dog



Emme is a two-year-old cavoodle and a wellbeing dog at Montmorency South Primary School. She came to visit the students at Christmas Hills on Monday, 15th of May. Research indicates that students who work with wellbeing dogs experience increased motivation for learning. Wellbeing dogs can also increase school attendance, help students gain confidence, decrease learner anxiety behaviours and help students learn how to build trusting relationships. Emme loved the students at Christmas Hills and I have a

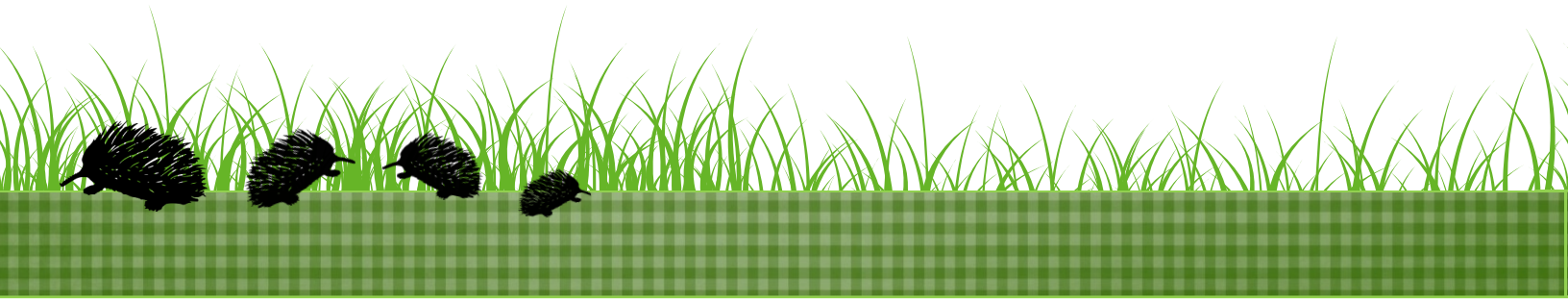
feeling she may just come and visit us again very soon!

Educational Support Staff Appreciation Day

Tuesday, 16th of May was ES Appreciation Day. The education support staff at Christmas Hills Primary school are warm, caring, motivated and dedicated to the students, teachers and families at our school and we are incredibly lucky to have such talented support staff. We are having a special morning tea on Wednesday to celebrate them and show our appreciation. A big thank you to Jodie, Catherine, Donna and Georgia – we all adore you!

Staff News

Georgia Dunn will be changing her work days as of next week. Due to personal commitments, including her university course to become a teacher starting in July, she requested some flexibility in her hours. Depending on her commitments outside of Christmas Hills she will be working 2-3 days per week. Please join me in wishing her all the very best with her Education Degree; what an amazing and dedicated teacher she will be in a few years' time!



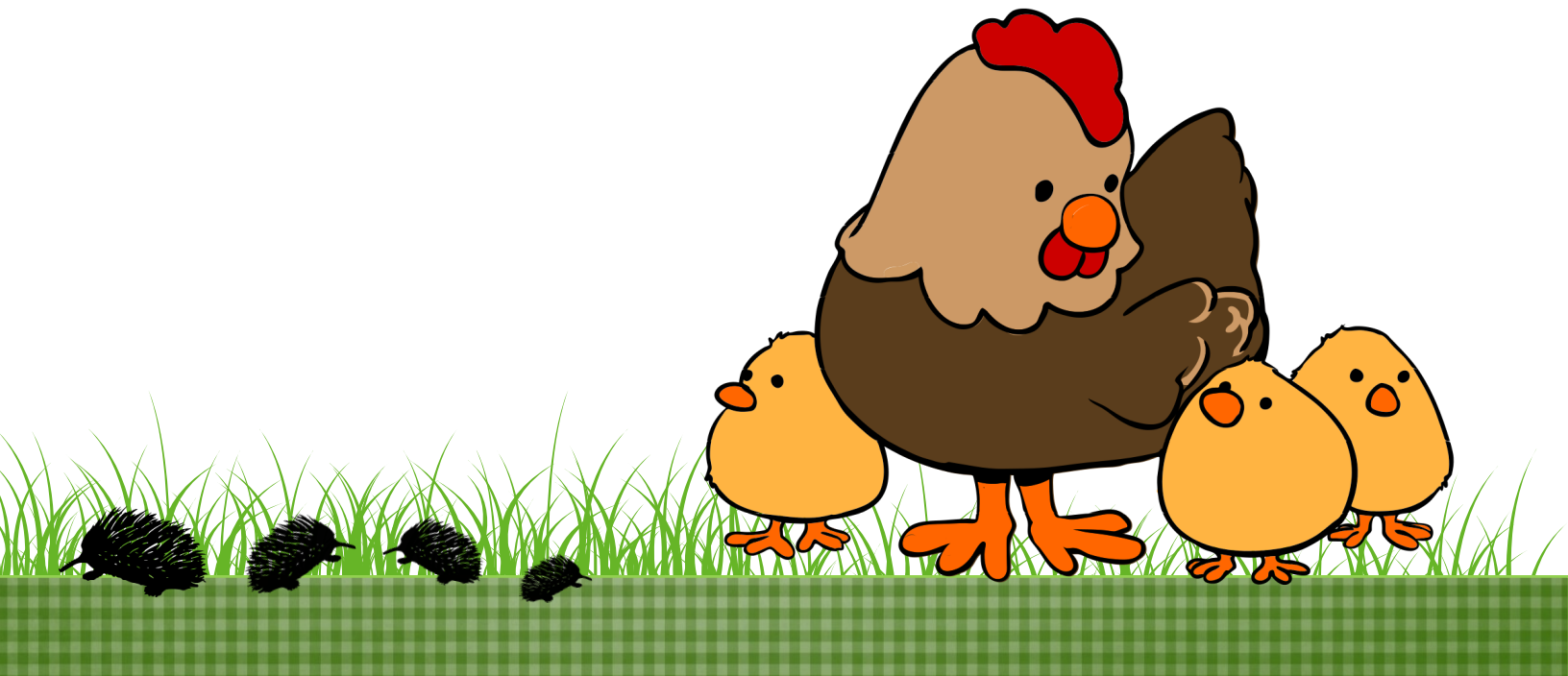
Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all Bunjil students and their families for their flexibility when we had no other choice but to cancel our attendance at the athletics carnival on Monday. It was disappointing, however we appreciated the understanding from everyone. Thank you to Briony and Belinda (pre-service teacher) who seamlessly adapted and made a special athletics day right here at Christmas Hills. A big congratulations also to Hunter, who was able to participate at Morrison Reserve and won a ribbon! What an achievement for your first ever athletics day.



Chooks! We need volunteers!

The students have been doing a great job of looking after the chooks, collecting the eggs and making sure they have food and water. At least once per week, ideally on a Friday it would be great if a family could volunteer to sweep it out, replace the hay, do a thorough clean out and make sure there is plenty of food and water for over the weekend. You don't need to do it every week, but if we have a few volunteers we can take it in turns. If you would ever like to take the keys home over the weekend and visit the chooks on a Saturday or Sunday, please let Monique know. Don't forget we have eggs for sale too. 12 eggs are \$6 and 18 eggs are \$10. We use money we collect for the eggs to buy food and hay for the chooks.





Dear Parents

The smile squad will be visiting our school in June. If you are interested in your child attending, please fill out the forms online.

We are now using an electronic consent form for Smile Squad, making consenting to services even easier.

Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear Christmas Hills Primary families,

The Smile Squad team from Health Ability are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>



OR use the below QR code:

Please complete and submit the consent form by 9th of June 2023.
The healthAbility Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,
Michelle Duclos
Smile Squad Coordinator



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 2

24th April - School returns

25th April - ANZAC day

28th April - Curriculum Day

4th May - Victorian Astronomical Society incursion

5th May - Michael Minus incursion

5th May - Solar car incursion

9th May - School Athletics Carnival (Bunjil)

14th-16th June - Smile Squad visit

23rd June - Last day of term 2 (2.30 dismissal)



Exciting Activities coming up

Wednesday after school -
Chicken Club

Private music lessons continue
Tuesdays during school.

Private tennis lessons
Wednesdays during school.

Lunch orders from Dark Horse
are continuing this term.



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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

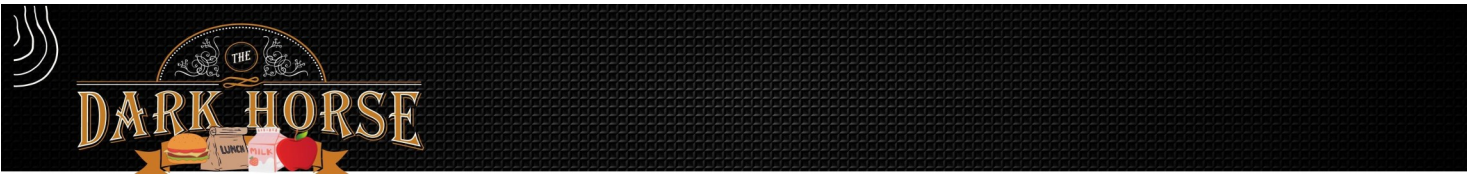
**PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER AND CHILD'S NAME ON A BROWN PAPER BAG AND
ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY.**

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



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 |
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| <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 \$ _____

Service Connection

healthAbility's network of care finders, known as Service Connectors, assist people understand what aged care services are available, set up assessments and support people to find preferred services within My Aged Care or within the community.

How does Service Connection work?

The dedicated Service Connector will meet with them, usually in person. This can be at their home or another place they choose. The Service Connector will work with person to understand the person's situation and support them to address their needs.

They can help someone with:

- talking to My Aged Care on their behalf and arranging an assessment
- attending and providing support at the assessment
- finding and short-listing aged care providers
- completing forms and understanding aged care service agreements
- checking-in once services are up and running to make sure everything is OK
- solving other challenges and connecting to supports in the community, such as health, mental health, housing and homelessness, drug and alcohol services and community groups.

healthAbility's Service Connectors work in the regions of Banyule, Boroondara, lower areas of Murrundindi, Nillumbik and Whitehorse.



Eligibility

To receive Service Connection support:

- have no carer or support person who can help them, or not have a carer or support person they feel comfortable or trust to support them, and
- be eligible for government-funded aged care.
- have difficulty communicating because of language or literacy problems
- find it difficult to understand information and make decisions
- be reluctant to engage with aged care or government
- be in an unsafe situation if they do not receive services.

For more information, please contact us on
Mobile: 0414272411 Phone: 9430 9100
Email: service.connection@healthability.org.au

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Service Connection

As part of the care finder network, our Service Connection program is a free service providing short and long-term support for vulnerable older people and those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our Connectors help people understand what aged care services are available, assist in setting up aged care assessments and navigating the My Aged Care portal along with connecting clients with services and engaging them in the community.

Eligibility criteria includes the vulnerable older person not having a support person or not trusting their support person, have communication barriers, including low literacy, be reluctant to engage with aged care or government services, have difficulty to understand information and make informed decision or are in an unsafe situation without services in place to support them.

Service Connection is available to people living in the cities of Boroondara, Banyule, Nillumbik, Whitehorse and the lower areas of Murrundindi.

Find out more:

Telephone: 9430 9100 Mobile: 0414 272 411

Email: service.connection@healthability.org.au



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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

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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