



Message from Jacqui

.We are looking forward to our Community night tomorrow from 4:30-6:30. This will be a great opportunity for students, staff and parents to come together to identify areas of strength and also ways we can continue to improve the learning experience for our students at CHPS. There will be a sausage sizzle and hot chocolates available. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

This term has seen the commencement of a range of activities including excursions, incursions and weekly workshops. All of these experiences provide students with a range of experiences which enrich their learning journey and support students development and growth through a holistic approach. Please refer to the Term 2 calendar to see upcoming events and ensure you have Sentral notifications turned on as this will help everyone keep in the loop of all the experiences on offer.

Our school is very fortunate to have the support of a wonderful parent community. A big thank you to all the families who have chosen to financially support our school by paying the voluntary contributions payments. These payments allow the school to continue to provide students with a wide range of experiences and resources which enrich their learning journey. Also a big thank you to those parents who have been assisting the school by volunteering their time to support workshops, School Council Meeting, PFA events, helping in the yard, etc. All of these contributions are truly appreciated and help make CHPS a terrific place to learn.

Term Two
13th May, 2022

Important Dates for Term 2

- May 13th - Quip Quip Photo Trail Excursion
- May 13th - Parent workshop - What makes CHPS great
- May 23rd - 27th - Education Week
- May 26th - Making Math Memories Evening
- May 30th - June 3rd - Reconciliation Week
- June 13th - Queens Birthday
- June 24th - Last Day of Term

2022 Term Dates

Term 1– 31st January- 8th April

Term 2– 26th April - 24th June

Term 3 –11th June -

16th September

Term 4 - 3rd October -

20th December





Weekly events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Breakfast club		Breakfast Club	
During School	Bush School Tutoring	STEM Learning Adventures Instrumental music lessons Playgroup	PE Auslan	Performing Arts/Music – QQ Visual Arts- Bunjil Tutoring	Performing Arts/Music – Bunjil Visual Arts- Quip Quip
After school	Knitting club	Leaning Spanish in After Care	Chicken Club		

Activities without bold indicate these involve some students or are optional

Before and After Care is available each day

Term 2 Calendar of Events

Starting	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 th April	Anzac Day	Anzac Day ceremony			
2nd May	Girls AFL Gala Day			Edendale Farm	
9th May		NAPLAN Writing	NAPLAN Reading		Interschool Sport (5/6s)
16th May		NAPLAN Language	NAPLAN Numeracy		Interschool Sport
23rd May Education Week	Pump Track workshop 11:30-12:30		Cross Country	Sorry Day Event excursion (6's) Maths and Open Night	Interschool Sport
30th May	Pump Track work-				Interschool Sport
6th June					
13th June	Queen's Birthday	School Council Meet-			Interschool Sport
20th June				Reports Published on	Interschool Sport

Please note these events are subject to change, to keep up to date please monitor Sentral notifications

Chicken Club

Chicken Club runs after school each Wednesday. This provides an opportunity for students and parents to work together to learn more about our chickens and the importance of being a responsible pet ownership. The Chicken Club are working together to ensure the chickens have a happy and safe home.

Over the last fortnight the Chicken Club have been working on improving the hygiene and reducing pest control in the coop by:

- * Lifting the water off the ground. This is to stop them kicking the dirt, straw and mess into it ensuring they have a clean supply of drinking water.
- * Introduced them to a self-feeding bucket that is suspended, as this will reduce pests.
- * Replacing the straw so that they have clean bedding each week. The old straw makes terrific material for our compost bin and veggie patch.

Just like humans animals can also get bored so the Chicken Club have also added more logs and perching options for our chickens. This helps provide entertainment and stimulus for learning as our chickens.

Next week we will be..

- *Making Chicken 'Anzac' biscuits to be stored and given to the chickens at special times
- *Chicken Swings
- *More cleaning out
- *Introducing a scrap bucket for school community to contribute so chickens get a variety of nutrients.

Knitting Club

Monday after school there is a special buzz in our school as we welcome students from other small schools and the local community to join us to learn to knit. Students, parents and community members are coming together to share or learn knitting skills whilst also chatting and getting to know each other. Craft has long been a powerful way of connecting communities together and it is terrific to see this opportunity being provided to not only our students, but also those from the local area. I can't wait to see the wonderful creations come together in the coming weeks.

Safety in and around our school

Just a quick reminder that the access road to our school entrance is one way, and given it is a dirt road and the close proximity to our children please drive with care and slow down. At school drop off and pick up times we have a large number of vehicles moving so we ask that students are carefully supervised by parents to ensure they can walk safely to the car.

As the weather is getting cold please ensure your child has jackets and appropriate footwear at school. If you would like to keep a change of clothes or gum boots (especially for younger children) at school in case they choose to explore muddy areas please feel free to do so. Research shows that exploring the outdoors in all types of weather is important for children's development, so we ask parents to ensure they are able to do so whilst being comfortable and safe. Throughout the school day students tend to do a lot of running and climbing so supportive shoes such as runners are strongly recommended to ensure students have adequate ankle support.

Pump Track

Our students were very excited to see our first delivery of dirt for our new Pump Track. This is a very exciting student led project which will involve students working collaboratively with staff and parents and design, build, explore and maintain a bike track within our school grounds. We look forward to seeing the designs come together whilst also learning about the physics of how effective pump tracks work. If you would like to be involved in this process please text the school.

Edendale Farm Excursion





This week we got dirty with soil. We looked at what good soil feels, smells and looks like and identified properties of soil that changed the colour and texture of it. The older students researched the different types of soil that are around and how they could cater for different plants. We found out that there is lots of different soil types and they affect how much water and nutrients can be delivered to a plant.

Girls Football Day

At the girl's football day, we had six football games. We won three and lost three. There were four schools on our team, Badger Creek, Yarra Glen Primary, Christmas Hills and Saint Josephs.

When it was break time, our school and the Badger Creek kids played "Markers up" which was a football game. A person would kick the ball and everyone had to catch the ball without it touching the ground.

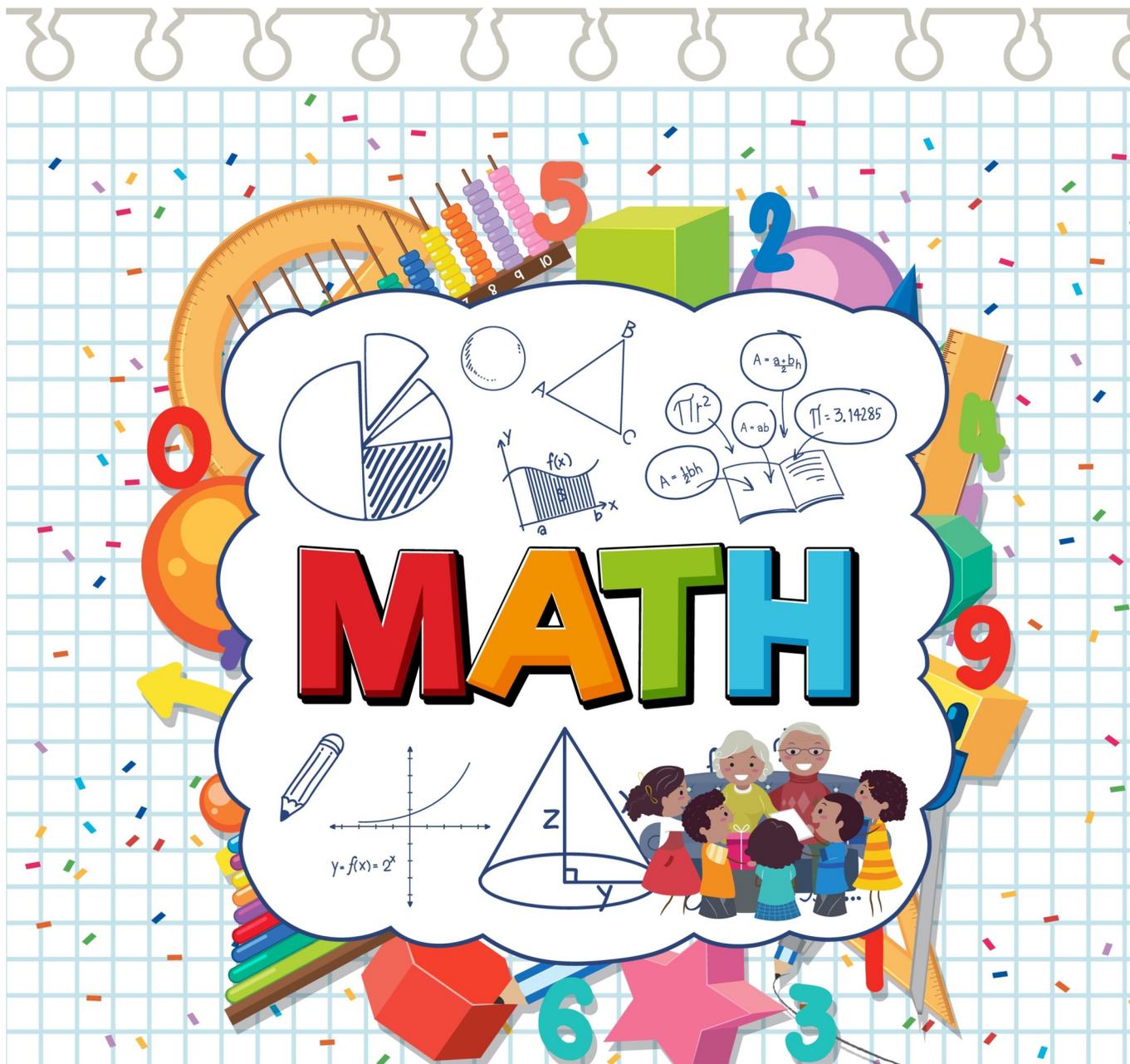
Olivia and Millah played centre for most of the game and Mona played ruck. Mona won a t-shirt for playing well. Millah was excited to go to football to tackle and kick goals, Olivia was excited to go so she could miss maths and Mona was excited to hit the ball when she was in ruck.

Millah learnt that tackling was fun. Mona learnt that when you tackle someone, you need to hug them and Olivia learnt to kick the ball better.

We really did learn a lot about football today.

Millah, Mona and Olivia





MAKING MATHS MEMORIES NIGHT

THURSDAY MAY 26TH

4.00 - 6.00PM

FUN MATHS GAMES AND
ART EXHIBITION





Christmas Hills Primary School

Pump Track

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Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics



Saturday 7 May, 10am-4pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm
30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Friday 13 May, 2.30pm-7pm
Nillumbik Shire Council offices
Civic Drive, Greensborough

Saturday 28 May 9am-1pm
Plenty Hall, Memorial Drive, Plenty

First, second and third doses.
For those eligible, fourth doses are also available.

Walk-ins and bookings are accepted for all age groups.

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or by calling the Victorian Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

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PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

LATEST TRENDS, RISKS AND RESEARCH



For parents and carers of kinder and primary school aged children.

Outcomes from this session:

- Understanding of the appeal of social media.
- How to support young people to stay safe.
- Know where and how to report inappropriate content.
- How best to support young people who are experiencing harm.
- Understand the latest research regarding online behaviours.

Tuesday 10th May 2022 7pm-8pm

This is a FREE online community session via zoom. Registration is required.

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How To Support LGBTQIA+ Young People



Join Nillumbik Youth and Banyule Youth Services to learn how to support LGBTQIA+ young people. This online session will provide practical tips and strategies for supporting LGBTQIA+ young people and allow for parents and carers of LGBTQIA+ young people to connect.

Topics covered in this free session include:

- ▶ Unpacking different identities within the LGBTQIA+ sexuality spectrum
- ▶ Strategies for supporting young people who identify as LGBTQIA+
- ▶ How to support a young person coming out or transitioning.
- ▶ Local services and supports available for young people who identify as LGBTQIA+

This session is suitable for parents, carers and grandparents of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+.

Wednesday 18 May

7-8.30pm

Online (Zoom)

Free event bookings essential

eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-support-lgbtqia-young-people-tickets-300206143657

For further information please contact
Molly Jessop
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KNITTING CLUB

MONDAY 4-5
TERM 2



COME AND JOIN US
FOR SOME FUN
(IT'S FREE)

*PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED





CHRISTMAS HILLS PLAYGROUP

Every Tuesday starting from
May 3rd, 2022
From 10am



Contact us on

**1409 Eltham - Yarra Glen Road,
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WELCOME TO **BIG** CHILDCARE



WHO ARE WE?

Big Childcare is a trusted Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider. Our directors Ted and Sian Hatzakortzian have served families for over a decade in the industry, delivering a unique and holistic service across Australia. But we are more than just an OSHC service! At Big Childcare we pride ourselves on ensuring every child's needs are put first, to give them a sense of belonging and safety, whilst of course having loads of fun!

We can't wait to meet your child, get to know them and ensure they have a great time when they are with us!

WHAT IS OSHC?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care which your school has outsourced to us because we have expertise in providing Before School, After School, Curriculum Day and Holiday Care. We operate in partnership with schools so that you can drop your children off before heading to work or pick them up after you finish, knowing they are well cared for by our team.

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WHAT WE OFFER

Fun and Engaging Programs

Kids love coming to us, as they know they'll have loads of fun! With non-stop new and engaging experiences on offer, our educators design and plan experiences to suit the individual needs and interests of every child.

Kids can expect a wide selection of themed activities as well as permanent experiences which include, arts & craft, sports, indoor/outdoor play, cooking, games, imaginative play, music, drama, community linked visits and much more!

Before & After School Care

From the moment your child enters our program, whether it be before school to start the day right, or after school to recharge - they will be made to feel welcome, comfortable and safe.

Before and after school is a crucial part of the day to help develop social and emotional skills in all our children and we are there to support them in their educational journey.



Holiday Care

When the school holidays come around the kids are always excited to come to us, as our programs offer fun that memories are made of.

It's a great option for working parents, but also those that want to give their kids new and exciting experiences! Be assured that the Holiday Care we offer is the best service going around! We line up an amazing variety of excursions and incursions to choose from, with exclusive access to many experiences.



- Big Childcare Specials -

V.I.P

Very Important Prep

Our VIP Program provides a range of supportive measures for new preps and their families.

We allocate a dedicated VIP Educator during the Summer holiday program and the first few weeks of Term 1, to implement the tools required to support successful transitions for our VIP Prep children. The main role of the VIP Educator is to provide a welcoming environment for the Prep children and their families. Feedback on this special program has been highly commendable from our new families.



BIG ACTIVE

We're big on fitness

Big Active aims to increase the physical activity in our services, whilst making sure it's at all fun and games!

We have a team of sports specialists who visit the services after school and during the holidays to run games and skill-based challenges. It has been incredibly popular with the kids and their families.



Nutritious & Yummy Meals



We provide a seasonal, Nutrition Australia approved menu that our kids often say they LOVE! So, for those early birds who arrive at Before School Care prior to 8.00am, a delicious breakfast will be on offer to get them energised for school.

We have a variety of cereals, breads and spreads on offer as well as special mornings, featuring pancakes, eggs and plenty of other appetizing options.

Then in our After School Care program, we base our food choices on the nutritional needs of the children, as well as their individual medical conditions (allergies) and likes/dislikes. Our kids get to have a big say as to what's on the menu planner! We always ensure children have enough to eat, to give them the energy they need to get on with the activities they love.



Experienced & Passionate Educators

Our educators are friendly and passionate about working with children and we cannot wait for you to meet them. They love getting to know each child individually whilst committing to providing a supportive and safe environment.

Our team at school will have current Working With Children Checks and relevant industry qualifications, with a first aid qualified member of staff on hand at every centre.

We value our relationships with families, children and the school so you may even see our staff helping out at school events too! Please come and say hello!





Centre Contact

Centre Mobile

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	Operating Hours	Session Cost	Casual Booking
Before School Care	6:45am to 8:45am	\$25.00	\$27.00
After School Care	3:30pm to 6:30pm	\$28.00	\$30.00
Curriculum Day Care	6:45am to 6:30pm	\$70.00	



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