

# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School



Newsletter



8th May 2026 - Term 2 - Week 3



## Education Week

Next week we celebrate Education Week and on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting an open morning for prospective families who may be considering our school. This will take place from 10.00am to 11.00am.

## From the Principal

### THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

What a great success our “Harmony in the Hills” community event was on the weekend!

I know and appreciate the enormous amount of effort and time that went on behind the scenes to organise and coordinate everything so successfully.

Our families and staff worked together wonderfully to ensure the day ran smoothly, and I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm and support.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase what makes CHPS such a special place, and it was an absolute joy to be part of it. Our students’ performance was certainly a highlight of the day. They sang and played their instruments with confidence and should be extremely proud of themselves. Jayden did a marvellous job preparing the children during our music sessions leading



## Important Dates for Term 2

- 2nd May - Harmony In The Hills
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Education Week
- 12th May - Orienteering/Phot Trail excursion
- 13<sup>th</sup> May - Open Morning 9:30am - 11:30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Kids Discovery Day 9:30am - 11:00am
- 27th May - National Simultaneous Storytime
- **8<sup>th</sup> June - Kings Birthday Public Holiday**
- **9<sup>th</sup> June - Curriculum Day**
- 26<sup>th</sup> June - Last day of Term 2

## Reminder

LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE TO  
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up to the event and it was also a great opportunity to hear Jayden perform with his dad, entertaining the crowd with a fantastic selection of music.

We were also incredibly grateful for the generous support of local businesses through donations, including Hoogies Yarra Glen, Yarra Valley Poultry and Produce, Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery, Dark Horse and Yarra Glen Ice Creamery & Café. Their contributions were greatly appreciated and helped make the day such a success.

Also, I would like to make special mention of the Christmas Hills Orchestral Players and their singing group, who performed on the deck in the afternoon. Their music created a wonderful atmosphere and provided a unique experience. We are very grateful for their support and contribution to making “Harmony in the Hills” such a memorable community celebration.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed in any way. “Harmony in the Hills” was a wonderful celebration of our school and community spirit, and a reflection of the strong partnerships that make CHPS so special.

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## Maroondah Dam Excursion – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

This is always a well organised and great day with the students. We will be travelling by bus to Maroondah Dam leaving school at 9.00am SHARP. We will be picking up other students on the way to Healesville so students will need to be at school by 8.50am. Buses will be departing at 2.00pm for the return to school.

Students will participate in a range of tabloid games as well as orienteering with the first session for the day commencing at 10.15am. They will need to bring their backpacks with snacks, lunch and drink bottle. Please make sure they have plenty of food packed as they will be using up lots of energy!

## Education Support Trainee

We welcome Sharee to CHPS who will be completing her Cert 1V in Education Support. Sharee will be here on a Wednesday and Friday for a period working in the classroom with teachers and supporting students with their learning.

## Discovery Day - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

We will be having a “Discovery Day” for 3–4-year-olds on Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> May) from 9.30-11.00am in our Quip Quip classroom. This will be an opportunity for families and children to take part in a range of fun activities including a story time and also talk to teachers. Please spread the word!

*Maria Partes*  
Principal

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## Christmas Hills Primary School Behaviour Expectations Matrix

CHIRPS Values	Learning Spaces	Transitions	Outside	Toilets
 CARING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Help classmates when appropriate</li> <li>Look after classroom materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk safely and look out for others</li> <li>Stay with your class/group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include others in games</li> <li>Look after equipment and the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave the toilet clean for the next person</li> <li>Report problems to an adult</li> </ul>
 HONESTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tell the truth and own your choices</li> <li>Ask for help when needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow teacher instructions</li> <li>Go directly where you are meant to go</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play by the rules</li> <li>Be fair and truthful in games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the toilet for its purpose only</li> </ul>
 INQUISITIVENESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions</li> <li>Try new learning activities</li> <li>Have a go even when learning is tricky</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen for instructions</li> <li>Be curious about new routines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore play safely</li> <li>Try new activities and games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn and follow correct hygiene routines</li> </ul>
 RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen when others are speaking</li> <li>Use indoor voices</li> <li>Follow class rules and move safely</li> <li>Respect personal space and boundaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk calmly and quietly</li> <li>Respect shared spaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use friendly language and calm voices</li> <li>Respect personal space</li> <li>Play within the school boundaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect privacy</li> <li>Use facilities appropriately</li> </ul>
 PERSISTENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay on task</li> <li>Try again when work is challenging</li> <li>Finish learning tasks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move promptly and safely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep trying in games</li> <li>Accept setbacks calmly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands properly even when in a hurry</li> </ul>
 SHARING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take turns</li> <li>Share resources and learning spaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share space and time fairly</li> <li>Line up cooperatively</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take turns in games and with equipment</li> <li>Include others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share facilities fairly and efficiently</li> </ul>



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CHIRPS .....

**13TH MAY 10:00AM - 11:00AM**


# SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Join us for our School Open Morning on May 13th to explore our classrooms, meet our teachers, and experience our vibrant learning community!

- ✔ Innovative and progressive curriculum
- ✔ Dedicated and caring teachers
- ✔ Engaging programs including
  - Bush School
  - Garden to Plate
  - Music



Contact us

 9730 1238 - 0499 205 083

 <https://www.christmashillsps.vic.edu.au>



# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

## DISCOVERY DAY *Open Morning*

Join us for a fun-filled kids Discovery Day open morning at our school! Enjoy story time, hands-on art and craft, exciting STEM activities, and plenty of fun along the way.

- ✓ Story time
- ✓ Arts and crafts
- ✓ S.T.E.M
- ✓ Lots of fun

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

9:30am - 11:00am

For 3 to 5 year olds

To register your interest, please contact our school on 9730 1238.

 1409 Eltham - Yarra Glen Road, Christmas Hills  
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## The Orange Door

Our school cares about the safety and wellbeing of our students and their families. Sometimes things at home or in a relationship are not OK or families can be worried about the wellbeing of their children or young people.

The Orange Door can help you to get the support you need, quickly and easily. It's free and you don't need a referral.

### The Orange Door

The Orange Door can help families. They provide support for concerns with parenting, relationships, and family violence.

The Orange Door is a free intake and assessment service for:

- families requiring support for their child or young person's wellbeing or development
- families needing parenting support
- young, isolated, or unsupported families
- individuals and families experiencing family violence
- adults using family violence
- young people using violence in the home.

If you contact The Orange Door, they can help by:

- working with you to identify the help and support you need
- supporting you with the wellbeing and development of your child or young person
- helping you make a safety plan if someone is making you feel unsafe
- connecting you to services that can help like counselling, accommodation, mental health and drug and alcohol services, parenting support groups, services for children, financial help, or legal assistance
- supporting you to access funding for basic living expenses and some other costs
- supporting you to change abusive or controlling behaviour.

Each Orange Door location across Victoria has their own phone number and email.

Students and their families can also visit their local Orange Door in person for support, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm for support. No appointment is needed.

To find your local service, see: The Orange Door – Support near you.

You can learn more about:

- The Orange Door and how they can help you and your family here.
- how our school keeps our students safe by reading our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and our Child Safety Code of Conduct.

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## CHPS LUNCH ORDER MENU

Nuggets & Chips \$7

Burger & Chips \$7

Napolitana Pasta \$7

Chips \$4

Party Sausage Roll \$2

Party Pie \$2

Chocolate Milk \$3

Strawberry Milk \$3

Orange Juice \$2.5

Apple Juice \$2.5

Zooper Dooper \$2



**LUNCH ORDERS ARE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
PLEASE WRITE YOUR  
ORDER AND CHILD'S  
NAME ON A BROWN  
PAPER BAG OR ENVELOPE  
AND  
ENCLOSE CORRECT  
MONEY.**

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