

# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School



Newsletter

5th September - Term 3 - Week 7



## Special Person's/Father's Day Brekky

We had a great turn out on Tuesday morning for our special egg and bacon brekky at school. It was such a joy to see the children and their families enjoying time together – there was plenty of laughter and some competitive down-ball being played!!

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we have two weeks left of Term 3 and what an amazing term it has been with so many unique and valuable learning experiences!

I will be on long service leave for the first three weeks of term 4 and will be back on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October. My replacement is being confirmed, and I will be able to let families know next week. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful team here at CHPS and I am confident that things will run smoothly while I am away enjoying the sights of Italy and visiting family.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our dad's and special people a wonderful day on Sunday, enjoying special time with your families.

*Maria Partes*  
Principal



## Important Dates Term 3

- 21<sup>st</sup> July - First day of Term 3
- 31<sup>st</sup> July - Snow excursion
- 4<sup>th</sup> August - School council meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August - Science week
- **15<sup>th</sup> August - Curriculum Day**
- 18<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Book Week
- 20<sup>th</sup> August - Book Week dress up
- 27<sup>th</sup> August - Mumma Mia Play Excursion
- 28<sup>th</sup> August - Crazy hair day & 100 days of Prep
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Swimming
- 9<sup>th</sup> September - Swimming
- 10<sup>th</sup> September - Kaboom Sports
- 15<sup>th</sup> September - School Council meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Swimming
- 17<sup>th</sup> September - Footy colours day
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Last day of Term 3 - 2:00 pm finish

## Term 4

- 6<sup>th</sup> October - First day of Term 4

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## Glasses for Kids

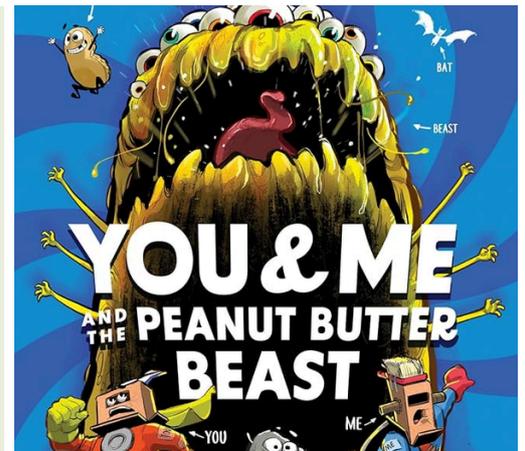
Please ensure that you complete the consent form for your child/children to have their FREE vision testing. The Glasses for Kids program offers a FREE vision screening, testing and glasses (if needed) at no cost for 5- to 10-year-olds. We are extremely lucky to have this offered to our families. The consent form is due on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## 2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

It is critically important for our families to complete the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. This data is reviewed by the department and helps with promoting our school in a positive way. I value your feedback, and your opinions are important as they contribute to identifying areas for improvement in the school. The survey should only take 20 minutes to complete online and is open until Friday 19th September. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential and I am hoping that ALL families complete the survey.

## Book Week – State Library Webinar

As you know, our students participated in a live webinar through the State Library and listened to Andy Griffiths unpack his new book “You and Me and the Peanut Butter Beast”. Students were asked to create their own ideas and illustrations for a story which we sent off to Andy Griffiths. This week the school received an email congratulating our students as we had been chosen to be the recipient of a signed copy of Andy Griffiths’ “You & Me and the Peanut Butter Beast”! In the email it stated that Andy was so excited to see the creative adventures our students had developed!!!



## Australian Smile Group – Dental Van

The Dental Van will be visiting the school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This is a FREE service for all school age students and their siblings (even if they are not enrolled at CHPS). All dental work will be at no cost. Permission notes will go home shortly.

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## Maintenance Work

Our maintenance work is continuing. The canopy at the back of Bunjil is now completed and we are still waiting for the doors to our Shelter In Place to be fitted securely. Hopefully we will get our Art Room back shortly!!

## Inclusive Outreach Coach – Jesmine Lim

We are very fortunate to have Jesmine Lim an Inclusion Outreach Coach working with the school every Monday until the end of the year. She has been assisting with implementing Positive Classroom Management Strategies (PCMS) to support student learning and wellbeing through teaching positive behaviours. The program is an initiative set up by the department with expert people in the role working with schools across the region. Jesmine has already formed strong relationships with the students has been working closely with staff to assist with planning and incorporating inclusive curriculum to meet the needs of all our students in a multi-age classroom.

## Online Digital Parenting: Safety and Screentime Webinar Tuesday 16th September from 7.00-8.30pm

St Andrews and Arthurs Creek Primary School have invited our school community to take part in a FREE interactive online workshop to assist with empowering parents with the skills and knowledge to monitor safety and screentime for children including online risks. I highly recommend that you take advantage of this invite. The flyer is in the newsletter – families need to access the QR code on the flyer to register

**DIGITAL PARENTING: SAFETY AND SCREENTIME**

Tuesday 16th SEPTEMBER 2025 7pm - 8.30pm

ST ANDREWS AND ARTHURS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION - YEAR 6 PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

This interactive workshop will empower you with the skills and knowledge to:

- ✓ Model safe and healthy balance at home
- ✓ Participate in your child's online world
- ✓ Communicate openly about online risks
- ✓ Supervise and support

Trusted eSafety Provider esafety.gov.au

SCAN or CLICK to register

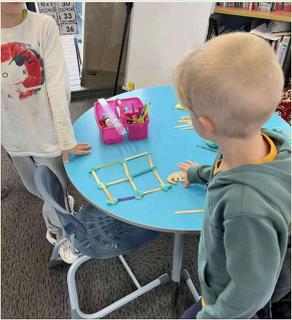
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# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us for an afternoon of fun and excitement!

# HARMONY IN THE HILLS

Saturday 8th November  
1:00pm - 4:00pm



Bring along your picnic rug and join us at Christmas Hills Primary School for an afternoon with the Christmas Hills Orchestra, free face painting, and a magician. Pack a picnic and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of fun.

**BBQ**



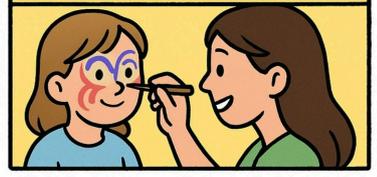
**MAGICIAN**



**BELGIUM WAFFLES**



**FACE PAINTING**



Treat yourself to yummy food, freshly made Belgium waffles, a bake sale and coffee from our coffee van – all available to purchase on the day.



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Christmas Hills, Vic 3775



# FOOTBALL

COLOURS DAY

**17th September**

Come dressed in your favourite footy team's colours or another sport team to celebrate the day



CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

DUOS:  
\$35 EACH

FREE FIRST LESSON

- Explore a wide range of music
- Personalised lessons
- Online portal with resources
- Performance opportunities
- Foster a creative imagination
- Build confidence and self-expression
- Improve fine motor skills
- First lesson FREE
- No-obligation trial lesson

GUITAR  
DRUMS  
VOCALS  
KEYBOARD  
DJ DECKS  
BASS (BYO)  
MANDOLIN (BYO)  
BANJO (BYO)

Get in touch today at:  
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# Take home a library of books!

## Enjoy 25% off Epic Family.

Kids love using Epic School in class. Now they can access it at home and on the go with Epic Family. Right now it's just \$5.31/month when you sign up for an annual plan. Try it free for 7 days!\*

- 40,000+ popular, age-appropriate books and learning videos.
- 24/7 access. Plus downloadable books to read offline.
- Reading Buddies, badges and quizzes make reading and learning fun.
- Fun ways to read, like audiobooks, comics and Read-To-Me books.

➔ Go to [getepic.com/connect](https://getepic.com/connect) to claim this offer.

**Tip:** Ask your kid's teacher for this year's class code so you can connect to their class!

## Make it their best chapter yet.

Support their reading journey this school year—95% of Epic parents say Epic helped improve their child's reading skills.



\*Billed as \$63.74 for the first year. See website for full details.



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**Rebecca Martin**  
Presenter



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# Positive Parenting Pillars



## MODEL

- Review what we share and who we share it with
- Keep our profiles private
- Use avatars and aliases



## PARTICIPATE

- Watch shows and play games together
- Know who our children are playing with
- Use Common Sense Media to check ratings



## COMMUNICATE

- Encourage help-seeking
- Praise speaking up
- Explore reporting using Beacon



## SUPERVISE

- Keeping devices in shared spaces
- Watch for changes in behaviour
- Use Parental Controls

# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



## COME & PLAY!

Multiple venues around Victoria, check out our website via the QR code or link below for venues, dates and times!

4 hours of Softball fun for children and teens aged 7-14, delivered by experienced coaches. Develop new skills through fun activities, make new friends and finish the day with games of Softball!

**Cost: \$50.00pp**

**ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

**REGISTER HERE:**



**<https://www.softballvic.org.au/events/307005>**

