



Message from Maria

Production & Graduation

Rehearsals in the theatre for our production of the Lorax are now in full swing and everything seems to be coming together! There is always a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes in preparation and I would like to thank Briony, Svetlana, Jodie, Belinda and Donna for all their hard work. We truly do aim to minimise any anxiety for the students by supporting them all individually and building their self-confidence. It does take a lot of courage for some to step outside their comfort zones. We have been so proud of their efforts and I know they are very excited about the night and we all cannot wait to see them shine!

Our production of the Lorax will commence at 5.00pm followed by our Graduation for 2023. Also, we will have a variety of student performances on the night. Dinner will be a BYO picnic from 6.30-7.30pm on the school grounds.

CFA – Fire Drill and Parent Information Session

Thank you to all those families who attended our information session about bushfire preparedness with the CFA on Wednesday 22nd November. I would also like to thank Peter Mildenhall, James and Geoff from the CFA Christmas Hills and their whole brigade for coming to the school as part of our emergency evacuation drill and running through procedures with students, staff and our community.

If you require more information please access the Country Fire Authority website; [https:// www.cfa.vic.gov.au](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

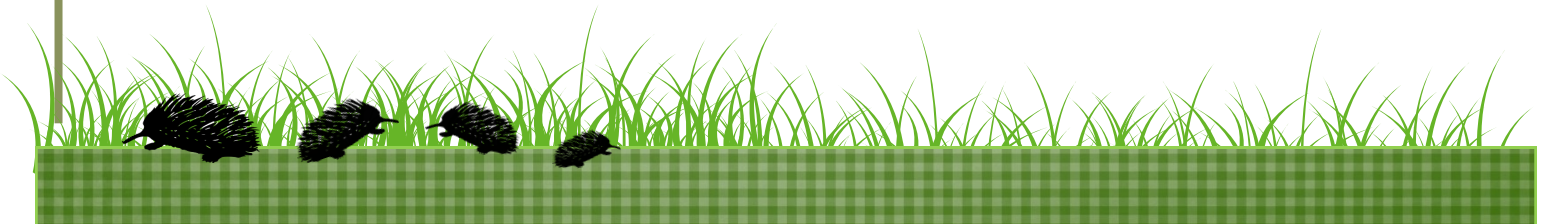
Term Four
1st December, 2023

Important Dates for Term 4

- 1st December—Prep transition
- 6th December—End of year fun day - Healesville Sanctuary
- 14th December - Graduation & School Production
- 20th December - Last day of school

Dates to Remember

- Term 4** - Monday 2 October 2023 - Wednesday 20 December 2023



Just a reminder to review and update your family's bushfire survival plan including preparing your property, and talk to your child/children so that they know what to do when there is a risk of fire.

Kangaroo Ground Preschool Visit Tuesday 28th November

What a fabulous day it was when we had 29 pre-school students visit from the KG Preschool and take part in a variety of activities. Lachlan who will be attending CHPS next year was able to share with his friends our wonderful school and was very excited to show everyone around! Our CHPS students did an outstanding job making the pre-schoolers feel welcomed and shared some of their programming skills which they learnt in our STEM programme. Special thanks to Georgette who assisted on the day to help us out – it was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Bunnings for their kind donation of terracotta pots, which the children decorated before planting their petunia to take home.

Swimming

We had our last swimming session at Diamond Creek Swimming Pool this week and it was just so pleasing to see nearly all our students participate. They enjoyed the warm temperature of the water that was set at 30 degrees! It was a very valuable experience as it gave the students an opportunity to build on their swimming skills and develop important life saving skills in the water which are so important particularly as we lead into summer months.

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion Wednesday 6th December

Next Wednesday we will be taking the students to Healesville Sanctuary as part of our end of year celebrations. Please ensure permission notes on Sentral are completed. Children have been asked to wear their school uniforms, bring their snack, lunch and water bottle. They will need to be at school on time as we are planning to leave around 10.00am and travel by car to the sanctuary. Also, with the weather heating up, it is also a good idea to ensure children put on sunscreen in the morning. Lastly, children can bring a small amount of cash (\$5) if they would like to buy a treat or an ice-cream from the shop.

Thank you for your support.

Maria Parks





This Week



CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY
PRESENTS

OUR SCHOOL PRODUCTION BASED OFF

THE LORAX



DECEMBER 14TH, 2023

5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY GRADUATION

1409 ELTHAM-YARRA GLEN RD, CHRISTMAS HILLS VIC 3775

B.Y.O PICNIC DINNER 6:30 - 7:30

Upcoming Dates Term 4



October 2nd - Curriculum day
October 4th - 6th - Bunjil camp
October 26th- Swimming lessons
October 27th - Prep transition
November 2nd - Swimming lessons
November 3rd - Prep transition
November 6th - Swimming
November 7th - Melbourne cup day
November 9th - Swimming lessons
November 10th - Prep transition
November 13th - Swimming lesson
November 17th - Prep transition
November 20th - Swimming lesson
November 22nd - CFA information session
November 24th - Prep transition
November 27th - Swimming lesson
December 6th - End of year fun day
December 14th - School concert & Graduation



Exciting Activities coming up

Swimming Lessons

October 26th, November 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 20th & 27th.

Wildcats Basketball incursion

October 24th, 31st, November 14th, 21st, 28th, December 5th & 12th

Prep transition sessions

October 27th, November 10th, November 17th, 24th November, December 1st

Lunch orders from Dark Horse are continuing this term.

End of year fun day

December 6th Healesville Sanctuary

Being SunSmart in Victoria



When UV is 3+



Slip on covering clothing



Slop on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat



Seek shade



Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.



Download the SunSmart Global UV app to find sun protection times for your location.

March 2023



Scan the QR code or visit sunsmart.com.au/app to download.



Cancer Council
Victoria



Newsletter article: Schools in Category 0, 1 and 2 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register

This information has been developed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and your school's pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



On elevated fire danger days schools in the highest levels of risk (categories 0, 1 and 2) take pre-emptive actions to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions.

These actions are based on the Local Government Area they are in and their fire risk category.

In addition, all schools and services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which include numerous Local Government Areas. Our school is in the **Central fire weather district**.

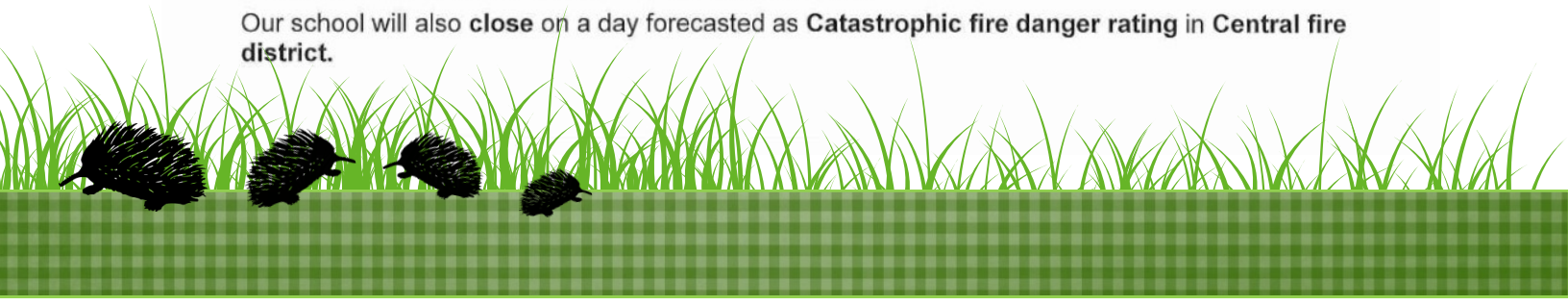
As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and such as reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being in one of the highest fire risk categories - BARR 1

Our school will action its pre-emptive plan for **relocation** on a day forecasted as **Extreme fire danger rating** in our **local government area (LGA), Nillumbik**.

Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Central fire district**.



What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires schools at high risk of bushfire to enact pre-emptive action plans based on LGA level fire danger forecasts. Conditions can vary significantly across the wider weather district, so using local forecasts helps us to respond appropriately to risks in our local area and maintain stability and educational continuity for our students and school community. This policy is consistent for all schools at high levels of risk and this approach is supported by emergency services.

The policy also requires that all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school enact our pre-emptive action plan?

Our school will action our pre-emptive plan to **Kangaroo Ground Primary School** on days when the fire danger forecast for our local government area, Nillumbik is **Extreme**.

Our school will use the LGA forecast confirmed by emergency services the day before an Extreme fire danger day in our LGA to trigger our plan. We will let you know when we are enacting our pre-emptive action plan. Please be aware that no one will be on site on days where the school has enacted this plan.

What do we do when our LGA has a different fire danger rating to the wider fire weather district?

As we respond to local conditions, there may be days during the fire season when our fire weather district, Central is forecast as an Extreme fire danger rating, but our LGA is at a lower level of fire danger. On these days our school operations will continue as normal, however we will be taking action in line with fire services advice by:

- checking our Emergency Management Plan and taking any necessary preparedness actions
- actively monitor our local conditions and warnings
- having plans and procedures in place for if a fire starts to support us to take immediate action.

While our school will continue to operate, we encourage our school community to consider their own [bushfire survival plan](#) and reassess any travel through bushfire risk areas. We encourage you to follow your family bushfire survival plan and the advice of emergency services.

There may also be days where our LGA is forecast as Extreme fire danger, but Central is not. On these days we **will** enact our pre-emptive action plan.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

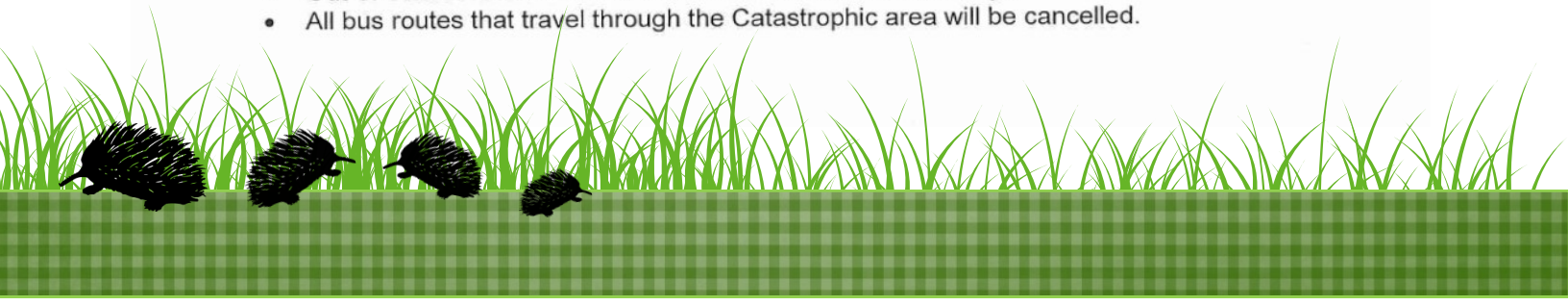
Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Sentral

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes.

This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.



- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by - reading our newsletters, checking our website <https://www.christmashillsps.vic.edu.au/>, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is relocated or closed due to fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Enact your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



Summer Holiday Program

8/1/24 - 26/1/24

To secure a spot please contact Giulia at info@therangeslc.com.au



Prep and Year One Sessions

\$297 including GST

Students are required to enrol for the three weeks.
Total of 4.5 hours of instruction.

Run by our early years specialist Smitha, lessons will allow students to build and review early literacy skills needed for both reading and writing. The lessons will also focus on key early numeracy skills mostly based on number sense.

Prep Sessions

These sessions will be designed for children who are just about to start Prep.

Over the course of 3 weeks, students will gain a foundation in Literacy skills that will help them feel confident and ready to begin their first year of school. Through stories and songs, they will learn about the relationship between letters and sounds and how this relationship helps us to read and write. They will also gain beginning numeracy skills through a variety of games and hands-on activities. Some of the topics covered include counting, 2D shapes and patterns.

Year One Sessions

These sessions will be designed for children who have completed Prep and are going into year 1.

Students will review concepts that they have been taught in their Foundation year to help consolidate their understanding before heading into the new school year. They will build their word decoding skills and further develop their ability to comprehend and discuss texts. They will work on their emerging writing skills with a focus on taking speech to print with proper writing conventions such as punctuation. Key numeracy topics such as place value, addition and subtraction will also be covered.

Sessions will be 90 minutes long. Students will be allocated a group and will attend for three consecutive weeks.

Prep students will be required to attend a pre-assessment with Smitha on Friday 5th January. You will be provided with a time closer to the date.

Writing Sessions

\$132 including GST

Students can attend one session. Total of 2 hours of instruction.

Run by our writing expert, Vanda, our writing lessons will have a different focus each week. Students will be grouped primarily by age.

Week One: With a creative writing focus, students will go home with a short story.

Week Two: Students will research a topic of choice and create an information report. Students will go home with a poster of their work.

Week Three: NAPLAN Writing Assessment preparation. Students will practise completing previous NAPLAN Writing assessments in preparation for the NAPLAN in March, 2024.

Each session runs for 2 hours. You can enrol in just one week, or as many as you like.

Multisensory Structured Language Sessions

\$264 including GST

Students are required to enrol for Day One and Day Two sessions.
Total of 4 hours of instruction.

Run by our director, Giulia, lessons will allow students the time to deep dive into reading and spelling skills. MSL lessons focus on reading, spelling, reading fluency, comprehension and handwriting.

Instruction is explicit, direct, systematic and multisensory. This means that it targets all learning pathways to the brain simultaneously to enhance learning and memory.

Children will come for a total of four hours across two days. You can enrol for one week, or multiple weeks, however grouping will change each week based on enrolments.

Prep students will be required to attend a pre-assessment with Giulia on Friday 5th January and will then be allocated an appropriate group.

Maths Sessions

\$132 excluding GST

Students can attend one session. Total of 2 hours of instruction.

Run by our Numeracy Coordinator, Elizabeth, our Maths sessions will have a different theme for each day. All days will be mostly hands on learning experiences, with more of an open ended approach to accommodate for all abilities. Below is a short summary of what to expect for each day.

Week One - Monday: A day on fractions

Develop a better understanding of 'Fractions of a Group' and 'Fractions of One' through some pretend food based play

Week One - Tuesday: Maths Based Art Day

Use your knowledge of 2D Shapes and Measurement to create a one of a kind piece of art

Week Two - Monday: A day on shapes and nets

Spend the session building and working with 3D models

Week Two - Tuesday: Digital Maths Games Day

Digital games that focus on Quick Maths for the four processes (Addition, Subtraction, Division and Multiplication.)

Week Three - Monday: NAPLAN Practice

A day all about working through practice exams and understanding what is being asked for each section of the test. Brain breaks will be integrated as needed.

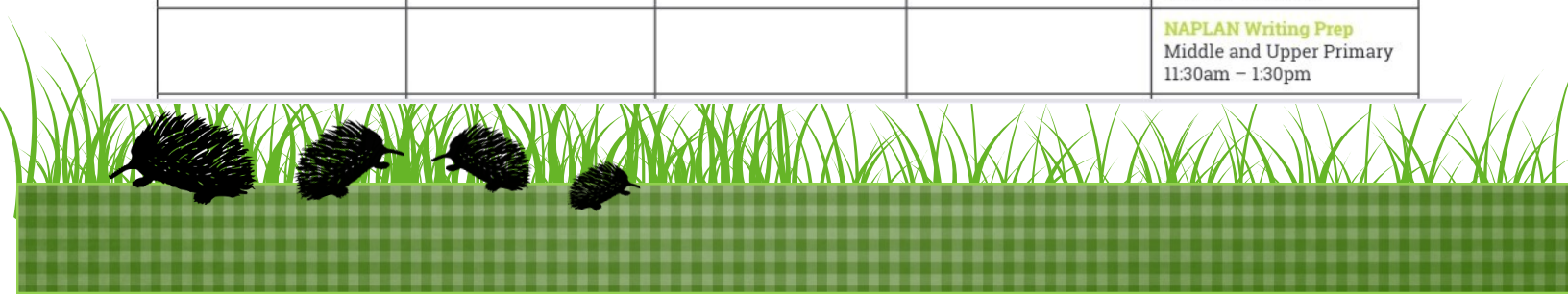
Week Three - Tuesday: Maths Dictionary Day

Less hands on but very practical! Students will develop a Maths Dictionary that can be used throughout the school year. The dictionary can help with homework and can also help develop students' knowledge and understanding of a topic prior to a unit commencing at school. Digital games will be offered between dictionary pages as a Brain Break.

Once final groups are confirmed, lessons will be slightly modified to ensure all students can achieve success. Each session runs for 2 hours. You can enrol in just one session, or as many as you like.

Timetable 8/1/24 - 26/1/24

Monday 8/1	Tuesday 9/1	Wednesday 10/1	Thursday 11/1	Friday 12/1
Maths: Fractions Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	Maths: Art Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	Prep Sessions Group One 9:00am – 10:30am
Maths: Fractions Middle School 11:30am – 1:30pm	Maths: Art Middle School 11:30am – 1:30pm	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Two 11:30am – 1:30pm	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Two 11:30am – 1:30pm	Year One Sessions Group Three 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Maths: Fractions Senior School and Lower Secondary 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Maths: Art Senior School and Lower Secondary 2:00pm – 4:00pm	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Three 2:00pm – 4:00pm	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Three 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Prep Sessions Group Two 11:00am – 12:30pm
				Creative Writing Lower and Middle Primary 9:00am – 11:00am
				Creative Writing Middle and Upper Primary 11:30am – 1:30pm
				Creative Writing Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 15/1	Tuesday 16/1	Wednesday 17/1	Thursday 18/1	Friday 19/1
Maths: Shapes and Nets Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	Maths: Digital Games Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	Prep Sessions Group One 9:00am – 10:30am
Maths: Shapes and Nets Middle School 11:30am – 1:30pm	Maths: Digital Games Middle School 11:30am – 1:30pm	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Two 11:30am – 1:30pm	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Two 11:30am – 1:30pm	Year One Sessions Group Three 1:00pm – 3:30pm
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				Information Text Writing Lower/Middle Primary 9:00am – 11:00am
				Information Text Writing Middle/Upper Primary 11:30am – 1:30pm
				Information Text Writing Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 22/1	Tuesday 23/1	Wednesday 24/1	Thursday 25/1	Friday 26/1
Maths: NAPLAN Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	Maths: Dictionary Junior School 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group One 9:00am – 11:00am	Prep Sessions Group One 9:00am – 10:30am
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				NAPLAN Writing Prep Lower and Middle Primary 9:00am – 11:00am
				NAPLAN Writing Prep Middle and Upper Primary 11:30am – 1:30pm



THE

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

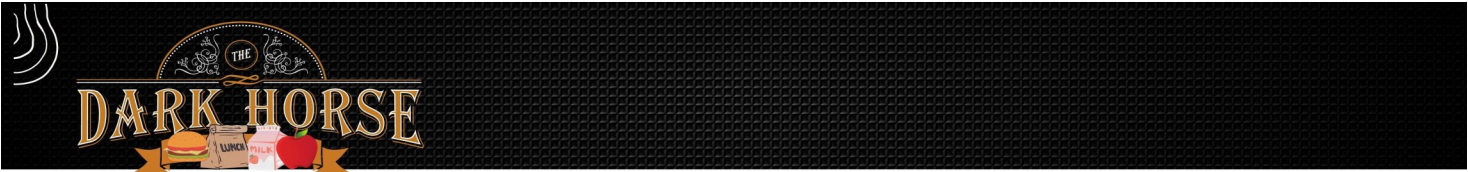
**PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER AND CHILD'S NAME ON A BROWN PAPER BAG AND
ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY.**

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 |
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| <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 \$ _____

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

C.H.P.S



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