

# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



6th September, 2024 - Term 3 - Week 8



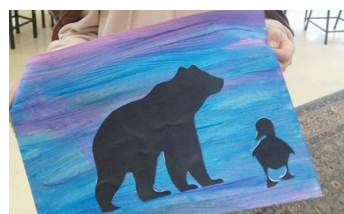
## 2024 Enrolments

We continue to get enquiries about our school and bookings for school tours. Feedback from the local community has been incredibly positive about what our school offers students. I continue to remain positive about our enrolments and as we get into term 4 we will have a much more clearer picture of our enrolment numbers for 2025.

## Principal's Message

We have certainly had some "wild" weather of late with very strong winds and we had some quite large branches from one of our red gums come down near the art room last Friday. Those branches have now been removed giving us plenty of mulch to put around in our gardens. When we do experience these strong winds, children will stay inside during recess and lunch as a safety precaution. As you would be aware the weather can also impact our power which was the case last Monday. However, we managed throughout the day to ensure minimal disruptions to learning and staff were very grateful to Georgette who made the trip to school with a thermus of hot water so we could make a coffee!!

It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks remaining of this term and then we are into the final stretch with our 150-year celebration taking place in week 3 of term 4. I wanted to thank our families and staff who have made a huge effort with the planning and arrangements. We have received many wonderful donations for our raffles from local businesses and organisations – I have been amazed by the generosity they have shown!



## Important Dates Term 3

- Eltham Leisure Centre - Swimming Lessons - 1:30 - 2:30  
6th September, 17th September
- 11th September - Kaboom Sports
- 11th September - School Excursion - Play
- 20th September - Last Day Of Term 3 - 2:00pm finish

## Term Dates

Term 3 - 15th July - 20th September

Term 4 - October 7th - 20th December

**Curriculum Days - 7th October, 4th November, 20th December**



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## Home Reading

It is always so pleasing to come in of a morning and listen to the children read their home reader and it is so evident that their reading is coming along in leaps and bounds. I cannot stress enough how important practise is every night and getting them to talk about the book and what they read. Being confident with their reading will set them up for success across all areas of learning so I thank you for supporting them at home.

## School Council Meeting (resscheduled)

Our School Council meeting has been rescheduled to this Monday 9th September due to our school having no power last Monday. Our meeting will commence at approximately 3.45pm with our committee meeting for our 150-year celebration following on from this.



Enjoy your weekend!

*Maria Parks*  
*Principal*

## Pre-Prep Enrolments

We will be commencing our Pre-Prep Program in term 4. This will run every Friday from 9.30am-11.00am and will be offered to children who are 3-4 years of age. Children do not need to be enrolled at CHPS to attend as we are wanting to provide a program to support all children with their transition to school. Please spread the word in the community – we did put it out to the community, and we received a great response with many families taking up the offer to attend.



## Swimming

Our swimming sessions will continue to run weekly next term until week 5 with our last session scheduled for Friday 8th November. The children have been incredibly fortunate to have this opportunity provided for free. We can see their stroke technique improving each week as well as their confidence in the water which will be so important as we head into summer.





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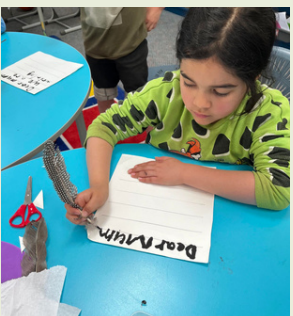
## Book Week



## Father's Day Morning



## Inquiry



## Maths







Fridays 9:30 - 11:00  
beginning 11th of October  
Designed for 3-5 yr olds



# CHRISTMAS HILLS PS

## SCHOOL READY PROGRAM



Get your little one ready for school with our fun-filled school readiness program.

Friday mornings 9:30 till 11:00 at Christmas Hills Primary School

### OUR ACTIVITIES

- Story time
- Art and craft
- Cooking
- Sensory play
- Class room skills
- Fine moter activities
- Outdoor fun
- Social skills

### OUR FEATURES

- Run by experienced primary teacher
- Child lead learning
- Hands on learning and fun
- Beautiful bush setting incorporated into learning
- Confidence building



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Christmas Hills





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO BE ENROLLED AT CHRISTMAS HILLS PS TO ATTEND?**

No, all children aged 3-5 years are welcome to attend our Pre-Prep Program at Christmas Hills PS. We provide a nurturing and very personalised program for our students here at Christmas Hills PS however, we appreciate that families need to find the best "fit" for their child and their family. So even if your child is enrolled elsewhere, we would still love them to come along.

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND DO I NEED TO BOOK?**

Our program is FREE! At Christmas Hills PS our goal is to support our families in the community and we believe all children should be able to access a rich and engaging program in a beautiful unique rural setting. Therefore, no need to book just come along and join us for some fun.

## **CAN PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS COME ALONG?**

Parent/carer supervision is required throughout the sessions but if your child feels confident in their new setting you are more than welcome to make a cuppa and just watch. Younger siblings are welcome too however, this program is specifically designed for 3-5-year-olds.

## **WHAT DOES A SCHOOL READY SESSION LOOK LIKE?**

Each week we will vary the sessions to include both inside and outside hands-on activities. When children first arrive, they will have the opportunity to explore and participate in some developmental playtime. Then, our teachers (Maria or Svetlana) will introduce mat time where they will listen to a story, sing some songs and play a couple of games as well as participate in a craft activity. Before leaving and saying goodbye we will reflect on the morning and have a share time together.

## **WHEN AND WHERE DOES IT RUN?**

Our Pre-Prep Program will commence on Friday 11th of October and will run each Friday throughout term 4. It will start at 9:30am and finish at 11.00am and will be held at Christmas Hills PS in our Quip Quip Room. If you have any questions, please contact Maria (Principal) on 97301238





# NEWSLETTER



### 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

We're excited to inform you that we will be continuing to take lunch orders every Wednesday through Dark Horse Café.

Please ensure all lunch orders are placed in the designated box by 3:30 PM on Tuesday, please include the student's name, lunch order details, and exact change.



## SCHOOL VALUES

Every child at Christmas Hills Primary School is supported in their social and emotional development in a caring way. We help students build skills in empathy and positive relationships, in a framework centred around our school values of CHIRPS – Caring, Honesty, Inquisitiveness, Respect, Persistence, Sharing.

These school values are built around our emblem, the blue wren, and they were jointly decided by students, staff and parents.

## CHRISTMAS HILLS

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CHIRPS



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 of other students	Respectful listening		Be mindful of the general public
Respect nature				Move in an orderly, calm manner

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniforms are available for purchase at any time from the school office. It is important to ensure your child has their school uniform for school excursions.

Additionally, we are now selling book satchels that help keep home readers secure and easily accessible.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM



### UNIFORM PRICES

- Polo shirt size 6,8,12,14- \$15
- Polo shirt - Adult S,M, L - \$25.00
- Wide brim hat - \$15

- Communication satchel - \$15
- Child vest - \$20 Adult 25.00
- Blue gingham dress- \$20
- Grade six top - \$50





# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



CELEBRATING

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26th October, 2024  
10:00am - 2:00pm

Come along and help us celebrate 150 years of  
Christmas Hills Primary School

Colouring Competition, Jumping Castle, Petting Zoo, Face Painting,  
Free Kids Activities, Live Entertainment, Food Stalls, Historical  
Artefacts and Lots More



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# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Wednesday's  
9:30 till  
11:00am

Messy Play  
Painting  
Arts & Crafts  
Sensory Activities  
Games  
Toys  
Pretend Play  
Songs  
Outdoor play

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE ALONG TO  
SOCIALISE, EXPLORE, EXPERIMENT &  
PLAY AT OUR RELAXED COMMUNITY  
PLAYGROUP. SPEND SOME QUALITY  
TIME WITH YOUR MINI WHILE YOU FILL  
YOUR CUP CHATTING WITH OTHER  
GROWN UPS.  
ALL WELCOME!

Christmas Hills Primary School  
1409 Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd Christmas Hills

For more info contact Megan 0413 174 415





# Upcoming Dates Term 3

## 15th July - First day of Term 3

- 30th July - Swimming
- 2nd August - Swimming
- 6th August - Swimming
- 9th August - Swimming
- 13th August - Swimming
- 16th August - Swimming
- **19th August - Book Week Drees Up & activities**
- 20th August - Swimming
- 23rd August - Swimming
- **25th July - St Johns First Aid Incursion**
- 6th September - Swimming
- 11th September - Kaboom Sports
- 11th September - School Play excursion
- 17th September - Swimming
- 11th October - Swimming
- 18th October - Swimming
- 1st November - Swimming
- **20th September - Last day of Term 3 - 2:00pm finish**



## Exciting Activities coming up

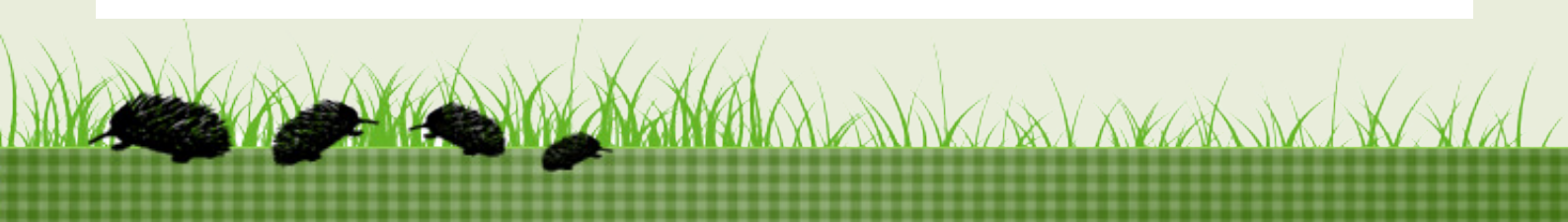
### Swimming Session Dates

- 17th September
- 11th October
- 18th October
- 1st November

Kaboom Sport 11th September  
Romeo & Juliet Play excursion - 11th September

### Lunch Orders

Lunch orders from Dark Horse are continuing this term.





# NEW!

# Art and craft club for kids

Starting 8 October 2024

Tuesdays 3:45-4:45pm

7-12 yrs

Panton Hill Living & Learning Hub

This fun class will allow your child to be creative, express themselves and learn art and craft techniques. For more info see our website below.



[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

