



19th June, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 9



Pixel Adventures: Game Builders Excursion

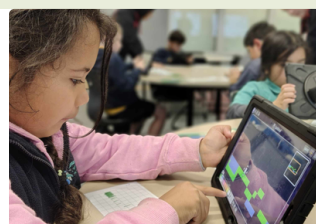
Last Monday we headed off by bus to Quantum Victoria in Macleod to participate in game designing using Bloxels, an app to create pixel art and animations that bring characters and worlds to life. It was an incredibly valuable experience for our students who participated with such enthusiasm. Our school partnered up with Taylors Lake PS sharing their learning experiences in gaining some important skills and applying their creativity to design work to make their own game.

Principal's Message

We have now definitely hit winter, and the mornings have been quite frosty and cold with more to come! It is also that time of year when sickness including coughs, chest infections and flu can occur. If your child/children are unwell and will not be attending school, please contact us to let us know. The Victorian Department of Health recommend flu vaccinations to protect children from serious illness.

Maintenance Work

Our maintenance work continues, with some areas of the school remaining fenced off while works are being carried out. Over the next couple of weeks, our admin and Shelter in Place (SIP) building will be upgraded. Students will be working in Quip Quip as of next week until the work is completed which will be close to the end of term. We continue to remind students to stay clear of fencing around the school and to move safely in the playground. The work being carried out will certainly "freshen" up the school and have it looking wonderful!



Important Dates Term 2

- 28th April - 6th May - Parent Teacher interviews
- 28th April - School Council
- 30th April - Playgroup starts back
- 8th May - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- 9th May - Story time
- 12th May - Story time
- 13th May - Maroondah Dam Orienteering excursion
- 20th May - School open morning
- 22nd May - School welcome BBQ
- 23rd May - Story time
- 26th May - Story time
- 29th May - CHPS Information Session
- **9th June - Kings Birthday - Public holiday**
- **10th June - Curriculum Day**
- 16th June - Quantum Victoria excursion



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Playgroup at CHPS

Our last playgroup session for the term was last Wednesday and I would like to extend a big thank you to Megan and Jodie who always provide an engaging and hands-on morning for our little ones. It has been wonderful opening our school to the community and there has been lots of positive feedback from our playgroup families.

S.T.E.M

This week we pushed into hydraulic theory, see what I did there? We had a crack at making hydraulic lifts and devices to develop devices that worked. In the senior grades, we designed our hydraulics using step by step diagrams and then used that to develop our designs with intention. In the junior grades we simply explored the pushing power of the hydraulic and pneumatic systems we made and made close observations about how the size of the pipes impacted their power!

Athletics Sessions

Students have commenced the Kids' Athletics Program which is run through Sporting School and aligns with all relevant school curriculum competences. These sessions take place on a Thursday from 2.00-3.00pm and have been highly engaging. In these sessions students participate in activities that develop a range of skills including running, jumping and throwing. These skills are transferrable across all sports and are delivered by an external Australian Athletics sourced coach.



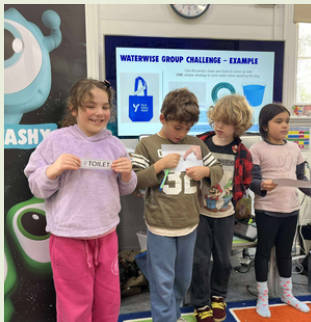
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Water Watchers Incursions (Yarra Valley Water)

On Tuesday we had our Water Watchers incursion with Kristy from Yarra Valley Water. Our students participated in a wide range of fun activities and games, designed to build their water saving knowledge and teach them about where water comes from, how people consume it and why we all have a role to play in saving it. This incursion also linked with our inquiry topic of Eco Housing where the students have been learning about sustainable energy including water.

Upcoming “Book Bash” Online Sessions – State Library Victoria

We have booked into 3 x 45-minute online sessions with the State Library next week on Tuesday 24/6, Wednesday 25/6 and Thursday 26/6. These sessions will feature three of Australia’s best authors including Anh Do, Sally Rippin and Amilia Mellor. The children will get to participate in workshops with the authors and learn aspects of storytelling, how to bring characters to life and how to finish a story with a bang! We have lots of keen writers and I know the students are very familiar with the authors who will be running the sessions. Looking forward to seeing the students applying some of these techniques which they will learn to their own story writing!

Maria Parks
Principal



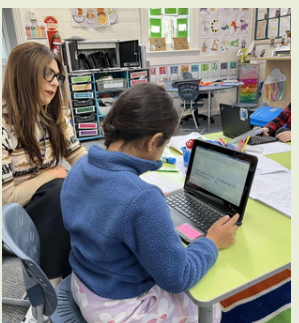
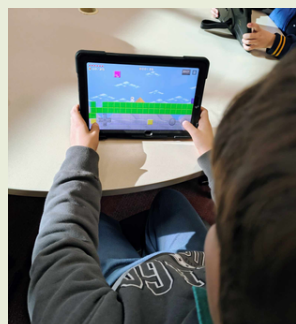
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CHPS LUNCH ORDER MENU

- 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

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.

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

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.



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CHIRPS



	Yard	Transitions	Classes	Toilets	Excursions
Caring	Hear calm, polite and friendly voices	Calm, organised	Be mindful of personal space	Good hygiene	Be good role models
Honesty	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
Inquisitiveness	See people caring for each other	Respectful of other students	Respectful listening		Be mindful of the general public
Respect	Respect nature				Move in an orderly, calm manner
Persistence					
Sharing					

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.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

DUOS:
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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

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ELTHAM LACROSSE CLUB

INTRODUCTION TO LACROSSE

 **Location:**
Eltham Lower
Park

 **Date:**
Thursday nights
Start time: 5:15pm



 **All skill levels welcome – try out
lacrosse and meet the team!**

 **Pizza after training inside the club rooms**

 **Contact: Ethan Buchanan – 0420 557 453**

 **Bring your friends and family –
we'd love to see you there!**

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ONE STEP AT A TIME PROGRAM: PARENT SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Swinburne Psychology Clinic

Parents / guardians:

Do you have a primary school-aged child experiencing symptoms of anxiety?

Clinicians at Swinburne University have developed a program to help parents manage childhood anxiety in children aged 6-11 years.

Does your child experience any of the following?

- Difficulties sleeping at night due to worries
- Fears and phobias
- Difficulty separating from you or worrying about parental safety
- Trouble sleeping alone in their bed
- Fear of the dark
- Scared of lifts, trains, and people
- Fear of dogs and other animals
- Excessive worry and constant reassurance seeking
- Fear of germs and other health problems

The One Step at a Time Program involves:

- Comprehensive psychological assessment of your child's anxiety
- Seven sessions of online counselling through video conferencing
- Parent-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) skills to help you manage and support your child's anxiety
- Two combined parent-child sessions
- Reflective parenting strategies
- Access to a website with self-help materials to supplement therapy.

Cost

\$20 per session/assessment.
Treatment consists of seven therapy sessions plus one assessment session.

Contact us

Referrals and enquiries can be made by contacting the Swinburne Psychology Clinic at:

Telephone: 03 9214 8653

Email: psychprojects@swin.edu.au

OR, by accessing the online registration form by using the QR Code or the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kxjjie5YcM>

