

# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



26th May, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 6



## Open Morning

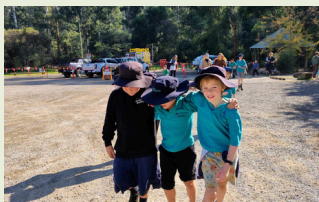
Our Open Morning last Tuesday was buzzing with excitement! Thank you to all our families who came and visited our classrooms and took part in our session. Our chicks played an important role in the learning providing a springboard for a variety of rich tasks in both literacy and maths. Our students, parents and visitors had the opportunity to hold the chicks and lots of photos were taken.

## Principal's Message

What a busy couple of weeks it has been – I am not sure if we could have “squeezed” anything else in!! It has been wonderful to see the smiles on the children’s faces and the enjoyment they have shown for their learning. It is true when they say, “a picture paints a thousand words” and from the photos we have shared on Facebook it is evident to see the excitement for the learning that has occurred at our school!!

## Orienteering (Photo Trail)/Tabloid Day

Our students recently took part in Orienteering and Tabloid Sports organised by the Upper Yarra District Sports Association. There were over 15 schools that participated in the event, and it was an action-packed day. The sun was shining at Maroondah Dam and our students had so much fun taking part and meeting students from other small schools in our district.



## Important Dates Term 2

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



# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



26th May, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 6



## Goodbye to Maddie our Pre-Service Teacher

We said goodbye to Maddie last Friday and wished her all the best with her further studies and teacher training. We have all enjoyed having Maddie at our school and it is always a valuable experience for both students and teachers!

## Story Time at CHPS

Our Story Time sessions have now concluded, and it has been wonderful to welcome families to our school. These sessions are always engaging with lots of hands-on activities for young learners. Our chicks have also featured in the sessions to the delight of children and parents.

## Cultural Diversity Week

Our Cultural Diversity Day last Wednesday was amazing. Students and staff dressed in colours and costumes of their families' origins and students presented to the class. We were also fortunate to have Lionel and Tamami (Charlie's Dad and Mum) join us in the morning to make Belgium waffles and learn the skills of origami. Again, a big thank you to Lionel and Tamami who gave up their time to join us for this event. In Art, Sue worked with the students to teach them the technique of "Blue Russian Folk Art" which they then applied to decorate white bowls - their completed bowls were beautiful! It was a day full of learning and creativity!





# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



26th May, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 6



## Family BBQ

Last Thursday we had our first family BBQ for the year. A big THANK YOU to Georgette who helped to coordinate and bring it all together and to Mark who did a sterling job cooking the sausages!! It was a wonderful opportunity for our new and current families to get together informally for a chat and a great way to culminate the week. It really was a very special afternoon for families, students and staff.

## National Simultaneous Story Time

Our students participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time last week where we joined in online with over 2 million students and listened to the same book being read at the same time. This year, we listened to "The Truck Cat" which was read by the author Deborah Frenkel. The illustrator of the book, Danny Snell, also joined and shared his thinking about the illustrations for the book. He even did a workshop online taking the students through the drawing process.

## S.T.E.M

This week we delved into the world of landscape design. In the senior years we investigated how to use a landscaping program to design an enclosure for a Zoo Animal. To do this we had to research where they lived and what they need to make sure that they can live well, not just live! In the junior grades we investigated how an animal moves impacts the way it uses land and that we need to understand how they see the land to effectively design spaces for it to live! Also, Chan loves the new chicks!

*Maria Parks*  
*Principal*





# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



9th May, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 3







# CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

*Where learning is an adventure*

**THURSDAY 29TH MAY 4:00 - 4:30PM**

## SCHOOL INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Choosing the right school is the foundation of your child's future.

We invite you to come and visit us to hear about what we offer.

We provide a student centred environment which is stimulating, innovative and inclusive. Some of our programs Bush School, Garden to Plate, Music and Sailing



**CALL NOW TO  
REGISTER 9730 1238**

Contact us



**9730 1238 - 0499 205 083**



**<https://www.christmashillsp.s.vic.edu.au>**



# 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

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

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.



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:  
[jwilson@ripplesidemusic.com](mailto:jwilson@ripplesidemusic.com)  
0430 061 095







# 1st Hurstbridge Scout Group



[HOME](#) [ABOUT US](#) [JOIN US](#) [LINKS](#) [CONTACT](#)



## JOEYS

5 - 8 years

Monday 5:45 - 6:45 pm

## CUBS

8 - 10 years

Monday 7 - 8:30 pm

## SCOUTS

10 - 14 years

Thursday 7 - 9 pm

## VENTURERS

15 - 18 years

Wed 7:30 - 9:30 pm

## ROVERS

18 - 26 years

Currently not meeting

Scouts is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia.

For over 100 years 1st Hurstbridge Scout Group has helped shape the development of youth and adults in Hurstbridge and its surrounds.

Click on one of the links above to find out what we're all about or email our Group Leader for more information:

[gl.1sthurstbridge@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1sthurstbridge@scoutsvictoria.com.au)



## 1st HURSTBRIDGE SCOUT GROUP

20 Anzac Avenue, Hurstbridge, Victoria 3099

[gl.1sthurstbridge@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1sthurstbridge@scoutsvictoria.com.au)





Empowering Your Journey with Therapeutic and Inclusive  
Support

---

## Counselling Services

Individual Counselling

Couples & Family Counselling

Eco-Therapy

Online Counselling

---

## Contact

To get in touch or schedule an appointment, please use the  
contact details below:

0460 631 080

[jamie@firelinkcounselling.com](mailto:jamie@firelinkcounselling.com)

[www.firelinkcounselling.com](http://www.firelinkcounselling.com)

For any inquiries or to book a session, please don't hesitate to  
reach out.

---



/firelinkcounselling



/firelinkcounselling



@firelinkcounselling