CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE

Message from Maria

Production

The weeks are passing quickly now as we prepare for a range of upcoming events including our end of year production.

Briony has been working hard getting the students and the set prepared for what will be a wonderful celebration at the end of the year. The date for our production and graduation is Wednesday 13th December so please put this in your diaries. We are requiring donations of cardboard cylinders for our stage props so if you have any at home please send them in to school.

CFA – Fire Drill and Parent Information Session

Next Wednesday students and staff will be taking part in an emergency evacuation drill at 2.45pm. We will evacuate to our "shelter in place" which is the art room. The CFA will be attending this drill to ensure everyone is aware of procedures and processes should our school need to evacuate in an emergency.

After our drill we will be presenting important information to our parent community leading into the bushfire season. We will be discussing the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System and our pre-emptive action plan and

relocation to Kangaroo Ground Primary school on days forecast as High fire danger rating. We strongly encourage all of our families to attend to ensure they are clear about procedures should this occur. Peter Mildenhall (CFA – Christmas Hills) will be providing further information and answering questions.

This meeting will take place in Bunjil at 3.30pm – Wednesday 22nd November.



Important Dates for Term 4

17th November - Prep Transition

- 20th November Swimming
- 21st November Wildcats basketball incursion
- 22nd November CFA Parent Information session

27th November - Swimming

- 27th November Tiger Paw incursion
- 28th November—Visit from Kangaroo Ground Pre School

28th November—Eltham Wildcats basketball incursion

1st December—Prep transition

- 6th December—End of year fun day - Healesville Sanctuary
- 13th December Graduation & School Production

20th December - Last day of school

Dates to Remember

Term 4 - Monday 2 October 2023 - Wednesday

20 December 2023

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Reporting

Teachers have been collecting a range of work samples and assessment to begin reporting on student progress this semester. It is always very rewarding to reflect and see just how far the children have come with their learning over the year. Reports will be finalised and uploaded for parents the last week of term and we will advise everyone when they can be accessed.

Remembrance Day Service

Last Saturday two of our school leaders Maggie and Onyx represented our school at the Remembrance Day service at the Yarra Glen Cenotaph. As part of the service they were called upon to present our floral wreath and lay it at the Cenotaph. It was a very moving service and well attended by the community. I would really like to acknowledge and thank both Maggie and Onyx for taking part in this community event and also to their parents Michael and Crystal – your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Also, a photo of Maggie and Onyx featured in the local Mountain Views Star Mail newspaper capturing this event and our school was also mentioned in the article!

Assemblies

We ran our first assembly last week and again our leaders stepped up and did a wonderful job. We will run these at 9.15am in Bunjil each week. Congratulations to Onyx and Maggie for their value awards last week– very well deserved!

Prep Transition

Continue to spread the word out in the community about our wonderful school! I have been visiting the local kinders and childcare centres in the area and building those connections as well as lifting the profile of our school particularly in the Yarra Glen region. Getting our enrolments up for next year is important so if you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child in school for next year, please encourage them to come for a school tour so we can share what we offer here at CHPS.

Our Prep transition sessions have now commenced and are running each Friday from 9.00-11.00am in Quip Quip up until 1st December.

Swimming

Our swimming session at Diamond Creek Swimming Pool went smoothly last week. The water temperature was 30 degrees! The swimming program is a wonderful opportunity for all students to develop their skills in the water in a safe way – supported with trained coaches. Please encourage your child to take part as these experiences are really important in developing a whole range of skills.

Just a reminder that we will be leaving school at approximately 11.00am and travelling by car to these sessions which will run from 11.30-12.15pm. Children are to wear their swimmers underneath their clothes to save time and please remember to pack a towel, goggles and clothing items. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Kangaroo Ground Preschool Visit

Our visit from the Kangaroo Ground Preschool on Tuesday 28th November is officially confirmed. They will be arriving at our school around 11.00am. We will host a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" including story time and games. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the school and students to share our facilities and again make connections with some of our local families.

Thunderstorm Asthma

It is important to be aware that it is now thunderstorm asthma season - 1 October to 31 December. The following is from the Vic Emergency website and may be of interest if your child is susceptible to this form of asthma. <u>https://</u> emergency.vic.gov.au/prepare/#thunderstorm-asthma/preparing-forthunderstorm-asthma

Thank you for your support.

Maria Parks













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PARENT BUSHFIRE INFORMATION SESSION &



23rd November 3:30pm

The CFA and Maria will be hosting our annual Fire Danger Rating and School Emergency Processes Information session.

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is now in place The session will begin at 3:30 in Bunjil. This session will share very important information about the new FDR system and the Emergency Procedures our school has in place to support the safety of students during the upcoming bushfire season. We will be joined by representatives from the Christmas Hills CFA.

We strongly recommend a representative from each family attends this session.





This week we got stuck into understanding the internet. We looked at how search engines search and how we can use them to find websites. In the junior grades we were challenged with using key words to search for things online and found there's shortcuts to find specific items we are after. We also explored how to type professionally using a typing club login online. The seniors explored how to locate and identify a reliable and unreliable internet source. We then had a bunch of fun developing our own trustworthy and dodgy websites .

SWIMMING LESSONS

EXCITING NEWS

We have extended swimming lessons. We are running 3 more swimming sessions at Diamond Creek Swimming Pool. These lessons will take place on Monday 13th, 20th & 27th of November.

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 20th - Swimming lesson November 20th - Swimming lesson November 20th - CFA information session

November 24th - Prep transition November 27th - Swimming lesson December 6th - End of year fun day December 13th - 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 15th Healesville Sanctuary

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March 2023



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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).



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On elevated fire danger days schools in the highest levels of risk (categories 0, 1 and 2) take preemptive 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 <u>Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy</u> 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 <u>bushfire survival plan</u> 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 websitehttps ://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 <u>CFA's website</u>.
- 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 <u>them about bushfires</u> 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 handson 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
Maths: Shapes and Nets Senior School and Lower Secondary 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Maths: Digital Games 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
				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
Maths: NAPLAN Middle School 11:30am – 1:30pm	Maths: Dictionary 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: NAPLAN Senior School and Lower Secondary 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Maths: Dictionary 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
				NAPLAN Writing Prep Lower and Middle Primary 9:00am – 11:00am
				NAPLAN Writing Prep Middle and Upper Primary



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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
[] Salad Roll	\$6.00
[] Ham and Cheese To	pastie \$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	\$1.50 each
[] Sausage rolls	\$1.50 each
[] Hot Dog with Chees	e \$3.50
[] Hot Dog no Cheese	\$3.00
[] Chocolate Milk	\$2.80
[] Strawberry Milk	\$2.80
[] Prima Apple juice	\$2.50
[] Water	\$2.00
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Total	\$

Christmas Hills Primary School

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voices	Enter learning	personal space	Respect others'	models
	spaces in an	Take	privacy	Hear calm, polite
See inclusive play with a variety of activities	orderly manner	responsibility for your own learning		and friendly voices
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See people caring		Respectful	4	general public
for each other		listening		
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Respect nature				orderly, calm manner

Sharing

