

CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



22nd August, 2025 - Term 3 - Week 5



Curriculum Day

Staff took part in some very valuable professional learning last week at Kangaroo Ground Primary School. These days are always an important time for sharing and learning particularly with a range of new initiatives that are being rolled out by the department. We had some guest speakers who workshopped with us to reflect on current practices and how we can best support all our students.

Principal's Message

What a BUSY and EXCITING couple of weeks of learning we have had with National Science Week and Book Week! The children have all been super engaged in the learning that has taken place.

This week we welcomed Sue back from her wonderful holiday travelling up the centre of Australia and we also welcomed Madonna (a fourth-year pre-service teacher) who will be joining us until the end of the term.

There will be a timetable change until the end of term. Jayden will be running his music session with the students on a Monday at 10.00am with private lessons following.

Lastly, if lunch orders could be in no later than TUESDAY morning that would be greatly appreciated.



Important Dates Term 3

- 21st July - First day of Term 3
- 31st July - Snow excursion
- 4th August - School council meeting
- 11th - 15th August - Science week
- **15th August - Curriculum Day**
- 18th August - 22nd August - Book Week
- 20th August - Book Week dress up
- 27th August - Mumma Mia Play Excursion
- 28th August - Crazy hair day & 100 days of Prep
- 2nd September - Swimming
- 9th September - Swimming
- 15th September - School Council meeting
- 16th September - Swimming
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National Science Week

Science Week saw our budding scientists dive into the exciting world of chemical reactions! Through hands-on experiments, students observed how substances combine and transform creating everything from foaming chemical reactions to fizzing volcanoes. Science Week has been a fantastic opportunity to explore curiosity, ask questions, and discover the magic behind everyday reactions. A huge thank you to Chan and everyone who helped bring our classroom to life!

2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Information was sent to all families in relation to the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. We value your feedback, and your opinions are important to us as they contribute to identifying areas for improvement in the school. The survey should only take 20 minutes to complete and is now live and open until Friday 19th September. Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential and we are hoping that ALL families complete the survey.

Book Week

This week, our school was buzzing with imagination as we celebrated Book Week! We started the week with a visit from Penny Harrison, a highly regarded children's author who shared her ideas for story writing. We also participated in a live webinar through the State Library and listened to Andy Griffiths unpack his new book "You and Me and the Peanut Butter Beast". The children were so engaged in this session and asked to create their own ideas and illustrations for a story which we sent off to Andy Griffiths. Our costume parade was amazing as students (and staff) came dressed as their favourite book character. Thank you to everyone for making Book Week such a magical and memorable event — together, we've shown that reading truly opens doors to endless adventures!



Special Person's/Father's Day Brekky

We have organised a brekky on Tuesday 2nd September at 9.00am to acknowledge those special people in our lives. We will be having bacon and eggs rolls and Museli so we hope you are able to join us.

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Glasses for Kids

Please ensure that you complete the consent form for your child/children to have their FREE vision testing. The Glasses for Kids program offers a FREE vision screening, testing and glasses (if needed) at no cost for 5- to 10-year-olds. We are extremely lucky to have this offered to our families. The consent form is due on Friday 12th September.

Mamma Mia – Healesville High School-Wednesday

27th August

Next Wednesday we will be attending the student production of Mamma Mia at Healesville High School. We will be travelling by bus which has been provided, free of charge. Information has gone home to families via Sentral, and permission notes will need to be completed. Children must be at school by 8.45am. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to see firsthand programs on offer in a secondary school.

Maintenance Work

Our maintenance work is continuing. The canopy at the back of Bunjil is nearing completion and we are still waiting for the doors to our Shelter In Place to be fitted securely. Our switchboard was upgraded last week as part of the works, and we hope to see everything completed shortly.

Maria Parks
Principal



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Thursday
28th
August

Crazy Hair Day

Gold coin
donation



and

100

Days of Prep

CELEBRATION

Students will research where they want the funds to go

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.



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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:
\$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)

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