

CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter



2nd July, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 11



Lacrosse Sessions

The students have really enjoyed being introduced to the sport of lacrosse. We have been so fortunate to have access to a range of sporting experiences through grants provided by Sporting Schools. In these lacrosse sessions students enjoyed learning the basic skills including catching, through and cradling the ball and doing drills and games. We even have a couple of our students going down to Eltham Lacrosse to participate in sessions over the holidays.

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that term 2 is coming to an end and we are now heading towards the holidays. What a fabulous term we have had - with so many wonderful learning experiences for our students.

Our chickens have now transitioned to the chicken coup, and we have set up a roster for over the holidays. We appreciate those families who said that they can help with feeding and checking water to ensure our chickens are well taken care of while we are not at school. We would like to organise the roster, so please see below and let us know if you would be available to assist.



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
- 2nd September - Swimming
- 9th September - Swimming
- 15th September - School Council meeting
- 16th September - Swimming
- 19th September - Last day of Term 3 - 2:00 pm finish



Chicken Roster for School Holidays



Monday 7 th July	Wednesday 9 th July	Friday 11 th July	Weekend
Jodie			
Monday 14 th July	Wednesday 16 th July	Friday 18 th July	Weekend
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Athletics Sessions

Students had their final session last week with Kids' Athletics Program. Matt the coach was amazing, and the students developed their competence in fundamental motor skills such as throwing, catching and running and applied these skills to various game situations. They should our school's values throughout these sessions and demonstrated cooperation, respect and fair play. Matt the coach was very impressed!

Maintenance work will be completed over the holidays with final checks taking place to ensure all works have been carried out to a good standard. It has been wonderful to see everything getting "freshened up" and a range of things getting updated and repaired. Once all work is done students will be returning to Bunjil.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families and staff for their contributions over the term and wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 21st July.

A friendly reminder that it will be an adjusted day this Friday (4th July) and students will finish at 2.00pm.

"Book Bash" Online Sessions – State Library Victoria

Last week students took part in 3 online sessions with the State Library of Victoria. The Book Bash Program featured three of Australia's best authors including Anh Do, Sally Rippin and Amilia Mellor. The children had an opportunity to participate in these workshops with the authors, learning aspects of storytelling, how to bring characters to life and how to finish a story with a bang! We have lots of keen writers at CHPS and we look forward to seeing our students apply some of these techniques to their own story writing!

Maria Parks
Principal



School Reports

Semester One reports have now been uploaded to Sentral and can be accessed by parents. If you have any issues, please contact me. We will be offering Parent/Teacher Interviews in week 2 if parents would like to discuss their child's/children's progress.

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19th June, 2025 - Term 2 - Week 9



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.

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CHIRPS



Caring

Honesty

Inquisitiveness

Respect

Persistence

Sharing

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



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

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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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

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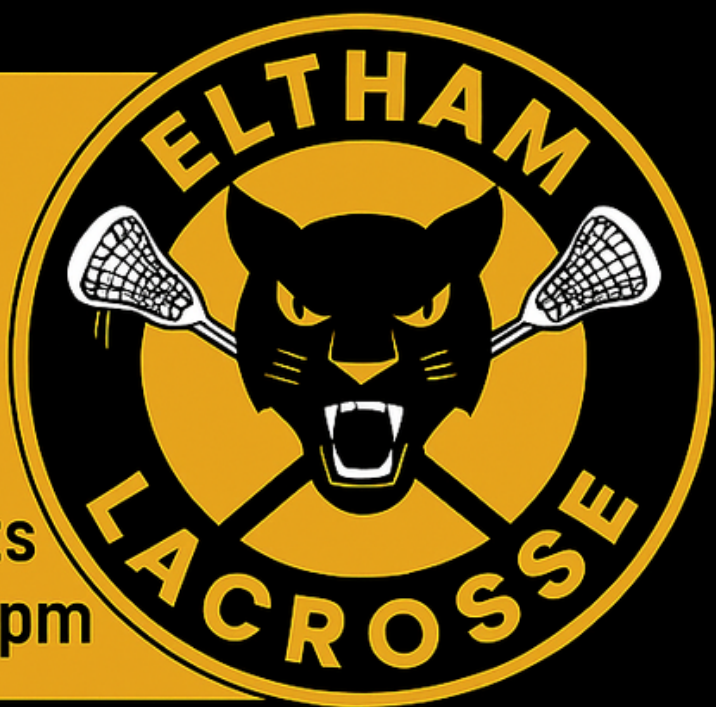


ELTHAM LACROSSE CLUB

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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STAPS



OSHC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

July Holidays 2025

Tues 8th, Wed 9th, Thurs 10th and Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th July

Tuesday 8th July
We all are Artists!
Painting Fun...

Wednesday 9th July
Create, Make, Explore!
Art and Craft
and Science combined

Thursday 10th July
Tie-Dye!
Starface is coming to
to tie dye with us!

Tuesday 15th July
Relaxing Day!
Chill out with fun
relaxing experiences

Wednesday 16th July
Wheels Day!
Bring your bikes or scooters
along to join the fun... (you
MUST have an appropriate
helmet, and bring along
knee/elbow pads etc)

Thursday 17th July
Scavenger Hunt,
Games and
Technology!
Fun to end Holiday OSHC...

Full Fee: \$80
subsidies apply in most
cases

Full Fee: \$80
subsidies apply in most
cases

Full Fee: \$95
subsidies apply in most
cases

Full Fee: \$80
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To Book In ...

Email: st.andrews.ps@education.vic.gov.au
or message the OSHC mobile on: 0427 245 921

STAPS OSHC Vacation Care is available to all STAPS students and is also available to students from other schools.

ALL students MUST have completed a 2025 STAPS OSHC enrolment form, and supplied any relevant medical plans.

Please note that STAPS OSHC has a maximum number of 15 bookings for each day.

Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July

Costs: Flat rate per student per day applies – special activities vary the price – see above
(Child Care subsidies apply to eligible families if registered)

Times: Available from **8:30 am to 5:30 pm.**

Children can attend for the whole day or part of the day, but please note that the flat fee applies.

Activities: The day will include outside games, relaxing "downtime activities" (possibly including watching a movie/short show), and **Special Activities (as listed above)**

Food: BYO LUNCH, with Fruit, and Snacks offered on the day

What else: Students MUST bring a water bottle each day, and wear closed-toe shoes and suitable clothing – coats are advised. (Gumboots/Slippers are also welcome)

OSHC Educators: Tracey, supported by other staff as required

Please note re Fire Ratings: If the day is EXTREME or CATASTROPHIC Fire Danger Rating, STAPS OSHC Vacation Care will be cancelled on that day.