

"Every Child, Every Day"

23rd April 2009

The Explorer

Your Newsletter from
Croydon North Primary School



TERM 2

APRIL

Friday 24th Inter School Sport
Lilydale

ALL OF THE KNOWN DATES FOR THE TERM HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON AN ATTACHMENT.

Everyone has settled quickly back into Term 2. It is going to be a very exciting and busy time.

We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and are enjoying this superb weather. I would like to thank Angela and Anne who spent so much time at the school over the holidays sorting, organising and beautifying the school. If you are able to come in and have a look around I am sure you will be impressed. Thank you also to Debi who worked on our new two year curriculum plan and the unit plan for this term. The underlying theme of class work this term will be "Teams and how they Work". This fits in beautifully with the production and what goes on behind the scenes.

Transition Activities

Term Two is the main term for transition activities for our children moving to Secondary School and Kinder children selecting their Primary School.

As well as members of our school community visiting the kindergartens the local kinders and Bumblebee have been invited to attend a performance by Tony Bones called "Cowboy McCoy and Cowgirl Shirl" on the 8th of May.

If you are aware of any school age children who are looking to enrol in Prep for 2010 please encourage them to do so by the end of this term.

Principal's Report

We will be needing volunteers for pamphlet delivery during the term. If you are able

Our Grade 6 students will be starting their round of outings to the local Secondary schools.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Production

The children are spending this week becoming familiar with the play "Calamity James", viewing a DVD and reading the script. Teachers will be discussing vocabulary and expressions which are not familiar. Next week Marilyn and I will select the main cast. This year we have decided to have Senior Level T. play the main roles on the both nights of the production and divide the Middle and Senior Levels over the two nights as the support roles.

A team of our Pre-service teachers are developing a DVD which will be available for sale at the end of the production time. They are working with the students to film practices, conduct interviews and form a record of the work leading up to the production and the production itself.

Inter-School Sport

Friday will be the first week of our inter-school sport with the Mooroolbark District. Our Senior students will be making an early start for a 9.30 game at Lilydale. We are fielding a Volley Ball and a Softball Team. We are very fortunate to have Debi's Pre-Service teacher, Ella, who played with the Australian Baseball Team, to coach our team.

Gardening

Emma, Anne's pre-service teacher is working with a team of children in the vegetable garden and beautifying other areas around the school. They planted the pretty pansies at the front entrance.

Education Week

Education Week will be upon us very soon. The theme for this year is "Let your children shine". Details will be following.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day will be a whole school event this year. On Friday the 8th of May we are inviting all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts etc. to come along for an afternoon tea and be part of a Shenanigan's Square Dance Performance. More details will follow.

Federal Building Grants

We are very excited because we have been told that we will be granted a very substantial amount of money to build and up-grade our facilities at Croydon North Primary.

Currently we are meeting with a builder to look at the feasibility of our ideas.

Suggestions have included an in-door basketball court built on the area of the front basketball court, upgrading the toilets, permanent shade structures over the playgrounds and sandpits, a covered walkway to the library and a refurbishment of the end of Block 1.

We have also been granted money for water tanks and solar panels. School Council is in the final process of selecting the most appropriate quote.

It is an exciting time.

STARS OF THE WEEK

JUNIOR LEVEL—Mrs D.

Marc	Excellent help with all classroom jobs.
Shaun	Excellent work and manners.
Mark	Excellent assistance with cross age tutoring.

MIDDLE LEVEL—Mrs B.

Bayley	Excellent research and discussion skills and endeavour with his writing.
Jacky	Excellent work in maths and values.

SENIOR LEVEL—Mrs T.

Jasmine & Emma	SLT'S Student of the term.
Amy	A great effort with her project.
Caitlyn	A great term's work.

OFFICE NEWS

EMA: There are still a few EMA cheques in the office. Please make arrangements with the school a.s.a.p. if you cannot come to the school in person to sign/collect your cheque.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Every family will be receiving photo order envelopes this week. (Siblings groups see note below). Photo day is **Wednesday 6th May**. The ordering system has now been programmed to accept multiple orders for any one student. If requested, we can provide an additional order form to second parent in shared parenting situations and the completed order envelope can be handed to our photographer on photo day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—ALL SIBLING GROUPS attending our school will be photographed on photo day. **NO PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED.** Photos taken on a "Proof basis" only. Proof copies together with full details of packs and design choices will be returned to the school prior to student photo delivery. Parents can place orders directly with the lab or via the website www.schoolphoto.com.au or call Aussie School Photos 9707 6655. Photo packages will be posted back to HOME address.

Please contact the office staff for if you have any enquiries.



Out of Hours Child Care (Phone 9727 2973 24 Hours)

OHCC news 2/4/09 9727-2973

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[PHONE 9727 2973 for bookings after enrolment forms \(Family AND Child\) have been received, please.](tel:97272973)

Welcome back after the holidays, everyone seems happy and relaxed! This week we have been playing table tennis and starting an Under the Sea poster.

As noted in the last school newsletter, this year the program has been unable to cover costs due mainly to fewer families using the program. While school council is supportive of the program it is necessary to raise fees to lessen the financial burden of the program on the school. You, as all families who need and use the service, must also be prepared to bear much of the cost of the service, thus the fee increase.

The fees will increase from next week, 27th April 2009 and the new fees are as follows:

Before school short session: \$7.00 from 8am and includes a drink/fruit

Before school long session: \$12.00 from 7am and includes breakfast

After school session: \$15.00 from end of school until 6pm includes afternoon snack/drink

Other fees remain the same at this stage. Late fee is \$5 each 5 minutes after 6pm and non-attendance or cancellation with less than 24 hours notice will be the same fee as the normal session. Curriculum Day program will be dependant upon numbers.

Please remember that Child Care Benefit and the government rebate of 50% of out of pocket expenses for child care will further reduce the cost to you for the care of your child. The care provided by our Out of Hour Child Care remains our primary concern and this care will remain at the same high standard while parents use the available time for work, study and other family or personal reasons.

Please contact Lynne at OHCC or phone 9727-2973 for further information on the impact of these new fees.

CAPTAINS' CORNER

Welcome back to school everybody! We are looking forward to Term 2. Our school will be having fun this term with our subject, TEAM WORK. We will also be working together in our production, Calamity James. Mrs. Box will be handing out scripts and casting for the roles in the next two weeks. This term, SLT will have inter-school sport. Sadly our grade six jackets have been delayed. But we have heard they are going to be here by the end of this week! This term it's not compulsory to wear hats but, it's important to remember to be Sunsmart!

Have fun!

Zac and Jas.



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