



## From the Principal Maria

We have had another couple of busy weeks with the students taking part in a range of activities and programmes. The term is racing away quickly and there is still so much to squeeze in! Our students have been extremely engaged in the learning experiences and have been working towards their learning goals in the classroom.

Our inquiry unit this term has truly enabled our students to broaden their knowledge of the human body and as you can see from the amazing photographs we share on our Facebook page, our inquiry approach supports the students to investigate, explore and discover!

The students also took part in a very special incursion ran by Yarra Valley Water. They participated in two sessions – Water Watchers and Sustainability. The Water Watchers program aims to teach primary school students about where water comes from, how people consume it, and why we all have a role to play in saving it. The presenter was so impressed with how knowledgeable our students were about the topic.

## VICTORIAN FIRE-DANGER RATINGS – NILLUMBIK LGA

Just a reminder to families that the school uses the Fire-Danger Rating for the NILLUMBIK Local Government Area (LGA). On days that are predicted to be EXTREME the school relocates to Kangaroo Ground Primary School and on days predicted to be CATOSTROPHIC the school is closed.

We are always guided by the Department of Education and the CFA regarding Fire-Danger Ratings and advise our parents/carers immediately once we receive any communication.

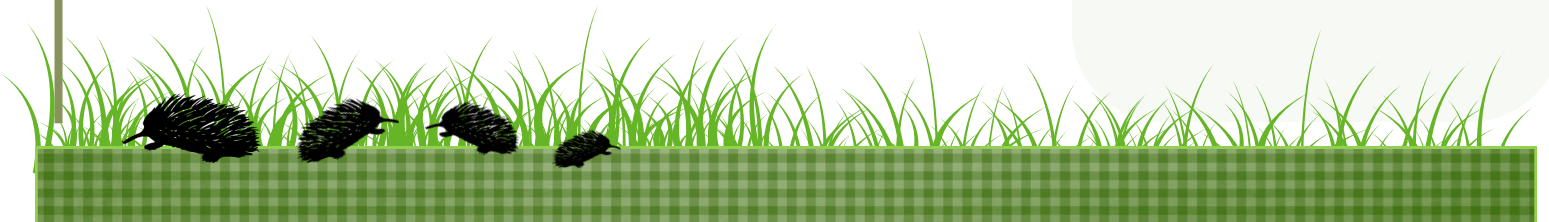
## Term One 7th March, 2024

### Important Dates for Term 1

- 8th March—Curriculum day
- 11th March—Labour day public holiday
- 12 March—Tennis lesson
- 13th March—NAPLAN
- 19th March - Tennis lessons
- 20th March—Athletics incursion
- 28th March-Last day of term—2:30 finish

### Term Dates

- Term 1 - 29th January - 28th March
- Term 2 - 15th April - 28th June
- Term 3 - 15th July - 20th September
- Term 4 - October 7th - 20th December



This Saturday 9th March is predicted to be EXTREME for NILLUMBIK (LGA). We have put plans in place to alert people that NO ONE SHOULD BE ON THE SCHOOL SITE DUE TO BUSHFIRE RISK.

## **NEW STAFF MEMBER**

We would like to welcome Sue Palmer to CHPS. Sue will be teaching Art at the school and comes with a wealth of experience in both teaching and learning and student wellbeing. Sue has been getting to know our students and spending time building relationships. We are very lucky to have Sue on board as she also has a passion for Art and the environment. This term Sue will be here on a Thursday teaching Art and working in the classroom to support student wellbeing and social emotional learning.

## **SENSORY GARDEN – INCLUSIVE SCHOOL FUND PROJECT**

Our project has commenced and it is already beginning to take shape. The crew from Modus Projects have been landscaping and clearing the area. The space has been fenced off whilst machinery and work take place and children have been reminded to stay well clear from the area. I met with the project manager yesterday and he has told me that we are on schedule to complete the work by the end of term – we cannot wait!!

## **SMALL SCHOOL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 1ST MARCH - HEALESVILLE**

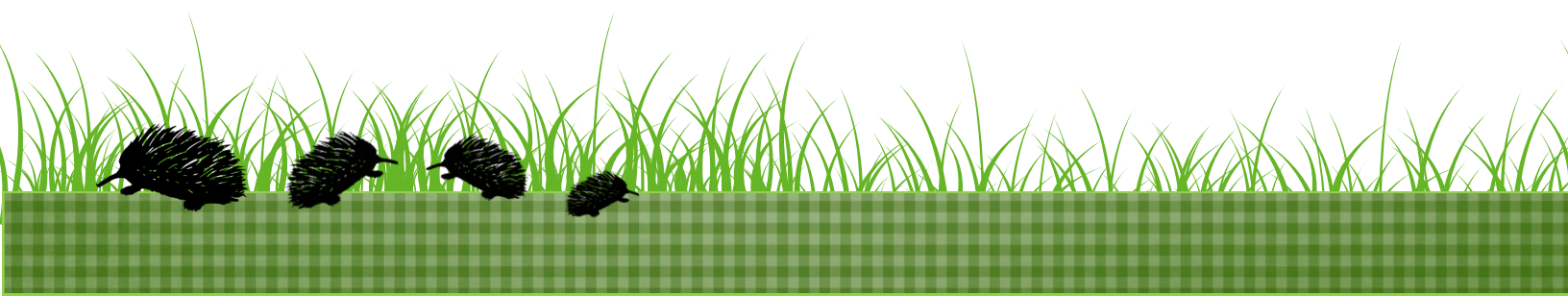
We attended the small school's swimming carnival at Healesville last Friday. It was a fabulous day and we had the sun shining! Our students participated in a range of novelty events and had a terrific time. This event also provided a great opportunity for our students to meet children from other schools. Christmas Hills Primary School received a Certificate of Achievement for coming runner's up!! It was an extraordinary effort and well done to everyone. Thank you to those parents who attended and also to Andrew Devissor (Yarra Division Coordinator) who organised this event.

## **CHPS 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – DATE CHANGE**

School Council met this week and it was decided to change the date for our 150th Anniversary Celebration. This will allow for more time to get our grants secured so that we can make the event a success.

This event will now be taking place on Saturday 26th October in Term 4 (week 3). I would like to extend a BIG thank you to Georgette and Jacqui who have started with the organisation.

Maria Parks



# Meet Our Staff

Sue - Our new art teacher and tutor



## About Me

I am a grandmother to four girls and another one on the way.

I will be 70 soon.

## My Favorites

COLOR: Blues and Greens

FLOWER: Daisies

HOBBY: Reading

DRINK: Lemon Tea

FOOD: Asian cuisine

SUBJECT TO TEACH Art

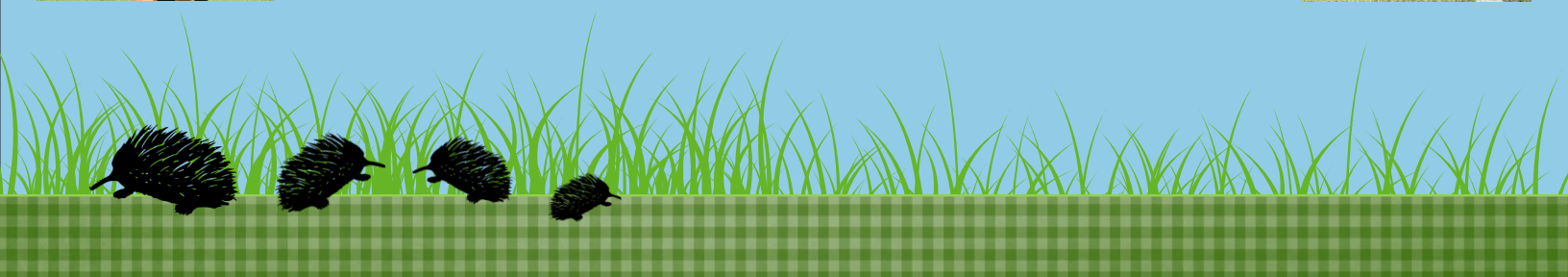
## Fun fact

I am 21% Chinese on my fathers side





# OUR WEEK AT C.H.P.S

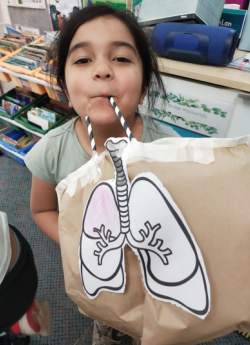




# OUR WEEK



## AT C.H.P.S





# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



CELEBRATING

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Saturday 26th October

10:00am - 2:00pm

1409 Eltham Yarra Glen Road, Christmas Hills

Come and join in the free activities including live music and entertainment for families,  
as we celebrate the 150 year anniversary of  
Christmas Hills Primary School



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](mailto:Christmas.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL **PLAYGROUP**

9:30am - 11:00am  
Every Tuesday morning



**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**

Playgroup will be held in the  
Christmas Hills  
Primary School Library  
9730 1238  
1409 Eltham Yarra Glen Road  
Christmas Hills





# JOIN THE FUN IN 2024!



**NAB AFL Auskick** is for everyone and offers an inclusive environment for ALL boys & girls aged 4 to 9 years at any skill level to play & have fun!

Clinics held on **Saturday mornings from 9.30am - 10:30am** at Warrandyte Reserve from **4 MAY FOR 14 SESSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$99**. For more information please contact Kane or Beck - your Auskick Co-Ordinators email: [warrandyteauskick@gmail.com](mailto:warrandyteauskick@gmail.com)



**WJFC** is the perfect place to create long lasting friendships, develop footy skills & maintain fitness. Rules are modified for younger age groups with zoning & no tackling, it's a terrific way to experience team sport!

Games are held on Sundays throughout the YJFL catchment area during terms 2 & 3.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW: U8-U10 \$220, U11-YOUTH \$290**

For more information please contact email: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org)

REGISTER  
FOR AUSKICK  
SCAN HERE



REGISTER  
FOR WJFC  
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## GIRLS GALA DAY!

**Monday 18 March – 4.45pm to 5.45pm**

For more information please contact email: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org)

REGISTER FOR  
GALA DAY  
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## NEW PLAYERS WELCOME - FREE UNIFORM FOR NEW U8, U9 + U10s

For more information regarding **Auskick** or **WJFC** please use email contacts below:

Auskick: [warrandyteauskick@gmail.com](mailto:warrandyteauskick@gmail.com)

WJFC: [secretary@warrandytejfc.org](mailto:secretary@warrandytejfc.org) or [www.warrandytejfc.org](http://www.warrandytejfc.org)

Warrandyte Reserve - Corner Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd & Taroona Avenue





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# DARK HORSE



## 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 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 3:30PM TUESDAYS**



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# Being SunSmart in Victoria



## When UV is 3+



**Slip** on covering clothing



**Slop** on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen



**Slap** on a broad-brimmed hat



**Seek** shade



**Slide** on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

## When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.



Download the SunSmart Global UV app to find sun protection times for your location.

March 2023



Scan the QR code or visit [sunsmart.com.au/app](https://sunsmart.com.au/app) to download.



Cancer Council  
Victoria



## 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).



On elevated fire danger days schools in the highest levels of risk (categories 0, 1 and 2) take pre-emptive 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**.

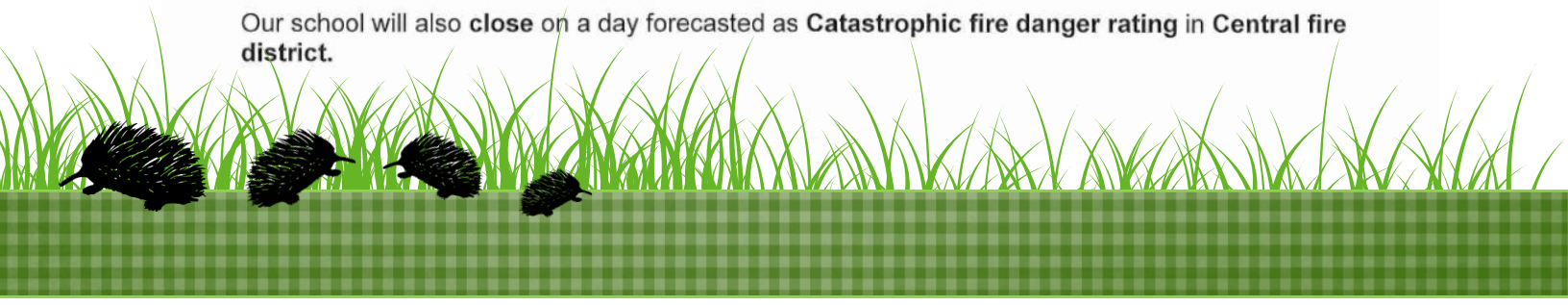
As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and such as reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

### *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 [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) 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 [bushfire survival plan](#) 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?***

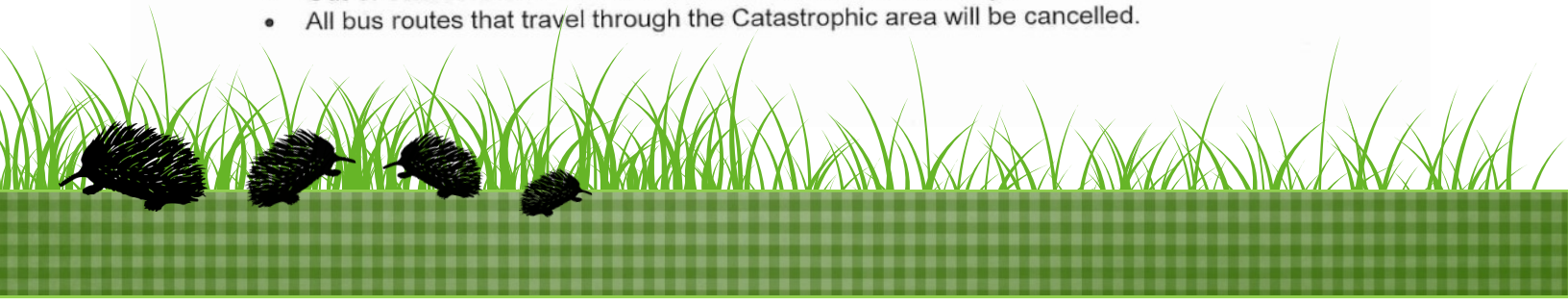
Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district**.

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 website <https://www.christmashillsp.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 [CFA's website](#).
- 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 [them about bushfires](#) 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

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# Christmas Hills Primary School

At CHPS we show our CHIRPS by...

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 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 - \$21.50
- Wide brim hat - \$15
- Communication satchel - \$15
- Child vest - \$17.90 Adult 21.20
- Blue gingham dress- \$18
- Grade six top - \$46