



## From the Principal Maria

Term 2\_2024 Newsletter – Week 1

Welcome back to our families and students to Term 2.

It has been wonderful to see the smiles on the students' faces this week and from all accounts they have returned keen to learn and happy to see their friends and teachers.

This term will be another busy one with a range of activities planned. Our Bush School is continuing to run on a Monday at 2.00pm. Adam (the teacher) delivers an amazing program providing the students with a range of opportunities and experiences.

Also, our Art program has seen students produce some wonderful and creative pieces of artwork. Sue always tries to utilise our bush surroundings when creating pieces of art. Students have been so engaged in these sessions and have been learning a range of new skills.

### ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments remain the same and our focus for this year will be building our enrolments especially for 2025. We are continuing to utilise social media to market the school and post updates of programs and events. This term we will be working with the local kindergartens and early learning centres to build a connection and profile in the community. We will be arranging some visits and offering story time sessions. We will also be working towards arranging possible visits to our school from the centres, inviting them to experience and participate in some of the programs we offer here at CHPS.

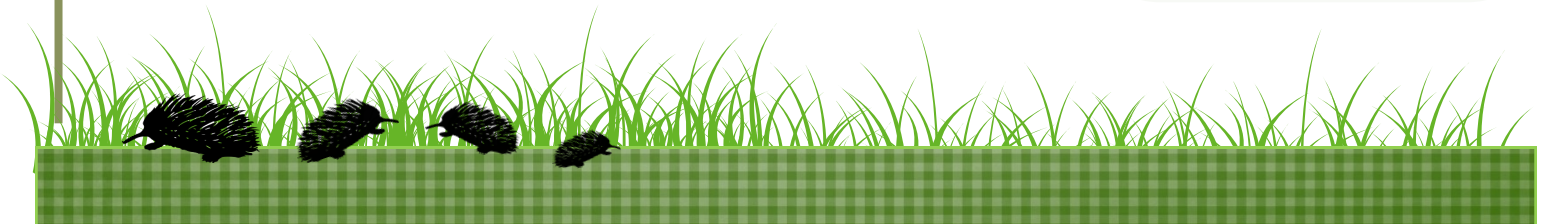
**Term Two**  
**19th April, 2024**

### Important Dates for Term 2

- 15th April - First day of Term 2
- 23rd April - Curriculum Day
- 24th April - Anzac public holiday
- 14th May - Photo trail - Maroon-dah Dam
- 10th June - Kings Birthday public holiday
- 18th June - Tiger Paw Incursion
- 28th June - Last day of Term 2 - 2:00pm 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



## **PLAYGROUP AT CHPS**

Playgroup is up and running every Tuesday from 9.30am. We will continue to advertise however please put the word out if you know of anyone who may have small children and who are looking to meet other families in the area. Thank you to Georgette who does a wonderful job with the playgroup and welcoming families to our school.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM (Monday 15th April)**

Last Monday, School Council met for our Annual General Meeting (AGM). I would like to extend my appreciation to Jacqui Bell for the work she has done previously in the role as our School Council President and thank her again for taking the role on this year. Also, I would like to say thanks to Georgette who again has taken on the role of fundraising, and to Julia who has joined School Council this year.

## **CHPS 150th ANNIVERSARY – NEW DATE Saturday 26th October (Term 4 – Week 3)**

The school has applied for a grant to assist with the CHPS 150th Anniversary. Thank you to Jacqui for submitting the grant application. We should hear around June if our submission was successful. Also, the Bendigo Bank is offering the school a donation which will help with funding the day. Thank you to Jacqui and Georgette for their assistance with getting things moving. Our next 150th Anniversary Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday 13th May (Term 2 – Week 5).

## **INCLUSIVE FUNDS GRANT FOR SENSORY GARDEN**

The project was completed over the school holidays. The sensory playground looks amazing and we were able to add a couple of extra elements. The students are already investigating and utilising the garden and new sandpit, both of which provide a tactile sensory space for all students.

Any donations of sand equipment for our sandpit including diggers, trucks, buckets and spades would be greatly appreciated.

## **SAFE TREE PROGRAM – GRANT**

Over the school holidays we had some high-risk tree works completed as part of the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) Safe Tree Program. Arborists were onsite over two days pruning and removing trees that posed a possible risk to safety. The arborists were kept very busy over the two days as there was quite a bit of work to do. Regular inspections of the trees are undertaken each year as part of our facilities management audit.



## SWITCHBOARD UPGRADE

We had A-Grade Electrical onsite over the holidays as well upgrading the school's switchboard. This upgrade had been scheduled for some time so it is somewhat of a relief for it now to be completed particularly with the colder months approaching. Hopefully now we will not experience any tripping or fuses blowing causing a loss of power!

## CURRICULUM DAY Wednesday 24th April (Term 2 – Week 2)

Next week, we will be having our Curriculum Day before the ANZAC Day public holiday. All staff will be participating in professional learning which will take place at St Andrews Primary School. The focus will continue to be on the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) where we will learn about a range of classroom-based strategies to support and engage students, including those with complex needs. These days are always extremely valuable and also allow us to network with other schools to build on our own professional learning. If you require OSHC on this day please contact St Andrews Primary School (STAPS) on their mobile: 042 7245 921.

## ANZAC DAY INVITATION FROM YARRA GLEN RSL

We have received an invitation from Yarra Glen RSL to take part in the commemorative service in Yarra Glen on Thursday (25th April). All our families are invited to attend the service and I encourage those who may be available to come along. We will have Elijah and Sunni speaking at the service on behalf of CHPS and presenting the wreaths. We will make the wreaths at school on Tuesday so please send your child/children along with some flowers to be included in the wreaths.

There will be a march which will start at 10.15am and proceed up Bell Street to ANZAC Avenue, then to the cenotaph in the park near the CFA station. The commemorative service will start at approximately 10.30am.

Thank you in advance.

Maria



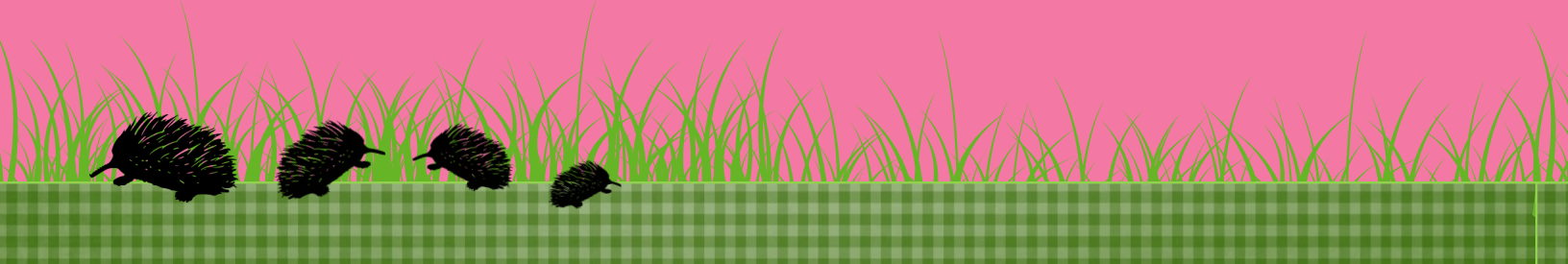
**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's We Forget*





# OUR WEEK

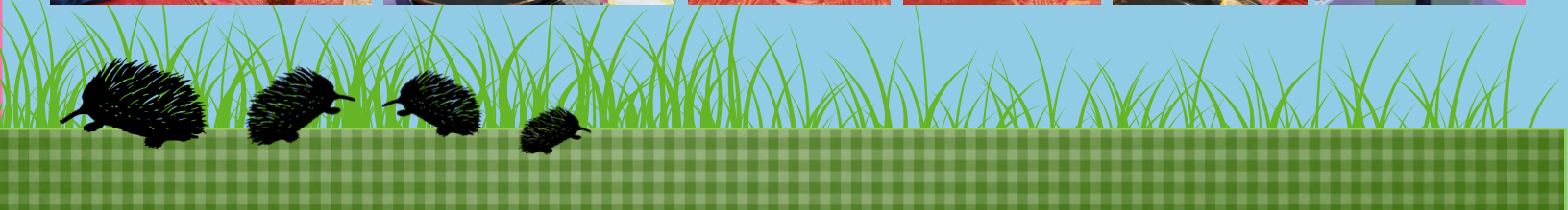
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# CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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



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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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Caring Honesty Inquisitiveness



# 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 - \$25.00
- Wide brim hat - \$15
- Communication satchel - \$15
- Child vest - \$20 Adult 25.00
- Blue gingham dress- \$20
- Grade six top - \$50



## MyTime WARRANDYTE

### Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and  
share experiences  
with others who  
understand

#### FIND US AT:

Warrandyte Community Church  
57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte  
Park & Enter at back of building  
Fridays Fortnightly 9.30am - 11.30am

#### CONTACT:

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0413 655 659



[mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au)

# MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

## Fridays, fortnightly

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
19th April 2024	Coffee & Chat	Blowing & Catching Bubbles
3rd May 2024	Mini High Tea	Paint Hand Print Pictures
17th May 2024	<b>Make:</b> Decorate & Plant Herb Pots (all materials supplied by Bunnings)	Treasure Hunt around the Play Space
31st May 2024	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Kate Dawson, Carer Gateway. Discussing Services provided for carers	Songs & Stories
14th June 2024	Coffee & Chat	Build a Toy Village
28th June 2024	<b>Make:</b> Kid's Edible Fancy Treats (all materials supplied)	Let's Be Wombats Make Wombat Masks

**NO SESSION ON EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE RATING DAYS**

\*activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.

