CHRISTMAS HILLS

Primary School

Newsletter





2nd August 2024 - Term 3 - Week 3



2024 Enrolments

We have a new prep enrolment for 2025 and since uploading our virtual tour on the website have taken some calls regarding tours and enrolments for 2026.

Visits to the Yarra Glen Early Learning Centre and Yarra Glen Preschool last term went well. According to the teachers, there are still quite a few children from both centres who have not yet enrolled for Prep so we will continue to promote our school and hopefully build on our enrolment numbers.

Principals Message

We have certainly experienced some cold weather lately and along with it some illness! Hopefully, things will begin to get a bit warmer however once the fog has lifted in the mornings the days are just beautiful!

The term has gotten off to a busy start with lots of activities organised. We welcomed back Svetlana this week who enjoyed a holiday with her family travelling overseas to Europe and the UK. The children were super excited to see her back and hear about her adventures. (Our staff members were just little envious – me included!!)





Our preparation for our 150-year anniversary celebration is underway and we are planning the details to ensure it is a big success. Even though we are a small school we work well as a team, and I appreciate everyone's support including our fabulous staff members who are always keen to help and take on extra.

Enjoy your weekend!













Important Dates Term 3

- Eltham Leisure Centre Swimming Lessons 1:30 2:30 2nd August, 6th August, 9th August, 13th August, 16th August, 20th August, 23rd August, 6th September, 13th September
 - 10th 18th August Science Week
- 19th August Book Week dress up and activities.

Term Dates

Term 3 - 15th July - 20th September

Term 4 - October 7th - 20th December

Curriculum Days - 7th October, 4th November, 20th December

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19th July 2024 - Term 3 - Week 1



Home Reading

Thank you for supporting the children with their home reading. It is great to see them now coming into the classroom and changing their readers independently. Finding a regular time to listen to your child/children read can sometimes be challenging however being flexible is important as it can sometimes take place at breakfast time or in the car on the way to school.

Garden Programme

We have employed Debbie Azevedo (ES) one day a week who will work both in the classroom and with our garden program. Debbie has done an amazing job re-establishing the garden and getting it back to looking wonderful. We have been involving the children in the planting and designing of the garden, giving them some responsibility and agency. We have also received a donation of soil and weed mat from Hurstbridge Garden Supplies.





CHPS Playgroup

Playgroup continues to bring new families into the school. This week we had 12 families attend. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful job Megan is doing welcoming new families and organising the playgroup each week. Our car park was absolutely full – families were complaining that there was no where to park!!!! The atmosphere in Quip Quip was just incredible and it was a great opportunity for Svetlana and me to touch base with families and build those community connections.

St John Ambulance Victoria – First Aid Training for Students -25th July

Last Thursday, Tatiana from St Johns First Aid visited our students, providing a highly valuable session that kept the children fully engaged! They learned important skills such as CPR, DRABC(D), and how to respond in emergencies.



Swimming

Our sessions commenced this week, and the children really loved the personalised attention they each received in these sessions where they learnt important swimming and safety skills. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these swimming sessions to our families at no cost.



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1st August, 2024 - Term 3 - Week 3









Literacy



Kids Helpline Incursion







Inquiry











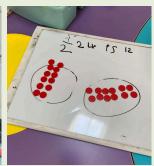




Maths











Swimming

NEWSLETTER



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.



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 <u>exact change</u>.





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

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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CELEBRATING



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









BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE ALONG TO SOCIALISE, EXPLORE, EXPERIMENT & PLAY AT OUR RELAXED COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP. SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR MINI WHILE YOU FILL YOUR CUP CHATTING WITH OTHER GROWN UPS.

ALL WELCOME!

Christmas Hills Primary School 1409 Eltham—Yarra Glen Rd Christmas Hills

For more info contact Megan 0413174 415

Upcoming Dates Term 3

15th July - First day of Term 3

- 30th July Swimming
- · 2nd August Swimming
- · 6th August Swimming
- 9th August Swimming
- · 13th August Swimming
- · 16th August Swimming
- 19th August Book Week Drees Up & activities
- · 20th August Swimming
- · 23rd August Swimming
- · 25th July St Johns First Aid Incursion
- 6th September Swimming
- 13th September Swimming
- 20th September Swimming
- · 11th October Swimming
- · 18th October Swimming
- 20th September Last day of Term 3 2:00pm finish







Exciting Activities coming up

Swimming Session Dates

- 30th July
- 2nd August
- 6th August
- 9th August
- 13th August
- 16th August
- 20th August
- 23rd August
- 6th September
- 13th September
- 11th October
- 18th October

Book Week 19th August - 23rd August Book Week Dress up day - 19th August

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders from Dark Horse are continuing this term.



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 St, (enter at rear of building) Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am

CONTACT:

Sue Batcheler - Facilitator

Email: suzanneb@mytime.com.au

Mobile: 0413 655 659



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MyTime term plan

Fridays, Fortnightly

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY	
26th July 2024	Coffee and Chat, including discussion on money & time saving tips	Developing Fine Motor Skills: Make pasta necklaces	
9th August 2024	Guest Speaker: Specialist school teacher giving insight on special needs schools	Encouraging Movement: Songs & Dance	
23rd August 2024	Guest Speaker: Kim Henderson, Behaviour Management	Sensory Play: Playdoh	
6th September 2024	Make: Mosaics Part 1	Father's Day Craft	
20th September 2024	Make: Mosaics Part 2 (If you are not able to attend both mosaic sessions, you can attend just one)	Encouraging Imagination: Paint Mosaic Art	

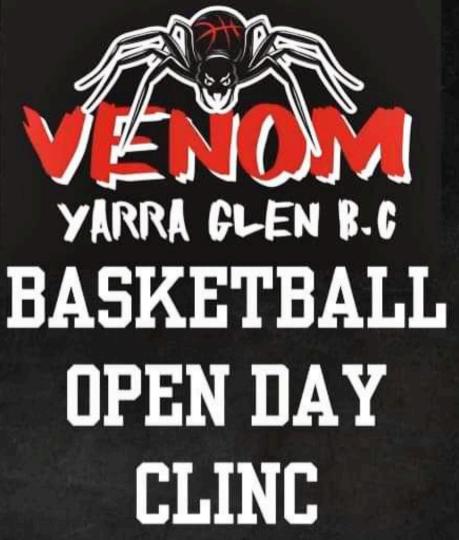
* Activities may vary depending on group interests and ability.











Yarra Glen Venom are hosting a FREE open day clinic for all ages.
It's an opportunity to come and try!!
Register your interest via the QR code or link for any enquiries please email us at secretary@yarraglenvenom.com

2.00-4.00PM

11th

AUGUST

Gary cooper Pavilion 16 Anzac Avenue Yarra Glen Yarra Glen Basketball stadium

