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Education



Great opportunities—personal attention

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FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENT NOTES: Please ring the school when your child is sick or provide a note or Doctor's certificate if your child has been away for an extensive length of time. Sick notes can also be emailed to the school.

HATS: All students need to wear a school hat. Many children are coming to school without their hats and this can't be happening. Hats are \$13 each and are available from the office. We follow a NO HAT NO PLAY policy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Please make sure that all students are in full school Uniform we have second hand jumpers and jackets that you are welcome to come and look through. Uniform needs to be paid for on the day of purchase either with cash or a parent online payment.



Reminder of COVID Directives

NEW COVID DIRECTIVES

As reported in the media there have been new updates regarding schools and Covid.



It is still encouraged that if your child(ren) have flu like symptoms they should be kept at home. If any child presents at school with any Flu like symptoms you will be contacted to come and take them home.

But, the most defining rule that will affect you and the school is the Covid Testing rule. If your child has any flu like symptoms it is now set that they **MUST** have a Covid Test and cannot return to school until a negative result is issued.

If the result is positive, then you should follow all medical advice.

There are a few testing centres in the Hawkesbury.

The easiest is the testing station at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds. It is open from Mon-Fri 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

There is also testing done at The Windsor Douglass Hanly Pathology, although you do need to make an appointment.

If your child does have the test the school needs to know. We have set protocols for reporting and that also means the child cannot return to school until there is a confirmed negative result. This is usually sent out as a text. You can forward this text to our school mobile; **(0448 695 297)**.

Again, I thank every student, parent and teacher for their incredible effort throughout this time and hopefully down the track we will return to total normality before too long.



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Biodiversity Project Update

As reported in the previous newsletter we have received a grant to help regenerate the native biodiversity around the school. We are about to build a number of bird and animal shelters to put up around the school as well as a few 'frog hotels' to encourage the amphibians back to school.

Yesterday we had an online meeting with the organisers of the project, Longneck Lagoon Environmental Centre going through our progress. This is a list of what we have achieved so far;

- * We have planted 36 flowering natives around the school with each 3456 student responsible for 1 or 2 plants (ie watering, fertilising and weeding).
- * We have constructed two 'Frog Hotels' and are trying to encourage some amphibian visitors.
- * With the help of Mr Hayne, we have constructed three bird/animal shelters that will soon be put up into three school trees. Hopefully we will get some new guests here as well.

Overall the class have been quite busy and are looking forward to seeing progress over the remainder of the year.





Swimming Scheme

I apologise to everyone that I haven't communicated the fact that this year's swimming school has been cancelled. It was cancelled late last term due to COVID. We are hopeful that we will be able to attend in 2021. Again, I apologise for not informing the community earlier.

Parent Survey

A reminder that there is currently a request for parents to participate in an online survey. This survey is important as all N.S.W schools are currently in a major restructuring process regarding future directions. The information that is part of this survey is valuable for this process at Colo Heights Public School.

If you have a spare 10 – 15 minutes we ask that you go online and complete the 'Tell Them from Me' survey. All you have to do is enter the web address below and answer the questions.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/coloheights2020>

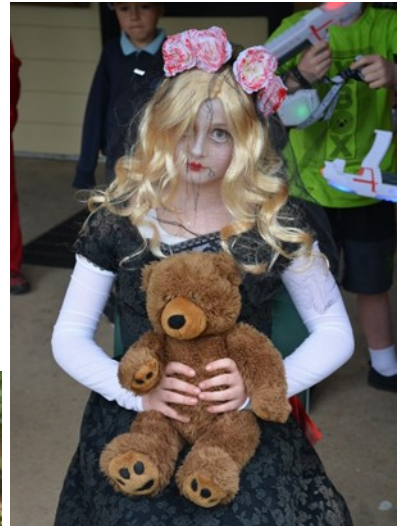
Book Fair

Last Tuesday we had our Monster Book Fair. Congratulations to all the students and staff who dressed up so scary and monster like.

A big thank you to all the families for purchasing books. For a small school we raised around \$1600. As a result, the school will receive rewards towards future purchases for our Library.

A huge thankyou to the P&C for providing \$10 per student towards their book purchase. Your consistent support of our students is truly appreciated.

And special congratulation to Ms Bailey for organising the day. With the games, the cupcake making and the colouring competition, all students had a great day!



Movie Day

Yesterday students received permission notes for our whole School movie day that will occur on Wednesday 25th November. 2020 has been a quite troublesome year when it comes to excursions and camps, so we have been able to book the movies for just our school. The students will see a soon to be released movie ('The Croods' - Part 2).

After the movie we will return to school for a special lunch. There is a cost of \$10 movie entry for each student but the school will pay for the bus costs, a small treat at the movie and the lunch back at school.

Please note that **ALL** N.S.W Department of Education directives will be followed and in accordance with all COVID matters.



2020 Presentation Assembly

We will be having our annual Presentation Assembly at the end of the year, Monday the 14th December. But due to COVID it will be a school only assembly at this stage. However, because we will be holding it at school in the playground we will be able to invite our Year Six parents to the assembly.

We understand the frustration to all the other families but due to the fact it is our Year Six's last assembly at Colo Heights Public School we feel it is most important their parents get the chance to be part of this event.

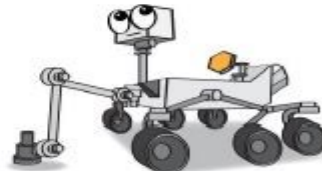
We thank you all for your understanding.



Is your child in Years 4, 5 or 6? Are they fascinated about space? Do they want to have fun on Mars?

One Giant Leap Australia Foundation is offering a whole day, practical workshop – designing Mars Rovers, completing robot challenges and learning about the mission to Mars.

Location: Richmond Club
Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Date: 21st November, 2020
Price: \$ 140.00*



Register at: <https://onegiantleapfoundation.com.au/space-for-a-day/>

Limited numbers.

This is an approved Creative Kids program.

Use your \$ 100 Creative Kids voucher before 31st December.

Every child in NSW is entitled to a Creative Kids voucher – <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creativekids>

*includes morning tea and lunch





Congratulations
to our
"Star Student"

RJ

Every assembly we announce the star student.
A Star Student represents the best qualities of

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.

We hope all students can strive to achieve this award throughout the year
and continue demonstrate these fine skills.

*"At Colo Heights Public School, we are Responsible and Respectful
students, who strive to do our Personal Best".*



IMPORTANT DATES

- *Wednesday Student Banking*
- *Movie Excursion 25th November 2020*
- *1st December YR5/6 Tree tops*



Thank you,
Glenn Ellis
Principal

