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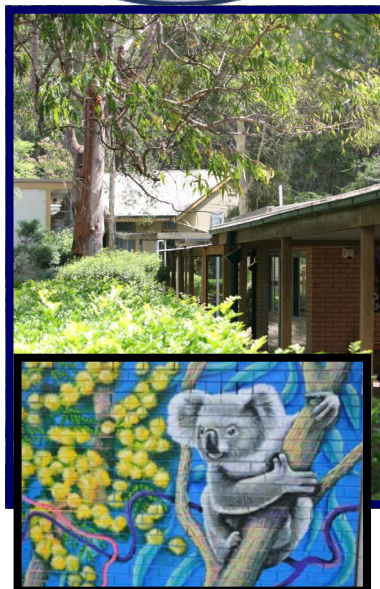
TERM 1 Week 3 2023

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENT NOTES: Please ring the school when your child is sick or provide a note. If your child has been away for an extensive length of time please provide a Doctors Certificate. Sick notes can also be emailed to the school.

HATS: All students need to wear a school hat. Hats are \$15 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. Uniforms need to be paid for on the day of purchase either with cash or a parent online payment.



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our students, staff, families and friends.

So now it's week three and it's time to begin an exciting new year of learning at Colo Heights Public School. Like last year, we have two classes; K12 and 346.

The school structure for 2023 is:

Name	Role	Information
Mr G Ellis	Principal 346 Class Teacher	Mr Ellis has Principal Days Wednesday & Thursday Teaching 346 Mon, Tues & Fri
Mrs C Webb	K12 Class Teacher	Mrs Webb is 'Permanent Part Time' which means she does not teach on Fridays.
Mrs J Daly	346 Class Teacher K12 Teacher	346 - Wednesday & Thursday K12 - Friday
Ms K Bailey	APCI Library Release from Face to Face Learning Support Teacher	Mrs Bailey is at school: Monday to Friday even weeks. Monday to Thursday odd weeks.
Mrs C Laboyrie	School Administration Manager	Mrs Laboyrie is at school Tuesday to Friday. She is not at school Mondays.
Ms C Joseph	Teachers' Aide	Ms Joseph is at school Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Mr S Hayne	General Assistant	Mr Hayne is at school Tuesday

It has been a great start to the year with all students keen to learn in 2023. We have been especially pleased with our new Kindergarten and in the way they have started the year.

As the year progresses, we will be offering senior camp, excursions, incursions, music, sport and craft activities. We are very mindful about costs, and we will endeavour to keep as many activities within reasonable costs to families. If there are any queries please contact Mr Ellis to work out support of some kind.

We are very excited for what the New Year brings and look forward to sharing many wonderful learning experiences with our wonderful and amazing students.



‘CRAFT A NOON’ – Tuesdays

With the Covid lockdowns a distant memory we would like to start the year with an invitation to any parents/grandparents who may be able to spare an hour each Tuesday to help the students complete their Hawkesbury Show craft entries.

The ‘Craftanoons’ begin on Tuesday the 14th of February. Craft session will begin at 1:45PM and go to 3:10PM. We have a few parents who have already volunteered.

If you would also like to join in, please contact the school.

New Flag Poles

For those keen eyed, the school now has two new flagpoles. The poles are situated better in the school to take advantage of assemblies and ceremonies. We also are able to fly the Australian and Aboriginal Flags at the same time.



Awards at Colo Heights Public School

We will continue with the school's award system this year as was being implemented last year with one new change to the CHPSY system.

At our fortnightly assemblies we will be presenting selected students with;

Merit Award – for good class work

Homework Award – for returning high quality homework.

Sport Award – For students participating and trying their best at sport

Student of the Week – one student from each class who has performed well at a particular part of class.

STAR STUDENT – one student from the whole school who demonstrates and upholds the school's **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST**. They will also have their picture published in the school's newsletter.

CHPSYs

Throughout a fortnight teachers hand out '**CHPSY Points**' for many different reasons, in class and out of class. The classes have a checklist which keeps count of all CHPSYs for the fortnight. As children progress there are prizes (see below). We have had to lower the amount of 'sometime treats' in the rewards as we are a Healthy Food School.

10 CHPSYs – **CH**uppa Chup

20 CHPSYs – **CH**oc Wedge plus they will receive a '**CH**ertificate' at the assembly.

If the child cannot have a particular prize, there can be an alternative.

Congratulations 2023 SRC

We have our new SRC (Student Representative Council) for 2023. The SRC meet with Mr Ellis to discuss possible ideas and changes that can benefit the students and the school. The SRC is led by our 2023 Year Six Students.

Students will be presented their SRC badges at this week's assembly. We are inviting parents if they can spare the time to come up to the school next Friday, the 17th of February starting at 10:30AM. If you can't make it, we will be sending home photos, as well as, posting photos (only students with parental permission) on the school's Facebook page.

Congratulations to:

Year	Name
Year Six Leaders	Zachary, Mya, Jackson, Ellee and Riley
Year Four	RJ and Jesse
Year Three	Cody and Lucas
Year Two	Melaina and Frankie
Year One	Ivy and Samantha



School Student Monitors

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully applied for the following roles. The students volunteered knowing they would be giving up some of their own time to perform their roles. Thank you everyone for your dedication towards the school.

Flag Monitors

Mya, Ellee, Riley and Jackson



Library Monitors

Mya, Ellee, Janelle, Jesse and Abigail



Sport Monitors

Riley, Zachary, Jackson, Zackary, Jesse, Lucas

We will also be presenting these students with their badges at the assembly of Friday the 17th of February, starting at 10:30AM.

School Drink Bottles

At this stage we are still encouraging students to have their own drink bottle. We now have a filling station to ensure students' bottles are full.

Every student was given a school drink bottle when they first started at school. If you would like to purchase a new school drink bottle, they are for sale at the office for \$5 each.



School Lunch Heat Up

We offer the service of heating up lunches using the school microwave. However, as this does impact on Mrs Laboyrie and Teacher's time, please remember we are limiting each student to just **two (2)** heat ups each week. Please provide cutlery for your children in their lunch boxes if they have food that requires spoons or forks.



Morning Milk

A reminder that the school does sell chocolate and strawberry milks each morning for students. The cost is \$1 each.



This is quite popular for the students who travel the long time on the morning buses.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews later this term. This is for parents to come up and discuss each student's beginning of the year and where to next.

The Interviews are Wednesday the 8th of March starting at 2:00PM and going to 4:30PM.

Booking Forms will be sent home in the next few weeks. If you can't make the date, we can organise a phone interview.



Apple Slinky Wednesdays

Every Wednesday Recess, we offer the students the opportunity to turn their apple into a slinky.

Bring an apple on Wednesday and have a fun fruit snack.



P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday the 22nd of February** starting at **3:30PM**. Please remember, we need new members to keep the P&C running in 2023. If you can spare the time (we meet twice a term) and you would like to help with fundraising for the students, please attend this meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

- *14th February Craftanoon*
- *Cheeky Monkeyz sport every Friday*
- *23rd Feb small schools swimming carnival*
 - *Week 8 & 9 Naplan weeks Yr 3*
- *21st March harmony Day Magic Craig show*
 - *Tuesday 28th School photo's*



Thank you,
Glenn Ellis
Principal



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