### NOVEMBER 14th

#### BOOKS V'S TECHNOLOGY

I read with interest an article on the front of the Sunday Age last week featuring well known children's author Mem Fox. In it she was expressing concern about the amount of time children are spending (unsupervised) on electronic devices and tablets. In some cases parents are using this technology as a form of 'baby-sitting' that occupies the children when parents are busy. She talks about the great value of shared reading between parents and children when the adults can help the children to understand and interpret the story, building their emotional and social skills at the same time. The article makes the point:"

''I suggest parents think of tablets and mobile technologies as a digital playground and just as you wouldn't leave your child in the park alone, we shouldn't leave them alone in the digital park.''"

It is worth reading and be accessed in full at - http://www.theage.com.au/national/-2x8wh.html

#### GRADE 3/4 CAMP

Yesterday morning our Grade 3/4 Campers set off on their three day camp to Yarra Junction's CYC Camp Adanac. Despite the gloomy weather everyone was in high spirits and looking forward to the next three days. Fortunately, the camp has a large indoor area so fingers crossed the weather will improve. It's hard to believe this lengthy wet spell in November!

#### PREP TRANSITION

The second 2014 Prep transition session took place on Tuesday and the children had fun spending time with Dale Goldsmith and Greg Oswald. I spent time in our multipurpose room speaking to many of our new parents. Interestingly one new parent had been previously been taught by Greg Oswald and a second by Dale Goldsmith - a little reminder that none of us are getting any younger. I never knew Goldie eats the skin of his kiwi fruit!

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### TERM DATES FOR 2013

#### TERM 4

- 7th October - 20th December
STAFFING NEWS

Last week we completed a lengthy selection process to recruit two new teachers to join our team in 2014. It is with much pleasure that I announce the appointment of Rebecca Beed and Jessica Leach. This week we begin another recruitment process for a third new teacher due to our increasing enrolment e.g. 36 x Grade 6 students will depart our school and our 2014 Prep enrolment currently stands at 66. I would like to sincerely thank Dale Goldsmith and Pauline Donovan for their amazing work on the selection panel. We received many high quality applications which took many hours to read.

SCHOOL FEES

Next week parents will receive information about the 2014 school fees which the School Council has set at $400. The letter you will receive will outline a number of payment options. The fees will increase by $10 from this year. A breakdown of the $400 is - $195 for Essential items, $35 for ICT costs, $90 Excursion Levy and $85 for the Swimming program.

PARENT SESSION

In this week's newsletter an invitation is being sent home inviting parents to a information session being presented by Nicky Johnson on Monday 25th November from 7-9pm in our new Grade 5/6 building. Nicky is a children's author and specialises in children's anxiety disorders. She will discuss strategies that parents can use to help our little worriers. I sincerely thank Karyn Mitchell who has organised Nicky to speak to our school community. Nicky will have her full range of books for sale. Tea and coffee will be provided and entry is by a gold coin ($2) donation. Friends from outside our school community are most welcome to attend.

Graeme Russell

'See you around the school.'
**CHRIS THE APPLE MAN IS BACK**

Chris delivers apples and pears straight from the orchard to the school every fortnight. His next delivery is Friday 22nd November. If you wish to place an order please have your order and money to the office by 9.00am on the Friday morning.

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**CAR BOOT SALE**

**Saturday**

**November 30th, 2013**

9:00am – 1:00pm

Kilsyth South Baptist Church

382 – 388 Liverpool Road Kilsyth South

Next door to Eastwood Golf Course

50 plus stalls – Jumping Castle for kids, Sausage Sizzle even breakfast for early starters + Devonshire Teas

Book a Stall - $15.00 per site; tables for hire - $5.00

Further details on sites call Gordon or Liz Symons on 0411 777 692 OR Church Office – 9762 8954

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**Happy Birthday to the following students**

November

11th Dylan Rodda
12th Zane Smart
15th Ashlynn Geoghegan
16th Hayden Smith

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**Croydon Model Railway Exhibition 2013**

**Dorset Primary School**

Rescorla Ave, Croydon 3136

Melways Ref. 51 A7

9:00 to 5:00 Saturday 16th of November

10:00 to 4:00 Sunday 17th of November

Prices: Family $18

Family Ticket =

- 2 Adults + 2 Children
- Kids $6
- Conc $6

1 Adult + 3 Children

Children under 13 years old

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**CROYDON MODEL RAILWAY CLUB Inc.**

Registered Number 400024737F

P.O. Box 153, Croydon, Vic, 3136

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<td>Tahlia Marshman - for a big effort to write her letters neatly and the right size. Fantastic Tahlia. Willem Bone - for taking his time with his handwriting. Keep it up Willem!</td>
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<td>Asher Hodge - for being very respectful during our Remembrance Day assembly. Well done Asher! Kade Terure - for doing a wonderful job ordering the numbers to 100, counting by 10. Great thinking Kade!</td>
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<td>Kirah Millar - for always presenting her work in an attractive manner.</td>
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<td>Danah McRoss - Beautiful handwriting</td>
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<td>Andrew Berezy - for excellent skills and enthusiasm in Maths. Awesome Andrew Angel Winson - for her detailed and descriptive writing. Keep it up Angel</td>
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<td>Grace Russell - for terrific work on her Oxford Words dictation.</td>
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<td>Bethany Lobb - for her well thought out writing and beautiful illustrations in her Rainbow Fish story. Super effort Beth!</td>
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<td>Benjamin Zinnow - For always approaching his work with a mature and positive attitude. You are a great role model for others.</td>
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<td>Zoe Keltie - for excellent work on inference after reading 'Old Pig'.</td>
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<td>Phoebe Hazeldine - for her positive approach to her learning and her great improvement in her work ethic.</td>
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Prep:
Kyan Saunders-Anderson-- for not making a big deal about things when they don’t go his way and moving on. You really keep things in perspective Kyan!

Grade 1:
Olivia Curson--For always working co-operatively in group situations and working through a solution the whole group can agree on.

Grade 2:
Alyssa D’Alanno-- for her ability to keep things in perspective and remain resilient in challenging situations.

Grade 3:

Grade 4:

Grade 5:
Jazmine Lacy - for participating in our Bounce Back sessions with thoughtful and constructive ideas.

Grade 6:
Ben McArthur--for always approaching matters with a clear level head and focussing on keep things in perspective and not dwelling on the past issues.
Nicky Johnson
Monday 25th November 2013
The Basin Primary School
7pm - 9pm

“After the diagnosis of my eldest son's anxiety disorder, I have been able to help thousands of little worrie around the world. I strive to be a valuable resource in supporting educators, parents and youth workers in dealing with little worriers, as I continue to develop new resources helping children with anxiety.”

Children’s author and illustrator Nicky Johnson will be presenting a special seminar for parents at The Basin PS. Nicky is a specialist in childrens anxiety disorders and will be discussing strategies that we as parents can use to help our ‘little worriers’.

This is a really great opportunity to hear one of the leaders in this area share her experiences and have an opportunity to ask questions following her presentation.

Nicky will also have her range of books for sale and will be happy to sign them for you.

The presentation will be held in the Grade 5/6 building.
RSVP by Friday 23rd November 2013.

For more information about Nicky please visit www.happyhero.com.au

Tea and coffee will be provided and entry is by gold coin donation.
PUMPKIN & FETA BAKE:

OVEN - 200c

1kg jap pumpkin

extra virgin olive oil

1/3 cup rice, soy, cows milk...whatever you prefer.

8 eggs

1 small-medium brown onion

150g baby spinach leaves

100g Danish feta

- Peel, deseed and slice pumpkin about 2cm thickness and place onto a lined (baking paper) tray.

- Peel and chop onion into small wedges and place in between and around the pumpkin.

- Lightly drizzle with the extra virgin olive oil, season with salt and pepper and bake for around 20-30 minutes or until pumpkin is just tender.

- Lightly drizzle the base and sides of a 20/20cm baking dish with extra virgin olive oil.

- Place baked pumpkin on the bottom overlapping pieces if needed, sprinkle baked onion all over the top of the pumpkin following with the spinach leaves.

- Put the veg bake back into the oven for no more than 3 minutes just enough time for the spinach to wilt slightly. While you are waiting, use a whisk to mix 4 whole eggs and 4 egg whites in a jug with your choice of milk.

- Take dish out of the oven and crumble the danish feta all over the top of the spinach, followed by carefully pouring the whisked eggs & milk on top.

- Bake for around 30 minutes, or until golden on top and egg has set.

YUM!! Hearty & warm on a cold day as a main OR great as a side to enjoy as part of a salad platter with your favourite BBQ goodies, ENJOY! :)}
**Cookery Club Recipe**

**BANANA BREAD**

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- 1/2 cup (75g) self-raising flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 125g butter, melted, cooled
- 2 eggs, whisked
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed

**Method**
Step 1 - Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line the base and side of an 11 x 21cm x 6cm deep (base) loaf pan.
Step 2 - Combine flours, sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl. Whisk butter and eggs together. Stir in banana. Spoon into prepared pan. Smooth the surface.
Step 3 - Bake for 45-50 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside in pan for 10 mins before turning out onto a wire rack. Serve warm spread with butter.

**Cancellations**
Please don't forget if you pick your child up from school either during the day or straight after school to let us know that Your child is not going to attend. To do this phone **0428 162 718** and leave a message.

**Next Week at OSHClub Theme:** - All About Animals

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**Parent Information**

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OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  
** Assistants This week:** Leah, Jessica, Kathryn, Laura  