## From The Principal’s Desk

It was nice to be able to welcome to our school yesterday, our local federal MHR for CASEY, **Tony Smith**. Tony spoke to grade 5/6 students about Civics and parliament and presented the school with a new Australian flag at Assembly outlining its features to all who were there. With Tony being touted as possibly the next Speaker of the parliament, this may be one of the last times we get to see him at our school in person.

Winter is lingering and with it so too are colds and flu. We have had a **spate of absences and illness** already this week, with staff as hard hit as anyone. But with around 20% of our students away yesterday, it is worth parents noting that there seems to be a bit going around. It is heartening when children say they don’t want to miss school, even when they are sick, but obviously the reality is if they are ill, they need rest and time at home.

It has been noticeable in recent times that a number of students are coming to school wearing **black items of clothing**, especially pants and tights. Please note that these are not part of the current uniform, and as such **should not be worn**. Whilst, being mindful of cost, we have been prepared to be a little lenient on blue items of clothing; the expectation of the current policy is essentially that all items worn on the torso and legs, with the exception of shoes and socks, should be navy or light blue.

**Parent Opinion Surveys** were distributed to a random sample of 40 families recently. To make the information gleaned from these surveys as valid as possible, we need as many of these as possible returned. Whilst the due date may have passed, we will hold on to these for a few more days to ensure any **late returns** can be sent with those submitted on time, for external analysis.

Miss Carter, Mrs Orchard and I will this week complete the **NCCD** (see last week’s News Sheet). There would appear to be nothing else for parents to do, however we ill contact you personally if we need any further information.

Please be vigilant on checking for **head lice**. It is a problem which all schools face, but one which is hard to eradicate without vigilance from every parent.

Have a gorgeous week.

Peter Donaldson

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### Coldstream Primary School’s

**Value of the Week**

**BE YOUR BEST**

*Try hard and aim for excellence in everything you do*
Notes You May Have Missed

Fried Rice Lunch

Attendance Champions

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Parent Club News

Fried Rice Lunch – Orders are coming in for our next special lunch which is next Thursday the 13th. Please have all orders in by Tuesday the 11th as no late orders can be accepted.

Christmas in July Raffle – was a great success; congratulations to all of our winners.

Shopping Tour – with the deposit now confirming our booking for the tour in October, if you haven’t as yet sent your RSVP and deposit to school please do so ASAP.

Chocolate Drive 2015 – with only two families left to return their money or chocolates and with all boxes sold out we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Buddy Bear Transition

August 3rd, 2015

What an awesome time the pre-school children had at their third Prep Transition yesterday. Our 2016 Foundation students and buddies participated in a ‘Buddy Bear’ transition where they participated discussion and games around what it means to be a good friend.

A big thank you to Bethany, Shayla, Nathan and Paige for all of their wonderful help with the session.

Miss Carter & Mr R.

Transition Program for 2016

Our next activity with our Foundation students for next year is P.M.P. with Mrs Monks & Barb. We are looking forward to seeing our new students on Tuesday 1st September from 2.15 to 3.00pm.
O.O.S.H. Happenings

At OOSH we are planning to Yarn Bomb a tree outside our room. We have started knitting and crocheting with the children and quickly realized that it going to take a very long time unless we ask for help. If anyone in the community would like to help us by knitting or crocheting we welcome you. Drop in and let us know. The plan this term is to knit, crochet, make as much as we can. In term 4 we will plan a week where we will invite our helpers to join us in piecing it all together at After School Care.

Denise, Leanne, Emilie, Barb and Scott.
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IS NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
2016 Transition Program is up and running!

Please call in, phone, or email for an enrolment form any time between 9.00am & 4.00pm.

School tours available upon request.

“Where Fun Meets Academic Excellence”
Storytime

at
Coldstream Primary School

1st Friday of the month
commencing August 7th
at 9:30am

for pre school aged children

Kelso Street Coldstream
for further details on these free sessions
please call
97391680
Coldstream Crocs Cricket Club

The Coldstream Cricket Club (The Crocs) is an active member of the local community. We have teams ranging from Milo Cricket, Junior through to Senior.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and invite you to join our ranks.

The Crocs is holding a registration day for both Junior and Senior teams on Friday 21st August at 6pm at the Club Rooms. If you or your children are considering “pulling on the whites” this summer, come down and meet the Crocs Team and have a look at our fantastic facilities.

The Crocs is a family club which encourages all ages to have a go. Cricket is a great way to get some exercise outdoors. Membership is quite reasonable, with junior membership being capped at $90. The only other expense is a pair of whites. All other equipment is provided.

Warmest Regards,
Coldstream Cricket Club Committee