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**HOURS OF SCHOOL  
SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN  
8.45AM TO 3.45 PM  
Before and Afterschool Care  
is available**

**5th May 2022**

**GREEN & GOLD**

### Calendar Dates to Remember

- May 10, 11, 12: NAPLAN Grade 3 & 5
- May 13th Fri: Prep Excursion—Healesville Sanctuary
- May 19th Thu: Whole School Cross Country
- May 21st Sat: Election Day—Cake Stall
- May 25th Wed: Open Day—2:30-4:00, 6:00-7:00
- June 6th Mon: Curriculum Day—No School
- June 10th Fri: 1/2 Excursion—Melbourne Museum & IMAX
- June 13th Mon: Queens Birthday Public holiday—No School
- June 22nd Wed: Parent Teacher Conferences
- June 23rd Thu: Whole School—Kaboom Percussion Concert
- June 24th Fri: **END OF TERM**

**UNIFORM SHOP  
OPEN  
MONDAYS  
8:30AM—9:15AM**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### TERM 2

Welcome back everyone. Term 2 has started very smoothly.

It is going to be a busy term with NAPLAN, an Election on site at school and the whole school cross country.

Year 5/6 are already into interschool sport (weather permitting) and the preps will meet Murrundindi at Healesville on May 13.

Bell Shakespeare have begun their work with the Year 3 – 6 students. It was so wonderful to invite them back after postponing due the COVID.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Pupil free day Monday June 6**

The Victorian Education Department has directed all schools to have a whole school Professional Practice Day for staff. This came about from the new EBA. I apologise for another day on top of our curriculum days, but due to COVID causing a state wide shortage of CRTs it was not possible for schools to manage individual professional practice days.

**NAPLAN – 10,11, 12 May**

**Whole School Cross Country – May 19**

**Election – Cake stall - May 21**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Mothers' Day Stall.

The parents who worked so hard on the gifts and working on the stall Monday and Tuesday and the parents who allowed their children to participate. We are really grateful we can allow everyone to choose special, low cost gifts for the special person in their life.

We made \$605.55 which will go toward a class set of Virtual Reality headsets.

## NAPLAN

Next week years 3 And 5 will complete the NAPLAN tests. The tests are completely online this year, which will be a new experience for our students. It also means it goes off on different branches depending on how the individual answers the questions.

I have reservations about this as the computer algorithm is really deciding whether a student could or could not complete some more difficult questions later in the test. It is my experience that often some mistakes are made early on, but a student can still do well later.

We use the NAPLAN data for whole school analysis and to set new targets especially in our review this year, however the results are no where near as useful as the knowledge the teachers have of the students from every day observations and assessments.

## INTEGRATED STUDIES

This term each level is undertaking some really interesting topics.

Year 5/6 are learning about government and elections – so timely with the current lead up to May 21.

Year 3/4 are engaged in a history unit. They will learn of the arrival of the First Fleet and its impact on Australia and the colonial explorers.

Year 1/2 are investigating mini beasts and looking for creatures around the garden. They will study their characteristics and classify.

Preps are studying the needs and care of living things. They will see the delivery of a mother rabbit and her kittens, in the near future, as well as heading to Healesville with Murrundindi.

## DONATIONS FOR ELECTION SAUSAGE SIZZLE by May 20

The Melba Chaplaincy Committee raise funds to support the work of Chaplains at Melba Secondary and Croydon Primary. They will be providing the Election 'democracy sausage' on May 21.

They need donations of sauces - tomato, BBQ and mustard. If you can buy one when you are shopping and bring it to the office we would be really grateful.



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### CAKE STALL – ELECTION DAY

Parents club will have a cake stall on Election Day. These have been very successful in the past. We would welcome donations on Friday or Saturday. We will send out an ingredients label and paper plate, closer to the date. We must provide the ingredients as a health requirement.

If you can give some time to help serve on the day that would be great also.

A roster will be in the office. We are usually one of the busiest booths.

### WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Thursday 19th May

We are really excited to be able to have cross country again. Parents are most welcome to watch and cheer.

Students dress in house colours. A note will come home reminding you of what colour that is. Please make sure it is 'race' appropriate – e.g a t shirt, no dresses or shoes that you can't run in!

### INTERESTING MOTHERS' DAY FACTS

ANCIENT GREEKS AND ROMANS CELEBRATED MOTHER'S DAY.

Ancient myths allude to the fact that Greeks and Romans celebrated Mother's Day by honouring the goddess Cybele, personifying Mother Earth (Gaia) and the goddess of fertility, and Rhea, mother of the Gods.

MOTHER'S DAY WAS ORIGINALLY A DAY FOR WOMEN TO PROTEST AGAINST WAR.

Social activist Julia Ward Howe first brought the idea of Mother's Day to the United States after the Civil War, but Howe's version was much different from the flowers-and-hugs version we know today. Howe wrote the Mother's Day Proclamation and envisioned a Mother's Day for Peace, in which women would protest against war.

*Wishing every Mother a very special Mothers' Day on Sunday. I hope you are able to spend family time together.*



*Kind Regards*

*Julie Gilbert*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO STUDENTS HAVING THEIR BIRTHDAY FROM

22nd April to 4th May



San Nuam, Alexia, Victor  
David, Andrew & Ollie



### Fresh Eggs for Sale

Due to popularity we are selling our eggs by the 1/2 Dozen \$3.00.

Please place your order at the office.



## Breakfast Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8.30am to 8.50am

Come and enjoy a free breakfast.

There is cereal, toast, canned fruit and  
more.

Everyone is welcome.



## WE WANT YOU!



Students in Grades 3 to 6 have an opportunity to **learn music**, participate in **weekly brass band rehearsals**, and weekly **tutoring from a professional musician!**

If you're interested, ask for a **form from the office**, or email **Chandra Exon**  
**Chandra.Exon2@salvationarmy.org.au**



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