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**HOURS OF SCHOOL  
SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN  
8.45AM TO 3.45 PM**  
Before and Afterschool Care  
is available with TheirCare  
**20th February 2025**

**GREEN & GOLD**

#### Calendar Dates to Remember

##### February Dates:

Feb 20th Murrundindi Year 5/6  
Year 1/2 Police Visit

Feb 21st Excursion—5/6 Huddle STEM

Feb 27th Metro Train In school visit Year 1/2  
Stand up Training Year 5/6 9.00-12.50

Feb 28th Bike Ed Year 5/6

##### March Dates:

March 5th Paramedic Visit 1/2  
AGM Parents Club 9.00am (Staffroom)

March 7th **CURRICULUM DAY— NO STUDENTS**

March 10th **LABOUR DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

March 12th Naplan Starts Year 3 and 5

March 14th Year 5/6 Sport Gala Day

March 19th—21st Year 5/6 Camp— Cave Hill Creek

March 24th Naplan Ends

March 28th Year 5/6 Bike Ed

##### April Dates:

April 2nd **School Photos**

April 2nd **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

April 4th Year 5/6 Bike Ed

Whole school Cross Country (11-1pm)

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30pm FINISH**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It has been great to hear that parents have used our “Show Up’ to Encourage the eating of breakfast.

Staff have noticed more students ‘opting in’ to their learning.

### GYMNASIUM

Work is under way!.

Fences have gone up – please remember you can park at Coles and enter the school on Kent Ave near the crossing. The path takes you around the back of the hall.

Site sheds arrived this week and once power and sewer is connected and walkways constructed the trades will begin.

Completion date is the end of 2025 , ready to start for 2026.

Mr Ross is very excited!!

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## MURRUNDINDI

It was wonderful to see Murrundindi this week. He spent a day with 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6.

Some highlights included boomerang throwing and possum ball.

We have also purchased a class set of clap sticks for the students to use during Performing Arts.

Preps will have their first day with Murrundindi next term when they get a special tour of Healesville Sanctuary.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## STATION PLANTING

Our Year 4 students were invited to plant the final plants in the new station car park last Thursday. This marked the completion of the station. The new roads and station have made the school more accessible and the crossing of roads and train line has been made safer for our students. Thank you to Sonja Terpstra, our local Upper House State member who invited us to take part and helped the students do the planting.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## YEAR 5/6 IMMIGRATION MUSEUM EXCURSION

The year 5/6 students had a really beneficial day at the Immigration Museum last week. It added context and depth to the Immigration topic they are investigating this term. Thank you to the staff for organising the outing. We are really lucky to be able to travel without cost on the train.



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## CHILDREN HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE

Chores are routine but necessary tasks, such as washing the dishes or folding laundry. Research suggests there are benefits to including chores in a child's routine as early as age 3. Children who do chores may exhibit higher self-esteem, be more responsible, and be better equipped to deal with frustration, adversity, and delayed gratification. These skills can lead to greater success in school, work, and relationships.

Attitudes toward chores vary considerably. Some children are eager to help, while others are not. However, there are many benefits from involving your child in age appropriate chores including:

- Learning time management skills
- Developing organizational skills
- Accepting responsibility in the family
- Providing an opportunity for success (especially for a child struggling in Other ways)
- Learning to balance work and play from a young age
- Setting a good foundation for functioning independently

**CHORES FOR KIDS: BUILDING RESPONSIBILITY BY AGE**

**2-3 YEARS:**  
At this age, kids love imitating adults. Keep tasks simple and fun!

- Put toys in bins
- Set napkins or spoons on the table
- Wipe small spills
- Throw trash in the bin

**3-4 YEARS:**  
They're ready to follow simple instructions and handle slightly more complex tasks!

- Make their bed (with help)
- Water plants
- Feed pets
- Put dirty clothes in the laundry basket

**4-5 YEARS:**  
Now they can take on tasks with multiple steps and begin learning about responsibility.

- Sort laundry by color
- Clear their plate
- Help pack snacks
- Dust low surfaces

**5-6 YEARS:**  
At this stage, they're ready for more independence and tasks requiring focus!

- Fold simple clothes
- Sweep or vacuum small areas
- Help with meal prep
- Organize toys and books

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Here are some tips to help you start introducing chores to your child:

- Set clear and reasonable expectations. Let your child know exactly what needs to be done. For example, "please take out the trash from the kitchen after breakfast."
- Establish regular routines. For example, "Clean up before dinner."
- Be consistent. Changing rules and expectations can create confusion and frustration.
- For younger children, focus on small, manageable tasks. Make longer jobs fun and cooperative. Use songs or games if you can.
- Set up a star chart or reward system with specific goals to monitor progress and encourage good behaviour.
- Be a good role model. Children will more easily learn to pick things up and keep their rooms neat if they see others in the family doing the same.
- Don't forget to give positive feedback and reinforcement and join in a child's pride when a chore is done. For example, "Great job on the toys!"
- Pick your battles. At the end of the day, a messy room is not the end of the world.

Remember these are skills and may require a learning process. It may seem faster to do the chores yourself, however, helping your child to learn these will be helpful in the long run. If you need to loop back to help them complete a task correctly, it may mean they are still learning. Picking a chore that is appropriate for your child will increase likelihood of success.

## PREP TOURS FOR 2026 HAVE BEGUN

Please let parents at kinder know school tours have begun.

The enrolment system does not open until the beginning of Term 2- April 22.

We are happy to take paper enrolments for our siblings to make it easier than the online system. Please chat to the office.

## CURRENT PREPS 2025 FULL TIME MARCH 3

Students will complete the Literacy and Numeracy testing next week.

Preps come to school 5 days a week beginning March 3.

## INTERESTING FACTS – COLLECTIVE NOUNS

A group of geese on the ground is called a gaggle, but a group of geese in the air is called a skein.

A group of pandas is most commonly called an embarrassment of pandas, most likely due to their lovable and clumsy habits.

A group of jellyfish is usually called a smack. But can also be called a brood, a flutter, a smuth, a stuck, or a swarm.

*Kind Regards  
Julie Gilbert*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO  
STUDENTS HAVING  
THEIR BIRTHDAY FROM**

**20th February to 6th March  
Ad, Emmy, Elaine, Henry, Haydn, Frankie  
Kaylee, Gareth, Grayson, Heidi, Rangsiroj,  
Cabir, Hafzibah, Harvey.**



### **UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

**Mondays 8.30am-9.15am**

**Please check lost property before  
purchasing a new jacket or jumper.**



### **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.



### **Parents Club 2025**

Croydon Primary School is a great community and the Parents Club aims to make our school an even better place for our students to grow and learn.

**AGM**– The parents club AGM will be held in the staff room near the office on Wednesday the 5th of March at 9am. This is our first official meeting of the year, when we will determine the President and Vic-President for 2025. **All new members welcome.**

We understand that many parents can't make it to meetings during school time. There are many ways that families can contribute:

#### **Easter Raffle– Donations Required.**

We will be holding an Easter raffle to celebrate the end of term. We would appreciate any donation of Easter related items to make up the prizes.

#### **Mothers Day Stall– Donations required**

Every year we hold a Mother's Day stall that is very popular with the kids. Once the day gets closer we will be looking for volunteers to help run the stall.

#### **Craft**

If you like to create we are always open to donations of small items for our Mother's & Father's Day and Christmas stalls. We also appreciate donations of craft supplies that our crafty members can transform into items for sale.

# FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC



F O S T E R S  
*Phantoms*

## Come and Try Basketball

Open to all boys and girls (5yr+) wanting to have a shot at basketball and have some fun!



Lilydale Heights College  
17 Nelson Rd, Lilydale



Tuesday 11th & 18th March



5:30PM - 6:30PM



Register via our website!  
[www.phantoms.com.au/clinics](http://www.phantoms.com.au/clinics)



[www.phantoms.com.au](http://www.phantoms.com.au) | [info@phantoms.com.au](mailto:info@phantoms.com.au) | Contact - Ashleigh (0403693212)

Paper application forms can be picked up from the office.



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# HOLIDAY CAMP

Our Holiday Camps are **FREE**  
Funded by our amazing donors!

**DATES**  
City Camp: Monday 7th - Friday 11th April  
Malmsbury: Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

**Malmsbury**  
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria  
**Giant Swing & Rock Climbing**  
**Canoeing, Archery & River Walks**  
**Pottery & Nature Craft**

**City**  
Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD  
**Shows & Comedy**  
**Swimming & Sports**  
**Melbourne Zoo & Eureka Skydeck**

**Transport**  
City: Doxa transport provided from Bendigo and Traralgon/Pakenham.  
Malmsbury: Doxa transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ON:**

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# JOIN US!

## Mullum Netball Club

Play for enjoyment, to be part of a team and make friends

- Training on Tuesdays at Mullum Primary School
- Matches: HE Parker Reserve Heathmont

For info - [mullumnetballclub.com](http://mullumnetballclub.com)  
or [mullumnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:mullumnetballclub@gmail.com)



## Melba College Chaplaincy Fundraising Event.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm



**\$15 per head**

Which includes Ice-Cream, Soft Drink and a yummy bag of Lollies to enjoy during the movie.

And supper will be served after the movie.

(Cash and Card accepted)

No booking necessary – just turn up on the night.

Gifford Village Community Centre,  
387A Maroondah Hwy, Croydon North.  
(Previously Croydon North Uniting Church)



# 2025 mixed U8'S

ELIGIBLE DATES OF BIRTH  
**1/1/17 - 30/4/18**



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