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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 March 2025

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

March Dates:

March 19th—21st Year 5/6 Camp— Cave Hill Creek
March 24th Harmony Day— wear orange
March 24th Naplan ends
March 28th Year 5/6 Bike Ed
No Assembly

April 4th Year 5/6 Bike Ed

April 4th Whole school Cross Country (11-1pm)

**LAST DAY OF TERM Assembly at 2.00pm
FINISH at 2.30pm**

April Dates:

April 2nd **School Photos**
April 2nd **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Indigenous Celebration & Holiday dates

March 16th Close the Gap Day



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

5/6 CAMP

Our year 5/6 students headed off to Cave Hill Creek yesterday and will return tomorrow.

They toured Sovereign Hill on the way to camp before arriving for dinner. We have chosen the camp so they can practise the bike riding skills they have developed in Bike Ed.

They are also involved in Archery, Low Ropes, Map Reading and Possum Glider.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are on Wednesday April 2nd. There are 2 ways to order

The School photos will be taken by Elite School Photography. Orders can be made online via the Elite School photography [website](http://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au) at www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au, prior to the day.

Please use the password ESP202515 to order.

Family discount—If you have more than 2 children attending this school, please list all the First names and their classes (preferably on one order) and select 2 as the quantity, for the Deluxe and Standard packs. Your third and subsequent child will receive their packs free of charge, but you must list all your children's names and classes. This family discount will only apply to the Deluxe and Standard packs.

If you have any queries regarding School photos, please contact our friendly team at ESP directly on 9570 9311.

If you would prefer to pay by cash/EFT, please pick up a payment envelope at the office.

SMILE SQUAD IS COMING TO CROYDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Smile Squad team from EACH are coming to our school from Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Use the QR code

OR pick up a paper form from the office.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

NAPLAN has gone well with only a few glitches on the system, that the teachers were able to manage. We have not found having it online a better experience.

All students took it in their stride and I am sure they did their best. Questions are obviously expressed differently (multiple choice and incorrect spelling) than we usually do in class. All students did some practice to be familiar before beginning.

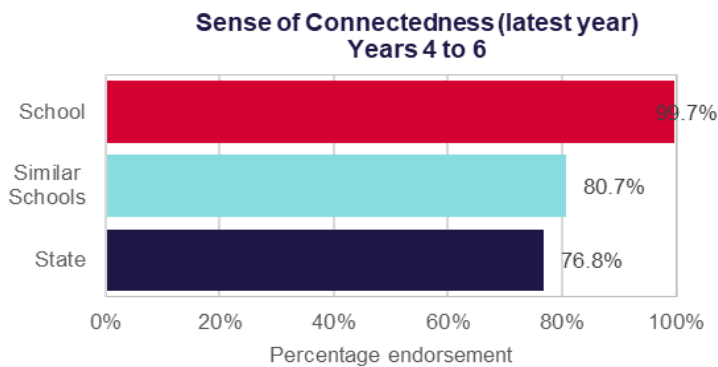
We are incredibly proud of our NAPLAN results but they are only one small part of the assessment used by staff to support our students.

ANNUAL REPORT

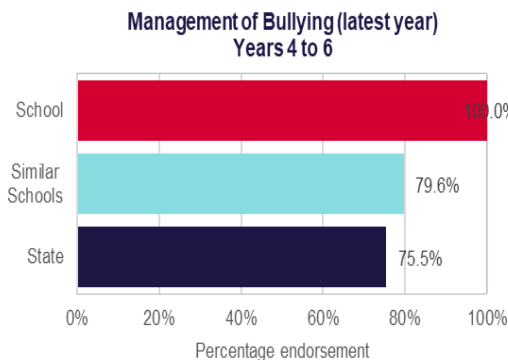
The school annual report for 2024 was presented at School Council last night. Once approved it will be available on our website.

Highlights of how our families and students feel about the school were available in the data below.

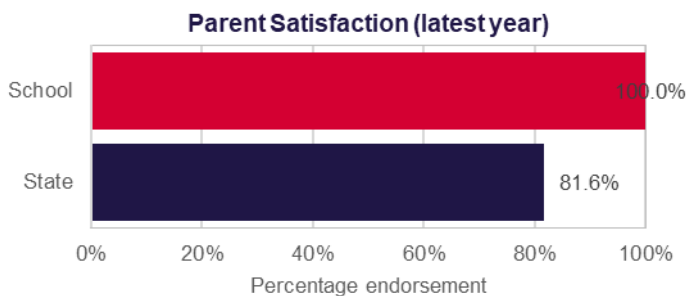
Student Attitudes to School – Sense of Connectedness



Student Attitudes to School—Management of Bullying



Parent Satisfaction



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TREE REMOVAL

We have needed to remove some trees to build the gymnasium. All trees were assessed by arborists and the approvals given. I even had Murrundindi check there were no possums in the old possum nest on the oval. He gave us the all clear.

I had lengthy conversations about the large tree at the junior playground. It is where the disability ramp goes, a legal requirement that is lengthy due to its low gradient. We got the engineer to look at a timber ramp and other alternatives. Unfortunately we could not work around it and the foundations would have affected the roots.

A couple of years ago the tree had a termite infestation, which was treated and I have kept a close eye on it. It is assessed every year. When it was cut down we found wood rot through the entire base and it was actually really unsafe.

Change is difficult for everyone, but in this instance the safety of the students has been ensured by its removal. We are incredibly fortunate to have the huge amounts of trees we do on our site providing greenery and shade, but it is a huge job to ensure all trees on site are also safe.

All school building works require 2 trees to be planted for every one removed. There is a planting plan as part of the build. The school also has plans to landscape our Kent Ave entrance once the gym is in place. The area around the hall needs updating and hopefully some new natural playground can also be included. This work is a 2026 project but planning will need to begin mid year. We will ensure shade trees are part of this plan.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – APRIL 2

Thank you to everyone who has returned their interview slips.

It is an important time to find out how your child is going after one term of the new year. Goal setting is important to know where we go next and how parents can support.



PARENT COFFEE VAN

One of our parents is setting up a new business and we are going to be offering a coffee van at the end of the staff car park (near the library) one morning a week. She will also be on site for the whole school cross country.

I will confirm dates and times on Compass but we hope to start Friday March 28. I

hope you can support her business before school.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INTERESTING FACTS

Child games have a rich and varied history, with evidence of play and games emerging in prehistoric times, evolving through ancient civilizations, and continuing to be a vital part of childhood development and culture today.

- **Prehistoric Period:** Evidence suggests that play and games existed in prehistoric times, with findings like dice, gaming boards, even possible football footprints in Namibia.
- **Ancient Greece:** Philosophers like Plato and Aristotle discussed the value of play and its role in child development. Popular games included yo-yos, marbles, and knucklebones (made from sheep legs).
- **Ancient China:** There are references to tile games dating back over 2,900 years, with dominoes emerging later during the Song Dynasty.

The word LEGO comes from the Danish, "Leg Godt", which means play well.

*Kind Regards
Julie Gilbert*

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Breakfast Club



**Tuesdays & Thursdays
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breakfast .**

There is cereal, toast,
canned fruit and more.

Everyone is welcome.



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

**20th March to 4th April
Florence, Jeremy, Ethan and Minnie**



PARENTS CLUB

Thank you to those who attended our recent AGM. The CPS Parents Club provides support for school events and encourages parent participation. Our focus is on organising stalls, raffles and other fundraising activities throughout the year.

Opportunities to volunteer will be promoted through the newsletter. We often need assistance on stall days and hold the occasional "working bee" for crafters and creators to produce handmade items.

If you have contacts with local businesses who may be willing to donate items for stalls or hampers, or you have experience with fundraising we'd love to hear from you.

Upcoming Event - Stall Resources Stocktake

Monday 31 March 2:00 - 3:30pm

In preparation for our annual Mother's Day stall, we are conducting a clean up/stocktake of our resources. If you enjoy organising cupboards and connecting with others, we would welcome your skills.

Also, if you are a keen crafter and would be willing to create items for stalls please let us know.

Register your interest by emailing: croydonpsparentsclub@gmail.com or simply sign in at the office and meet at the uniform shop on the day



2025 OPEN DAY

Saturday 3rd May
10am - 2pm



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🌐 www.stjohnskindergartencroydon.org.au



KARRALYKA



Enjoy Children's Theatre all year round at Karralyka!

Laugh out loud with the award-winning **Trash Test Dummies Circus**, a high-energy blend of comedy and circus. Then, step into the enchanting world of **IMAGINE LIVE**, journey back in time with the prehistoric thrills of **Dinosaur Time Machine**, and enjoy the hilarious antics of **The Librarian**. There's something for every young explorer!

Bring the family along for interactive, exciting, and inspiring live performances at Karralyka where stories come to life on stage!

Coming Up in 2025

Trash Test Dummies Circus

Thurs 10 April, 11am & 2pm

IMAGINE LIVE

Tues 15 July, 11am & 2pm

Dinosaur Time Machine

Thurs 17 July, 11am & 2pm

The Librarian

Tues 23 Sept, 11am & 2pm

To book tickets, head to www.karralyka.com.au, visit our Box Office or call our Box Office team on 9870 2888.



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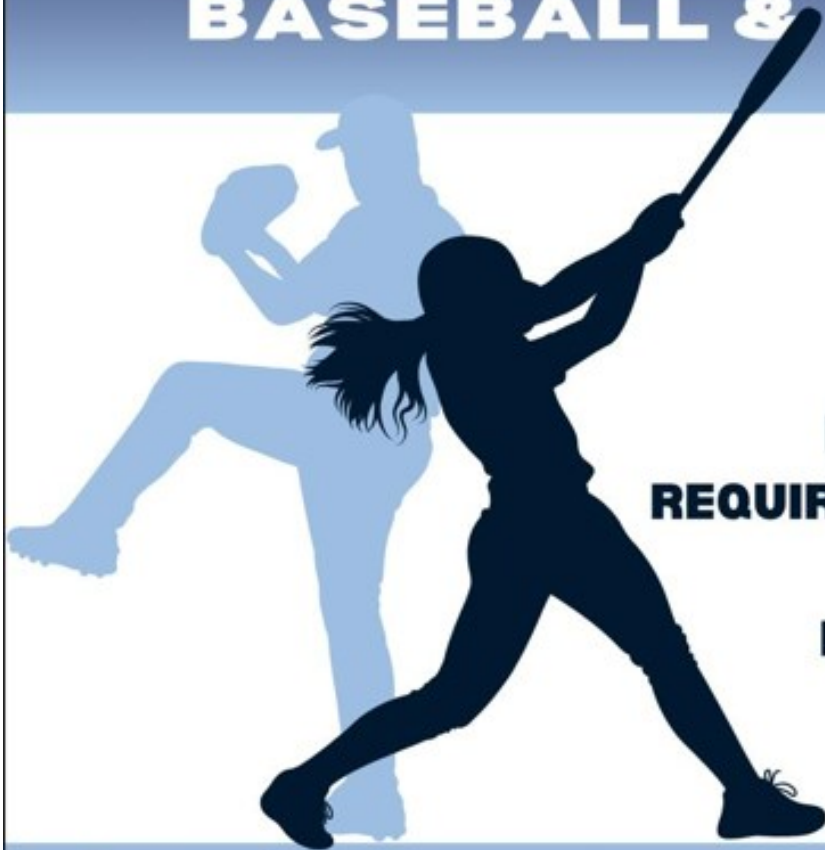
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**AGES
6-16**



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