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

**28th August 2025**

**GREEN & GOLD**

#### Calendar Dates to Remember

##### TERM 3 DATES

29th Aug Assembly 3.00pm

3rd Sep Whole School athletics day Ringwood

4th Sep Royal Botanic Gardens Excursion  
(Prep)

9th Sep District Athletics

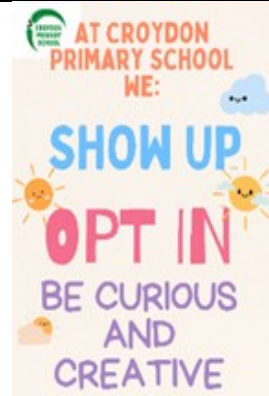
11th Sep State School Dress Rehearsal

12th Sep State School Dress Rehearsal

13th State School Spectacular Performance

19th Footy Colours Day

19th Sep Assembly 2.00 pm Last day of Term



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### NEW DATES

**ATHLETICS - RINGWOOD ATHS TRACK - 3 SEPTEMBER**

**FATHER'S DAY STALL - SEPTEMBER - 1 /2 SEPTEMBER**

#### DATE CHANGES

Wouldn't it be great if we could control the weather!

It is always a difficult decision to change an event date. We are aware parents organise leave to attend.

We do our best to make sure the conditions are suitable for all the students and that does take into account not just rain but the wind. With the forecast also talking about possible thunderstorms we did not consider it safe.

Hopefully the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September is much better.

Unfortunately, that change had a flow on affect to the Fathers' Day Stall. Thank you to the volunteers who have been able to change their days.

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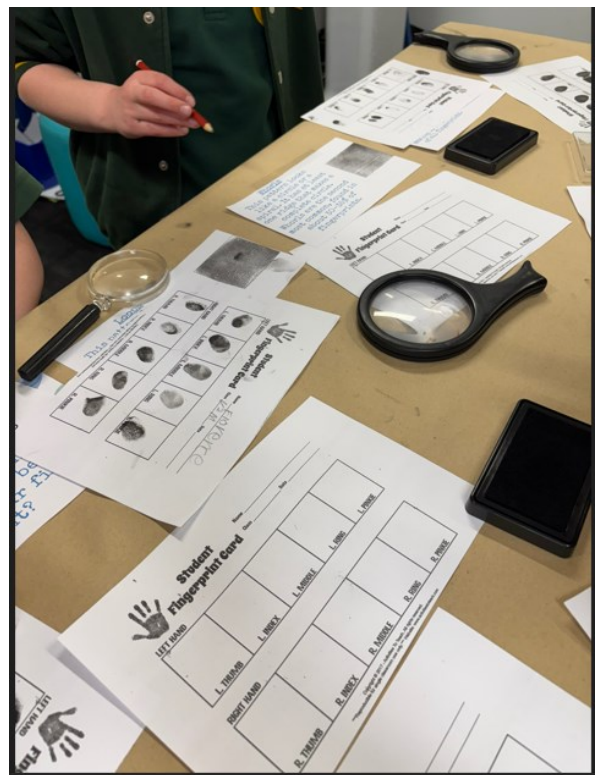
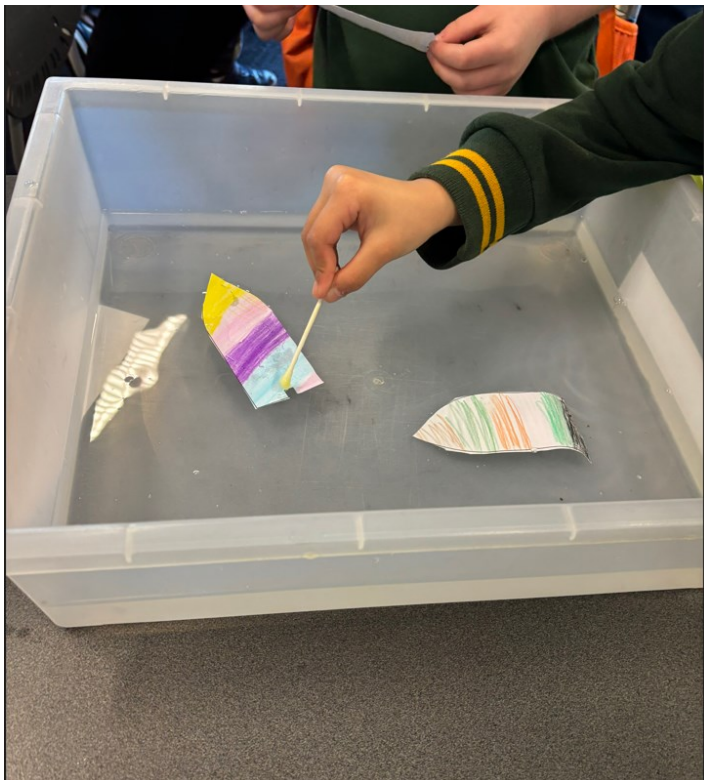
## FAREWELL AND ALL THE BEST SARAH BIRD

Sarah Bird leaves us on Friday September 5 to await the arrival of her baby. We wish her all the best at this exciting time.

## SCIENCE AFTERNOON

Thank you to all the parents you accompanied their children around the activities last week. It is wonderful to see everyone so engaged in the science activities. Thank you to Alex from Their Care who ensured the students in After Care did not miss out.

A huge thank you to Megan Forster for preparing all the activities.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

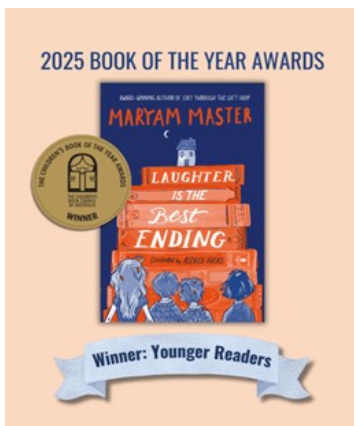
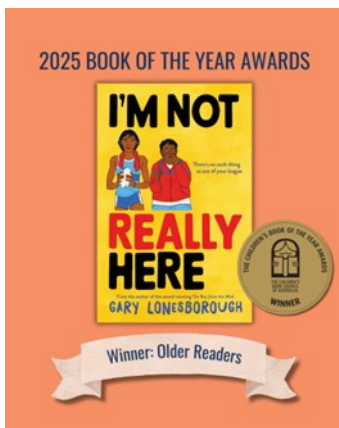
## BOOK WEEK

The staff prepared an outstanding morning of book week activities last Thursday.

The school buys all of the short listed books every year and each teacher chooses a book to develop a lesson around. The huge variety of lessons was wonderful.

We can thoroughly recommend these books for your collection

### 2025 Book of the Year Awards – Winners



How to move a zoo is the incredible true story of how they moved the animals through the streets of Sydney to the current position of Taronga Zoo.

I can thoroughly recommend watching the “Tiny Oz’ episode on iview as well.

[Tiny Oz: S1 Episode 1 Sydney : ABC iview](#)

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## The story of moving the zoo

More than a hundred years ago, Sydney's residents were woken by a cacophony of weird and wonderful noises. The zoo animals were on the move.

Over the course of six months in 1916, hundreds of Sydney's favourite animals left behind their dismal and outdated cages at the old Moore Park Zoo and were shepherded through the city streets before being ferried across the harbour to their new, purpose-built home – Taronga Zoological Park. From a 4-ton elephant named Jessie, to kangaroos, lions and cockatoos, animals big and small made this extraordinary journey to a new life in one of the world's most beautiful zoos.



In 1916, Jessie the elephant moved from Moore Park Zoo – her home of over 30 years – to more spacious grounds in the new Taronga Zoological Park, on the northern side of Sydney Harbour. For this journey, Jessie walked through the city streets in the early hours of Sunday, 24 September, guided by the zoo's head keeper, Mr Miller, then through the Domain and down Macquarie Street to a waiting vehicle ferry at Bennelong Point.

Her feet became sore on the hard roads, and at times she grew nervous in unfamiliar surrounds, but with 'a pat on the shoulder, or a reassuring grip on her ear ... she [passed] through narrow streets or across tram rails' to reach the waiting ferry. The pontoon dipped alarmingly under her 4-ton weight as she alighted at Taronga, but with words of encouragement from her keepers 'she finally tip-toed across the pontoon and on to the wharf'. By 7am she had been introduced to her new home, built to resemble an exotic Indian temple.

Jessie lived out the rest of her long life at Taronga.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## BOOK WEEK PHOTOS



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## SAFE TREES PROGRAM 1ST SEPTEMBER

Each year we are required to get our trees assessed. You may have noticed the white tags on them.

The assessment provides a red, amber, green system. McLeod's trees then come and trim or remove those that are deemed unsafe. As you can imagine this is a huge task on our site with so many trees.

McLeod's will be on site on September 1<sup>st</sup>, to do the safety work. They are really skilled in protecting the students while at play and ensuring all trees continue to be a safe part of our school yard.

You will hear chain saws and chippers that day.

## CONGRATULATIONS MELBA CHAPLAINCY – HIGH TEA

The Melba Chaplaincy group regularly conduct fundraising activities to support the cost of the Chaplains at Melba College and Croydon Primary School.

Their amazing High tea collected \$2,504.00. We are very grateful of their efforts.

## INTERESTING FACTS – DUNG BEETLES

One Little Dung beetle is more than a counting book!

Here are some Dung Beetle facts:

Dung beetles are strong, excellent navigators that eat and bury animal waste, helping the environment by recycling nutrients and controlling pests.

They use the sun, moon, and even the Milky Way to navigate.

Some species roll balls of dung, while others burrow into dung piles to lay eggs.

Lifespan: Depending on the species, adult dung beetles can live for several months to a few years. Their lifespan is influenced by factors such as food availability, environmental conditions, and predation.



Kind Regards  
Julie Gilbert

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

**Mondays 8.30am-9.15am**



### Breakfast Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8.30am to 8.50am  
Come and enjoy a free  
breakfast .

There is cereal, toast, canned fruit  
and more.



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

**27th August – 10 August**  
**Andre, Chris, Nathaniel, Asher, Easter,**  
**David and Dennis**



### **LUNCH ORDERS—EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Lunch orders can be ordered online for lunch on Wednesdays. Please register your child at [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au). The lunches are made by Balanced Living Catering.

Orders need to be submitted by 8.00am on Wednesday morning.

### Lost and Found

We have a large amount of unnamed uniform in the  
sickbay.

If you are missing a BOMBER JACKET  
Please come and have a look.

Just a reminder to please name all items of uniform.

# Father's Day Stall

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September &  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September



A selection of gifts will be available for purchase  
Prices will range from \$1.00 – \$5.00

Students are encouraged to bring money  
and a carry bag for the gift



## PARENTS CLUB

We are seeking volunteers to assist on both days:



8am - 9am - Stall set up (Mon only)

9am - 11am - Operating the Stall (Mon & Tues)

Please register your availability via email to  
[croydonpsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:croydonpsparentsclub@gmail.com) or sign up at the office.





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# Secret Garden

SPRING 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Pass the popcorn!



Find hidden gems



Enjoy animal incursions



Visit Luna Park!

Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://www.TheirCare.com.au)

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your  
nearest holiday  
program location







**REGO and COME AND TRY DAY**



**Pre-Season starting  
Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sept  
9 – 11 am  
Pinks Reserve**

**Junior and Senior team training  
sessions will follow!**

**25/26 Season  
Starting October**

**Register via QR code or  
email  
[ejays.softball@gmail.com](mailto:ejays.softball@gmail.com)**

**REGO LINK**



**PRESIDENT-Annette-0408 332 871  
Pinks Reserve, 123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth**

# Growing Wellbeing Activity Day



Look after your mental health, Maroondah!

**Wednesday  
1 October  
11am to 2pm**

Feel good with fun, free activities for all ages!

Join us and experience ways to look after your mental health and wellbeing while discovering tips for supporting your family and friends to thrive too.

- art therapy
- better sleep workshop
- active kids activities
- positive ageing information and activities
- youth space and more!

**Date:** Wednesday 1 October 2025

**Time:** 11am to 2pm

**Venue:** Ringwood Town Square and Realm,  
179 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood (opposite Ringwood Station)



**Free  
event**



## For more information and to register

Visit [www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/GrowingWellbeingActivityDay](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/GrowingWellbeingActivityDay)  
or scan the QR code



**EASTLAND**





## The word "IMAGINE" is written in a playful, multi-colored font. Each letter is composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes in various colors like green, yellow, purple, blue, and pink, giving it a vibrant, layered appearance.

creative experiences  
for children

## September to November



**Fun, free or low-cost - come and try art, craft, dance, filmmaking and more!**

- Weekend experiences
- Term classes
- Drop in experiences
- Creative round robin

### Free and low cost activities



**To register and learn more visit**  
[www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/imagine](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/imagine)



# LIFT THE LID WALK

PHYSICAL HEALTH  
FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH



Rotary  
Districts of Australia



**Date:** Sunday 21 September 2025.

**Time:** Walk starts 10am (registration from 9am).

**Location:** Town Park, Croydon.

**Cost:** Early bird fee \$30 before 11 September.

Entry \$35 includes t-shirt, kids under 15 years free  
(t-shirt available for purchase separately).

**All funds raised support vital mental health  
research through Australian Rotary Health.**

For more information or to register visit:  
[www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/maroondah](http://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/maroondah)



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