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8.45AM TO 3.45 PM
Before and Afterschool Care
is available with TheirCare

31st July 2025

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

TERM 3 DATES

31st July Bell Shakespeare Performance

1st August 100 days of school (Prep)

7th Aug Yr 3/4 Queen Victoria Market Excursion

12th Aug Yr 1/2 Chesterfield Farm Excursion

13th Aug State School Spectacular Rehearsal (9-3)

11th, 14 & 15th Aug Murrundindi

21st Aug Book Week Activities(No dress up)

20th Aug Science afternoon

27th Aug Whole school athletics day–
Ringwood

29th Aug Assembly 3.00pm

4th Sep Royal Botanic Gardens Excursion
(Prep)

9th Sep District Athletics

12th Sep States School Dress Rehearsal

13th State School Spectacular Performance

19th Sep Assembly 2.00 pm Last day of Term



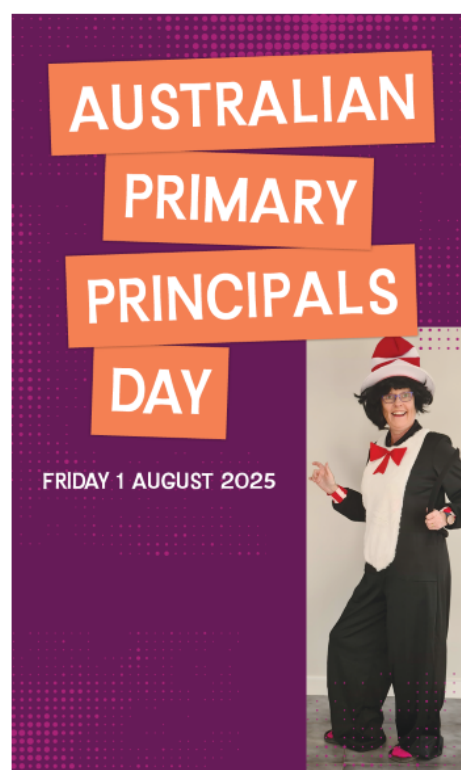
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone enjoyed the recent break.

I spent some time at Phillip Island watching some whales drift pass. The Island celebrates its “whale festival” at this time of the year. There have been humpbacks, killer whales and even one Southern Right Whale. The “Wildlife Whales” app is a fantastic way to see the sightings and I can track whale movement past my house while I’m not there.

I then headed off to Perth for my grandson, Jack’s, birthday. He turned 5 this year and I’m sure you will all appreciate when I say “Those years have gone so quickly”. He is in “kindy” at his future school in Perth and starts school next year. A very different system, with no choice of school or starting age. The cut off there is also still June 30.

I went and watched his first cycle cross race. He was in the under 9s and came 9th out of 18. Not bad for a first attempted. It was pouring with rain, so not so good for the spectators.



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BELL SHAKESPEARE

We had a fantastic show by Bell Shakespeare today.

We have had a long running association with the company enjoying discounted rates to provide Shakespeare to low socio-economic schools.

The first time they came I had some doubts about how the language would be understood by our students – but they loved it!

They always provide a comedic adaptation of the classics. Today we had “Bottom’s Dream”.

Bottom has had a most rare vision. He’s just woken up in the forest after a strange dream involving fairies, magic flowers and donkey ears. Was it just a dream, or was it real?

In this adventurous, hilarious and heart-warming show, we explore the magic and mayhem of Shakespeare's classic comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Take Bottom's hand and help him piece together his strange dream through key scenes from the original play, playing with Shakespeare's language and characters along the way.

This is A Midsummer Night's Dream through the eyes of one of Shakespeare's greatest clowns. A magical introduction to Shakespeare for primary students.

NUMERACY PEDAGOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Emily Sisson, Sarah van den Akker and I attended the first sessions of our Numeracy Professional Development at the Victorian Academy this week. We had originally planned to start early but the Academy moved the dates. We are focussing on pedagogical content knowledge, which means knowing the right way to teach each particular part of the curriculum.

Emily and Sarah are sharing the Numeracy Learning Specialist role in an acting capacity this year and have been evaluating all aspect of our current Numeracy practice.

The early preview of NAPLAN data showed an improvement in the Year 3 scores which had been a focus for the junior school, so we are well on our way.

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AEROBICS

Ella from Proactivity is running a 2 week program for all our Year 3-6 students. They've had a lot of fun trying a different sport and learning new skills.



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NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to 3 new staff.

Nicole Bailey – Business Manager – Nicole has joined us from Rowville Primary School in the Business Manager role. I believe she will be a great addition. Please be patient as she learns everyone's names.

Kellie Jeffs – Teacher Aide. Kellie has been volunteering in prep recently and was successful in gaining a part time position. The students will be very lucky to have her support. She will continue in Prep.

Rilee Oliver – Teacher Aide. Rilee has also joined us in a support role to assist with student learning. She will be based in Year 1/2 and 5/6.

NAPLAN REPORTS

The VCAA Data Service (DS) will be available to schools from **Monday 21 July** and 2025 reporting packages will be distributed to schools commencing the same week.

JUST BRASS 2026

We received wonderful news at the end of Term. Just Brass will recommence Term1 2026. They have found a new teacher!!

This is an amazing addition to music at our school and has been so successful over the years.

So if you will be in Year 3 -6 next year start thinking if you want to learn a brass instrument. You are provided with free access to the instrument, free weekly lesson and play in a band Friday afternoon , after school.

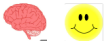
We will send out applications later in the year. Thank you to the Salvation Army for this opportunity.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We welcomed- Yuhan Wang Yr 6, Zimo Li Yr 3 and Yizue Li Year 3 from China, last week.

They will be with us until the 15th August experiencing an Australian school experience.

Please note: The information below is from Raising Children Network, a government-funded, non-profit organisation created to support families.

The Raising Healthy Minds app is a free, personalised, pocket resource to help parents and carers raise confident, resilient children. Co-designed with parents and experts and funded by the Australian Government, Raising Healthy Minds  aims to support children's social and emotional wellbeing with evidence-based information.

You'll find information on topics like dealing with worries and making friends, as well as ideas for day-to-day life, like creating family routines, looking after yourself as a parent, and building strong relationships.

The app offers a mix of quick-read articles, videos and animations aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years. You can tailor information to the age of your child and opt-in to receive helpful tips.

Raising Healthy Minds provides simple-to-use information at your fingertips with clear actions you can start today.

Download from Google Play or the App Store or go to raisingchildren.net.au/rhm to learn more and raise a healthy mind  

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INTERESTING FACTS

Of the 4,000 species of mammals on the planet, 900 of them are bats.

A scorpion could survive for three weeks if it was embedded in a block of ice.

A stingray never actually sees the food as it eats, since its eyes are on top of its head and its mouth and nostrils are on the bottom.

Kind Regards
Julie Gilbert



July 2025

Our Commitment to Keeping Children Safe

Dear families,

You may have seen the recent news about serious incidents involving a childcare worker. These reports are upsetting and have affected families and educators across Australia. They are also an important reminder that keeping children safe must always come first.

At TheirCare, child safety is our number one priority. Most people who work in childcare do the right thing. They care about children and do their jobs with honesty and heart. But we all need to stay alert. Safety does not happen by accident. It takes effort, attention, and action.

What We Are Doing to Keep Children Safe

We have strong systems in place at all our services to help keep children safe:

- Every team member has a Working with Children Check or education department equivalent
- All service leaders also have a National Criminal History Check (even when not required by law)
- First Aid-trained staff are always on site
- All team members complete mandatory reporting training before starting, with regular updates
- Everyone goes through a full TheirCare induction program
- All staff meet the legal qualification requirements for their state or territory

Last month, we checked every staff record to make sure all certificates and training are current and correct.

Building a Culture of Visibility and Reporting

At TheirCare, we believe safety grows stronger when people feel confident to speak up. That's why we're committed to building a culture of openness where families, staff, and children feel safe to share concerns, ask questions, and start conversations.

We want families to know: your voice matters. Whether something feels small or significant, please talk to us. The earlier we hear from you, the more we can support and act.

We also know safety is more than compliance it's care in action. We're taking proactive steps that go beyond what's required. From regular staff audits to new initiatives like the *Red Flag* program and the appointment of a dedicated Child Safety and Compliance Director, we're working to set a high standard and keep improving.

Together, we can create environments where safety, trust, and communication are part of every day.

We Listen to Your Feedback

Families are invited to complete a survey each week. One of the main areas we ask about is safety. I personally review this feedback every week with our leadership team so we can keep improving. We value your voice and encourage you to keep sharing your thoughts with us.



Our New 'Red Flag' Program

We are launching a new program called *Red Flag*. This will be in place at all services to:

- Help children, families, and staff recognise unsafe behaviour
- Encourage people to speak up early
- Keep safety, honesty, and action as a clear focus.

If you have a concern, you can contact us here:

Phone: 1300 622 163

Email: redflag@theircare.com.au

We are also introducing a new role, a *Child Safety and Compliance Director*, who will work outside our operations team. Their job is to lead and guide our safety efforts with care and accountability.

Supporting Our Team

We are proud of our team. Every day they show up with energy, care, and kindness. Like everyone, they can face challenges or have difficult days. Our role is to support them to do their best.

Many childcare professionals are feeling extra pressure right now because of what is in the news. While it is important to hold people accountable, it is also important to treat others with respect. Most people in this sector are here to nurture and protect children.

To the families who have taken time to thank and support our staff, we appreciate it. Your kind words really do make a difference.

Working Together

Keeping children safe is something we all share. At TheirCare, we will keep listening, improving, and putting safety first.

We will continue to build safe, caring environments for every child. And we will treat each other with kindness and respect as we do it.

Kind regards and with thanks

Michael Abela
Founder and CEO, TheirCare

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Mondays 8.30am-9.15am



Breakfast Club

Tuesday's & Thursday's
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**

24th July– 13th August
Rooney, Christian, Zion, Ivan, Maddie, Axl, Ava,
Glory, Mina and Hannah



LUNCH ORDERS—EVERY WEDNESDAY

Lunch orders can be ordered online for lunch on Wednesdays. Please register your child at Flexischools.com.au. The lunches are made by Balanced Living Catering.

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

PARENTS CLUB

The **Father's Day Stall** is coming up soon and will run on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September.

How can you help?

DONATE - wrapped chocolates and/or lollies which we will then package into jars/mugs for Father's Day gifts. These can be dropped in to the office by 15th August.

CREATE - put your creative skills into action at our stall working bees running on Wednesday 13th August, 9-11am, and Friday 15th August, 2 - 3:30pm in the Uniform Shop

VOLUNTEER - we will need a few people to assist at the stall on Wednesday between 8am - 11:30am, and Thursday from 9am - 11am. A sign up sheet will be located at the office so you can register your availability.

If you have questions or want more information please email: croydonpsparentsclub@gmail.com.



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