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**HOURS OF SCHOOL
SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN**
8.45AM TO 3.45 PM
**Before and Afterschool Care
is available with TheirCare**
11th September 2025

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

TERM 3 DATES

11th Sep State School Dress Rehearsal
12th Sep State School Dress Rehearsal
13th State School Spectacular Performance
19th Footy Colours Day (Gold Coin Donation)
19th Sep Assembly 2.00 pm Last day of Term
Dismiss 2.30PM

TERM 4 DATES

6th Oct School Resumes
6th-7th & 9th Oct Murrundiindi
9th Oct Division Athletics (Selected students only)
17th Oct Finals Volleyball (5/6 Girls))
20th-22nd 3/4 Camp (Anglesea Camp)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM
ASSEMBLY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2.00PM
DISMISS 2.30 PM

CELEBRATING OUR NAPLAN RESULTS

While NAPLAN is only the measure of one day in the year, we are incredibly proud of our results. They show us that we are on the right track, increasing our results, maintaining high results and improving where needed.

The highlights this year are;

Reading

Our Year 3 and 5 Reading continued to improve with both year levels above similar schools and state in strong and exceeding.

READING		CROYDON	SIMILAR	STATE
YEAR 3		79%	58%	69%
YEAR 5		81%	63%	74%

Year 3 was in fact above similar schools in all areas and Year 5 above in 4 out of 5.

These incredible results put our school 4th in the state compared to our similar schools in Year 3 and 5 reading and 9th in the state in Year 3 Writing and Numeracy.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Growth

One of the most important measures is relative growth. This is the 'value add' from Year 3 to 5. We were above similar schools and state in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy, with medium and high growth. With all measures being exactly the same for writing.

		SCHOOL	SIMILAR	STATE
READING		86%	74%	75%
WRITING		74%	74%	74%
SPELLING		81%	78%	74%
NUMERACY		80%	74%	74%

VPA PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

Kerri and I attended the VPA principals' conference over 2 days last week.

We heard some incredible speakers. We learnt about leadership in areas other than education, with insights that are directly transferable.

The two highlights were:

Gilbert Enoka

"My set of values is simple – my word is my honour and I seal things with a handshake."

Gilbert Enoka has a long history of success as a mental skills coach with New Zealand's corporate and sporting elite. He is internationally renowned for his 21-year history with the All Blacks, first as their mental skills coach and now as All Blacks Manager - Leadership. He has been with the All Blacks for over 250 tests and during that time the team has won back-to-back Rugby World Cups, one Laureus Award (for the best team in the world), 18 Bledisloe Cups, three Grand Slams, eight Tri Nations and six Rugby Championships. Gilbert has worked as a mental skills coach for the All Blacks, Canterbury Crusaders, the Silver Ferns and the Black Caps and strongly believes that players who are mentally prepared will perform better on the day. He has also worked as a highly skilled practitioner, working on performance enhancement for over twenty years with top CEO's, business, and sporting elite.

Gilbert is philosophical in his approach to his own life and thrives on working with people who are in pursuit of excellence, consistency, and sustained performance over time.

Gilbert had an incredibly difficult childhood and to hear how he had overcome that adversity was truly inspiring.

Matt Hall

Afterburner is a high performing team of men and women who are real life fighter pilots. The Afterburners pilots are passionate about helping people learn and apply the techniques they use every day to achieve a consistent mission success rate of 98%. A fighter pilots' workplace is like no other. They operate in rapidly changing, complex and sometimes hostile environments, yet they consistently excel in achieving successful outcomes, they've developed the winning habit.

Matt Hall is a combat veteran of Iraq, with USA medals for heroism under fire in his F-15E Strike eagle fighter jet, supporting troops on the ground.

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In 2009, following his decorated career in the RAAF, Australia's very own top gun pilot became the first Australian ever to compete in the Red Bull air race World Championships. Matt placed third in his first race and has since accumulated 7 wins and 25 podiums, ultimately winning the championship in 2019, making him the most successful air race pilot in the modern era

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

What a wonderful day we had last week. The community involvement was fantastic. Thanks to all the parents who offered to help or came to cheer on the students.

It was great to see everyone give all the events a go. Many students surprised themselves with how well they went and the smiles were really special.

Physical Education is a vital part of the curriculum and it is important that everyone participates (unless unwell). Days like the athletics are not optional and I have always been disappointed that many students don't attend once in Secondary School. This is not an attitude I would like to see creep into primary school.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

We sent 54 students to Bill Sewart Reserve on Tuesday. Cameron Ross ensured we had the maximum participation possible.

Congratulations to everyone who gave it a go.

A special mention to the following students who are now going to region

Thomas – discus & hurdles 1st U10 boys

Jordan – hurdles 1st U10 girls

Lina – high jump & long jump 1st U10 girls

Ava – shot put 1st U11 girls

SWIMMING TERM 4

The whole school goes swimming over 2 weeks towards the end of term 4. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum and we are required to meet targets for the Year 6 students.

Swimming is not only great exercise it can mean life or death when you are near water, especially the beach or rivers.

It is critical that all students participate. The school provides the lessons for free Year 3 -6 to encourage full participation.

Please talk about this critical skill as a family and if you have any questions please come and see me.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ATHLETICS DAY PHOTOS



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STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Saturday 13th is the big day!

Our students will perform in the massed choir in a matinee and evening performance, both of which go for about 3 hours.

They have had rehearsals today and tomorrow at John Cain Arena.

Thank you so much to Lara O ' Sullivan for all of the hard work and organisation. I also appreciate the extra time Teagan Cairns and Fiona Tang will be putting in on the rehearsal and performance days.

POTTED IN THE SANCTUARY

It was great to have a break in the weather so that the Year 3-6 students could visit the sanctuary again. With the change in season it is always amazing to notice differences with lots of wattle and new growth to be observed. One class also got to see this beautiful damselfly on their visit!

We are also really lucky to see them as their life span is a few weeks several months.



MUSHROOMS

This term we were lucky enough to receive another mushroom kit from Australian Mushroom Growers.

Students in Prep helped prepare the kit and it was watched by the Year 3-6 students visiting the Enviro room as the mushrooms grew. Last week the students in 3-6 were rewarded for their care with the opportunity to taste the mushrooms, with many surprised by the difference in taste having them raw rather than cooked like they were last year!



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SMILE SQUAD

Next week 17 – 19 September, Smile Squad will be returning to apply fluoride treatments to the appropriate students. This will be done quickly with students only leaving class for a short time.

INTERESTING FACTS

King George 1 of England could not speak any English.

A third of all the water we produce is used to flush the toilet.

The word LEGO comes from the Danish, Leg Godt, which means “play well”

Kind Regards
Julie Gilbert

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Mondays 8.30am-9.15am



Breakfast Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8.30am to 8.50am
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MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO STUDENTS HAVING THEIR BIRTHDAY FROM

10th September – 5th October

Harlow, Stanley, Darcey, William, Trevor, Sian, Otis,,
Abigail, Delwyn, Thang Thang, Lexi, Elliot, Dawt, Ava,
Siharu, Anja, Rebecca, Bodhi, Selina, Daiisy, Leilia, Dylan
Ethan, Caleb, Antonette, Collyn and Julian



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.

Please see the office staff if you need assistance with registering online.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Father's Day stall. We had a wonderful selection of gifts and were able to raise over \$1600. We appreciate all those who made donations, creatively crafted gifts and gave of their time to serve behind the scenes and at the stall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello families,



As most of you would have seen by now, I am back from my placement. A big thank you to all the educators who helped look after my school while I was away. I have created a display window to show case any special or notices we have coming up.

Before School Care: 6:30am – 8:45am

After School Care: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

This term, while I was away, the children have been looking at our countries again per their request. We explored Australia, Italy, Egypt, and England, where the children looked at their landmarks, their flags, and also completing some other activities such as word searches. As there were other educators here the children enjoyed some free play, mostly outside enjoying the sunshine. On the Wednesday that I got back, I made sure that we didn't miss the open science night at the school. We all went down as a group to stroll through the rooms trying many different science activities. We looked at our health again by talking about our bathroom hygiene and the other things that we can do to stay healthy, such as eating fruits and vegetables and being active with our friends.

Since I have been back, we have been remarkably busy catching up on all our usual tasks in the room, such as our charity chart. This term we are raising money for the lighthouse foundation for youth. The children have been extremely excited to learn about this new foundation and to begin to start earning stickers for our chart. Congratulations to Winston (prep), Mina (Grade 2) and Kaz (Grade 3) who earned the most stickers in week 5 and 6.

We have finished planning our themes for the rest of the term! Last week in Week 7 we started with crafting and also with a touch into fathers/special person day, this was a chance for the children to make something nice for their dad or special person. This week in week 8 our theme is, night at the museum where we are basing off of the movie with their party and exploration of historic things. We will finish our term with an AFL week to celebrate our love of AFL and the Grand Final Day. The children have been suggesting lots of fun activities that we are looking forward to implementing in the room.

As mentioned before, our school holidays are coming up fast in just **two** short weeks. We have our theme already which is The Secret Garden, following the theme of Spring. We have lots of incredibly fun days planned and look forward to seeing everyone there. We will hand out our flyers as soon as we receive them which should hopefully be either this week or next, all information is also on our website.





This R U OK? Day, TheirCare is turning up the feel-good vibes with our Feel-Good Fiesta Party – a celebration of connection, kindness, and self-care!

We've planned a day bursting with feel-good activities to get everyone smiling, moving, and talking. Get hands-on with DIY Soap Slime, and move your body with Mindful Movements like Noisy Running and Superhero Heartbeats. It's a day to check in with ourselves and each other – because sometimes, the simplest question can make the biggest difference: R U OK?

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Growing Wellbeing Activity Day



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

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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
or scan the QR code



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9AM - 3PM
WALKER PARK, MITCHAM



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
WALKER PARK (MITCHAM) ALL GIRLS	TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
KILSYTH RECREATION RESERVE	TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
LIBERTY RESERVE (ROWVILLE)	FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	9AM - 3PM
HEATHERDALE RESERVE (MITCHAM)	THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER	9AM - 3PM

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