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

19th February 2026

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

TERM 1 DATES

Feb 20- v Our lady's home and away - 5/6
Inter school sport
Feb 23 District Swimming- selected students only

Feb 27th Assembly 3.00pm

Feb 27th—v Ringwood Heights away 5/6
Interschool sport

March 2nd Division Swimming - Selected
Students only

March 6th **Curriculum day**— no students
March 9th **LABOUR DAY**
March 11th Naplan Begins
March 12th 1/2 Mount De Lancy Excursion

March 17th Murrundindi
March 18th Murrundindi-3/4's
March 20 -v Marlborough away- 5/6 Interschool sport
March 27 – Finals TBC
March 27th Assembly 2.30pm
March 31st Parent Teachers Conferences
April 1st School Photos
April 2nd **LAST DAY OF TERM**
2.00pm Assembly 2.30 pm Dismissal
April 3rd **GOOD FRIDAY**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GYM OPENING

We were very privileged to have the Federal Minister for Education Jason Clare and local Member for Deakin Matt Gregg on site today to officially open the Sports and Recreation Centre.

Other guests include Karen Money – Regional Director of North East Region, the architects and building company.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved. Eight years ago I started advocating for a “fancy tin shed” to be able to encourage youths from the community to pursue sport after school, to give them a connection that channeled their energies into physical activity.

Little did I know that we would end up being awarded 6.8 million dollars to create the beautiful building we now have.

It has been a long haul. Anthony Albanese came to pledge the first half of the money on 29th January 2022.(Photos below) I think the adults and children have changed a bit since then.



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I want to thank Sonja Terpstra our State Upper House member who has been a tireless advocate not only for the art room but also keeping the gym in the conversation. Unfortunately it is a sitting week so she was unable to attend, however Sonja was on site to tour the gym last week after handing out the prep bags.

PREP BAGS 2025

Sonja Terpstra visited last week to personally hand out the prep bags to the new preps. There were some wonderful books and ruler and other items to get everyone started. The bags are then really useful as library bags.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Our Year 5 /6 s played their first week of interschool sport last Friday.

We played at home against Marlborough P S .

I was so proud of the feedback about the sportsmanship of our students. It was wonderful to hear they helped those who were not as skilled as themselves and accepted all of the umpire's decisions.

Interschool sport is not just about playing sport, it is about learning to compete against students they don't know, developing sportsmanship and how to encourage others.

We will play most Friday mornings this term, leading into finals, if we are fortunate enough to be successful.

The boys basketball team were the first team to play in the new gym, with a convincing win.

Interschool Sports Report

Week 1

Soft Cross

Last Friday we had our first interschool sports match. In the soft cross game Alfie and Thang Thang scored a few goals. Shoutout to Federic for trying his best for the team. The scores were 4 to 7, we sadly lost. I hope we will have better luck at our next game.

Basketball – Mixed

On Friday the 6th of February the mixed basketball team played Marlborough. The final score was 74-19, Marlborough's team was good it's just we were slightly better. I would like to shout out Toby who had never played basketball, he gave it his best and did well. I would like to thank Marlborough for still trying their best despite the score.

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Girls Basketball

In the girls' basketball team, the score was 28 to 6, whilst Marlborough was winning, we kept on trying and didn't give up. Thanks to Frankie for trying to keep the ball going by passing it around. In our next game we will work on dribbling and shooting

Volley bounce

A successful first round of volley bounce against Marlborough. We won by 30 to 11. We appreciate Marlborough for trying their best and playing with us even though some of them have never played before. Shoutout to our team for encouraging the other team and helping them earn their confidence back.

Cricket

Last Friday we had our first interschool sports game at Croydon primary. We played Marlborough and the final score was 56 to 28. We won by 28 runs. Thanks to Braxton who didn't hesitate to be our first sub off the field to make the teams fair.

Hot Shots

On the 13th of February we played against Marlborough in tennis. Our opponents had great sportsmanship and didn't give up. In our first game we won, 22-11 and the second game was 7 all. I would like to say great job to Lucinda for encouraging Marlborough when they made a mistake and told them not to give up.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents who attended the interviews this week. These meetings are an important part of the school year to be able to share information about the students at the beginning of the year. It helps us cater for all of the individuals in each class.

STARLAB

All of the students from Year 3- 6 took part in a session in the cosmodome last week.

The Cosmodome Science Theatre & Planetarium is an igloo-shaped dome used both as a full dome cinema and planetarium.

Inside, they project a selection of exciting full dome shows aligned to the curriculum. Presenters use lasers to guide the students through a range of day and night sky demonstrations discovering planets, the moon, stars & constellations.



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CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

Congratulations to Elsa Berntsen who qualified for the Little Aths State Championships on 6/7 March in shotput, 400m and long jump. We wish her well.

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY

A reminder that nominations for the one vacant school council position close on Monday 23rd February 4.00 pm . School council meetings are generally held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, school holidays can sometimes cause this to be altered.

You must have a Working with Children Check to be on School Council.

If we receive more than one nomination we will need an election.

The timeline is:

Nominations called - 16 February 2026

Nominations close - 23 February 2026 4.00 pm

If more than one nomination candidates posted - 25 February 2026

Ballot papers prepared and distributed - 2 March 2026

Close of ballot - 10 March 2026 4.00 pm

Vote count - 11 - 12 March

Community informed of result - 13 March

School Council meeting - 18 March

PARENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Michelle Salisbury has tendered her resignation as president of the parent association. Unfortunately her work commitments have increased and she cannot give the presidency her time.

I would like to thank her for the wonderful job she has done, organising the stalls and fund raising for the community. Her contribution will be greatly missed.

If you are interested in leading the wonderful volunteers who organise the parent association activities, please drop by the office.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#). (Links on website)

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, available on our website, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365 safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. (Link on website) If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365, please contact the school.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INTERESTING SPACE FACTS.

One million Earths could fit inside the Sun – and the Sun is considered an average-size star.

For years it was believed that Earth was the only planet in our solar system with liquid water. More recently, NASA revealed its strongest evidence yet that there is intermittent running water on Mars, too!

Comets are leftovers from the creation of our solar system about 4.5 billion years ago – they consist of sand, ice and carbon dioxide.

You wouldn't be able to walk on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune because they have no solid surface!

Kind Regards
Julie Gilbert

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Mondays 8.30am-9.15am

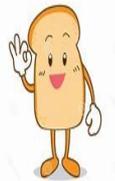


Breakfast Club

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

There is cereal, toast, canned fruit and
more.

Everyone is welcome.



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

19th February – 5th March
Ad, Emmy, Inna, Elaine, Henry, Haydn ,Frankie
Kaylee & Gareth



**Belated Brithday for Chanlina who had her birthday on the
9th February.**



PROUDLY PART OF THE MILLION KIDS INITIATIVE ★ PROUDLY BELGRAVIA GROUP

GymbaROO Croydon – crawlers to Before School Program

GymbaROO is a fun, research-based movement program that supports children’s brain development through purposeful play. Our sessions focus on building strong foundations in balance, coordination, sensory processing, body awareness, and confidence — all essential skills for school readiness.

At GymbaROO Croydon, we are excited to offer our **crawlers to Before School program**, specially designed for preschool-aged children to help develop key abilities needed for starting school, including listening skills, motor planning, focus, resilience, and independence.

Classes are held at the **Croydon Primary School Stadium**, and we warmly welcome local families to come along and enjoy a trial class.

📍 Location: Croydon Primary School Stadium

✉ Email: croydon@gymbaroo.com.au

🌐 Website: <https://www.gymbaroo.com.au/articles/location/gymbaroo-croydon/>

☎ Phone: 0455 506 614

Warm regards,

Yidan



Safe to school



How to drop off and pick up children safely

Supervise children in or near traffic

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

What you can do

Walk or cycle to school with your child.	Take the healthy option. If walking from your home to school is difficult, then consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.
Respect the road rules and parking signs.	<p>It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.• Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.
Wait on the same side of the road as your child.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.• If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus. <p>If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors. The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic.</p>
Develop a safe to school strategy.	Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a 'safe to school' strategy. Visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education for more information.

Obey these signs

Speed limit signs



All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.

Children crossing



When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor on duty.

No parking



Often located in designated school drop off and pick up areas. The driver must remain with the vehicle at all times.

No stopping



No stopping zones cannot be used at any time for stopping, parking, dropping off or picking up students/passengers. These zones can also be marked by yellow lines.

Bus zone



Bus zones are for public or private bus use only. The driver of a private vehicle is not allowed to stop in a bus zone at any time. Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For further information visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-safety-education



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