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

5th February 2026

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

TERM 1 DATES

Feb 13 – v Marlborough at home - 5/6
Feb 17th Getting to Know you Interviews
Feb 18th 3/4 Historical Museum Croydon Library Visit
10.15—1.00pm
Feb 20- v Our lady's home and away - 5/6
Feb 23 District Swimming– selected students only
Feb 27th Assembly 3.00pm
Feb 27th—v Ringwood Heights away
March 2nd Division Swimming - 5/6
March 6th **Curriculum day**– no students
March 9th **LABOUR DAY**

March 11th Naplan Begins
March 12th 1/2 Mount De Lancy Excursion
March 17th Murrindindi
March 18th Murrindindi-3/4's
March 20 -v Marborough away– 5/6
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

WELCOME BACK

**GYM OPENING
ALL WELCOME**

**Federal Education Minister Jason Clare will be in
attendance on**

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 12.30 PM

To officially open the new gym.

We have had a wonderful start to the year with students settling extremely well. Thank you to all of the staff who have created these welcoming environments

Our mantra drives us each day

Show up – this means the students have had breakfast and enough sleep so they are ready to learn

Opt In – means all students will give everything ago – opting out is not an option.

Be curious and creative. Staff will create interesting and engaging lessons that encourage students to be curious and creative. In turn we want the students to come with that curious mindset.

As a parent please help us to achieve this optimum.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 5/6 CAMP

Weary students returned from Camp yesterday afternoon.

They had an amazing time wandering through Melbourne, visiting places of interest including the Aquarium, the Shrine, MCG and the Eureka Skydeck. Not only have they enjoyed getting to know each other, but they have developed additional knowledge from each of the activities around the city.

Thank you so much to Fiona Tang, Frederick Lopez, Victoria De La Rue, Sarah Van Den Akker, Cameron Ross and Kerri Hutcheson, for their organisation and giving up their family time. It is a huge responsibility, and greatly appreciated.



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5/6 CAMP PHOTOS



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

As we start the year there are the regular things that begin to start. Please note the following

COFFEE CART – NEW LOCATION - Every Friday morning from 8.30 the coffee cart will be available next to the Junior Playground .Please support this small business to get a drink and / or food. Student are allowed to get a drink provided they order early enough to drink it before class.

BREAKFAST CLUB – starts Tuesday February 10th . It is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 . Parents must supervise their children.

Volunteers needed from 8.00 – 9.30

SRI (Christian Instruction)- begins March 16 . A small group of students participate in a “Sunday School” like program delivered by volunteers after school 3.45-4.15 on Monday afternoons.

Forms are available from the office . \$5.00 cost

INTERSCHOOL SPORT – Year 5/6 begin playing weekly games against other schools on Friday mornings . parents are welcome to watch

Feb 13 – v Marlborough at home

Feb 20- v Our lady's home and away

Feb 27 – v Ringwood Heights away

March 20 -v Marlborough away

March 27 – Finals TBC

ASSEMBLY – Last Friday of each month 3.00 pm. (Gym)

Feb 27th

March 27th

April 2 – 2.00 – last day of term

ICY POLE FRIDAY -begins Friday 6th at lunchtime cost \$1.00

JUNIOR ROCKERS – Wednesday- Paid music lessons are available from Junior Rockers. Lessons commenced this week. New enrolments welcome.

JUST BRASS- start to be confirmed Just Brass has returned for 2026. Students from Year 3 – 6 receive a free brass instrument, free lessons and play in a band after school on Friday. I have been pleased with the interest but there is still time to get a form from the office and sign up.

COMPASS PASSWORDS

Compass is the main way of communicating with parents, including important reminders. Please ensure that your password works – ask the office for a reset if you have trouble.

Remember to change the year level for level specific information.

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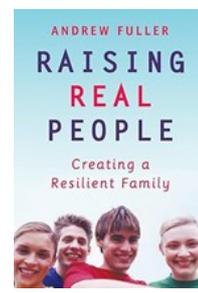
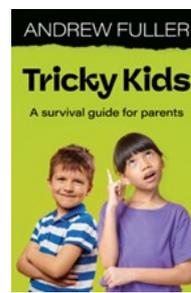
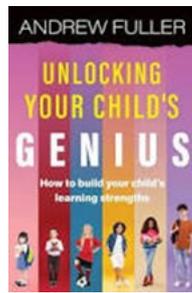
ANDREW FULLER

The staff had a really informative day with Andrew Fuller on Jan 27. We concentrated on Neuroadvantage: The Strengths-based Approach to Neurodivergence.

We learnt about the different hormones that affect our responses depending on the situation and how to support children in that state.

We were given great tips on changing the energy in the classroom and how to engage the learners depending on their strength.

I thoroughly recommend the books below for parents as well.



Secondary schools 2026

It is advised that parents begin to look for open days/night and parent information sessions on Secondary school websites. We are notified of some but not all.

The process:

Croydon P S will send home the application forms on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

Parents have until **Friday 8th May 2026** to return this form to Croydon P S

The primary school manages the process of applying for schools.

Croydon P S will notify parents of their school placement for 2026 on **Wednesday 24 June 2026**

Current tours are:

MELBA College – book on line Friday 13 February 2026 - Friday 1 May 2026 (UTC+11)

A tour of the College for prospective Year 7 2027 students and families.

Tours will leave from Main C Building Reception

Yarra Hills – Book on line

Scheduled school tours are conducted during normal school hours starting at 10.15am on Monday every week. Please meet in Main Administration office and will continue at these days and times throughout the year at Mount Evelyn Campus.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mooroolbark College – Ring for a tour or book on line

Throughout the year, College tours are conducted on Wednesday and Fridays, providing families of prospective students with an opportunity to explore our facilities and learn about the transition process. For a personalized tour experience, feel free to contact us at (03) 9727 8100 or complete the form below.

Lilydale Heights – book on line

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30

Norwood - Book on line

School Tours for Year 7, 2027

School tour bookings are open for 2026. Tours will commence at 9:50am from the General Office and conclude at 11.10am. Bookings are essential via Trybooking.

Tours are for future Year 7 students only (Grade 5 to 6).

Heathmont

2026 College Tours

All College tours, depending on the day commence at either 9:15am sharp and conclude at 10:00am or commence at 2:00pm and conclude at 2:45pm.

To allow for a more personalised experience, tours are capped at 20 attendees per tour. If you are interested or would like to visit a particular area during the tour, please advise the staff when booking and we will try to accommodate your request.

If you have any queries regarding our tours or wish to book, please phone the college on 9871 4888.

INTERESTING FACTS

The idea of school – grouping students together in a location for the purposes of learning – has existed for thousands of years.

Victoria was the first Australian colony to introduce free, secular, and compulsory education in 1872.

In 1872 there were 483 public schools across the colony, and 172 of them are still open today.

Croydon Primary School started in 1888, on Mount Dandenong Rd Croydon. The building is still there opposite the police station.

Kind Regards
Julie Gilbert

COMMUNITY NEWS



Term 1 week 1

Welcome back families to a new year! From everyone at TheirCare we hope you had a fun and relaxing holiday! We can't wait to see everyone again! For those who came to our school holiday program we hope you enjoyed the last three weeks as much as we did and, if you had any ideas of things you would like to do for the next school holidays, let us know.

Before School Care: 7:00 – 8:45

After School Care: 3:30 – 6:15

Our school holiday theme was Galactic circus. We enjoyed a variety of excursions including mini golf, bowling, indoor playground, movies x2, and going to a STEMtastic fair. Our on-site activities included making our own popcorn slime, becoming scientists as we tried to make bath bombs and flying rockets, exploring our universe through Saturn ring toss and planet corners, and becoming our own circus performers with juggling skills, pin the nose on the clown and making our own bouncing paper clowns.

Through each of these days we welcomed a variety of new friends filling up our bookings for each day, allowing the children to expand their social interaction and communication skills with new people. Everyone did very well to participate in each of the activities and gave their feedback on what they did and didn't like.

We are looking forward to hearing from everyone what they would like to do this term, so if you have any ideas please, let Alex know and we can add them to our program.



Our top sticker earners
from Term 4 2025:

1st Chloeijn

2nd Mina

3rd Grace

The following people also
have small prizes to claim:

Archie. M, Victoria x 2,
Chloeijn x 2, Ethan. F x 2,
Ethan. W, Henry. M x 2,
Maddie, Mina, Grace, Julian

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**

**5th February – 19th February
Chloejyn, Grace, Monica, Myles, Eli ,Luiz, and Joel.**





Enrol for before and after school care now
...so you're ready when life happens!

Whether you're working, have an appointment, or something unexpected comes up, TheirCare supports parents with outside hours school care that's easy to book, inclusive and fun for kids.

- * Welcoming educators that your kids know and trust
- * It costs nothing to enrol, you won't pay unless you book a session
- * Care can cost as little as a few dollars per session (after CCS)
- * Flexible care to support busy families
- * Fun, engaging activities and nutritious snacks
- * Social interaction and time spent with friends
- * Part of your school community, contributing over \$20M to schools across Australia

One less thing to worry about later with Before and After School Care at TheirCare

Even if you don't need before or after school care right now, enrolling your child means it's there when you do.

Work runs late. Meetings pop up. Appointments happen. Kids get invited places. Life moves fast, and having care already set up makes those days so much easier.

The good news? There's no catch.

- ***It costs nothing to enrol***
- ***You won't pay unless you actually book a session***
- ***Care can cost as little as a few dollars per session (after CCS)***

So you can enrol, be prepared, and only use it when you need it.

Your child will be with caring educators, doing fun activities, and spending time with friends in a safe, familiar space.