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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 March 2026**

**GREEN & GOLD**

### Calendar Dates to Remember

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 18th Harmony Day  
March 20 -v Marlborough away– 5/6 Interschool sport  
March 27 – Finals TBC Interschool Sport  
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

### **CURRICULUM DAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**NO STUDENTS**

#### **PREP 2027- SCHOOLTOURS HAVE STARTED.**

If you have friends or relatives who are interested get them to ring the office for a booking .

#### **DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE**

Each year I recount the data we have around the link between independence and academic success. Parents that still carry in bags, come in to class and organize their child are not allowing their child to take responsibility for their learning, settling themselves for the day.

We always set a goal for the Preps to begin this in term 2. Putting away their own bags and changing their take home books. This has been very successful.

Once students are able to do this we ask this continues.

All year 1 /2 students are capable of bringing in their own belongings and getting ready for the day. We have implemented the opening of classrooms 10 mins before the bell so the students can settle and be calm and orderly to begin right at 9.00. We do ask that parents do not come into the bag space in the morning as this is making the 9.00 start very difficult and not giving staff the optimal start to the day.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## OPTING IN

I read this article on the weekend and I think there are important points.

“Feelings are important. Kids should learn to name them, talk about them and understand them, but not live by them. Many people have ‘felt’ something when upset, and then upon further reflection, clarity, and time, they can see it completely differently.

*Acknowledging a feeling is different to obeying it.*

Sometimes we don’t show children how to sit with discomfort and teach them how to escape it.

Frustration should not mean quit, boredom does not mean change the task, resistance does not mean lower the bar. Those uncomfortable moments are where we build:

*Hard work, determination, problem-solving and follow through*

Discomfort is not harm, struggle is good, sometimes it is the necessary space where growth happens. We want children who can push through challenge, solve problems and show up for others. Doing hard things even when it feels inconvenient, frustrating or uncomfortable is where capability is built.

We support this sort of learning at school, and I hope there are times at home where you encourage for child to ‘push through and give it a go.’”

## CURRICULUM DAY

The staff will be working with Deb Sukarna on the teaching of grammar. This is a critical part of the writing process and is taught within context, not as a subject on its own.

Children need to know how to make their writing better, more complex, more exciting, rich and interesting. You cannot separate Grammar and writing, as it has a natural place within all writing phases from planning, revision, editing and publishing. We need to teach and focus on the Grammar that will really enhance student writing. We can minimize the use of grammatical terminology that often scares teachers and kids! Staff will be provided with a Foundation – Year 6, Grammar Menu – a developmental planner for the teaching of Grammar. We are really excited to continue this work with Deb.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Fish doorbell is back!

Through the fish doorbell students have the opportunity to participate in citizen science from home!

Every year between March and May, thousands of fish swim through Utrecht's canals and waterways in the Netherlands searching for a place to spawn.

In the heart of the city is a manually operated loch. When the gates are closed the fish are forced to wait, wasting time and energy.

To help the fish you can ring the Fish Doorbell through the website to alert the lock keeper to open the lock and allow the fish to continue their journey.

Access Fish Doorbell at

<https://visdeurbel.nl/en/>

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## DIVISION SWIMMING

Congratulations to all of the students who represented the school on Monday at Divisional swimming. This was against students who had done well at District last week.

The following students finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in events at the Warrandyte South District swimming carnival and progressed to the Maroondah Division swimming carnival. Ryan, Toby, Evelyn, Archie, Ben W, Thomas, Elsa B, Sylvie, Myles, Gareth, Haydn & Grace.

They competed at Aquanation against students from 28 other schools in Maroondah. The standard of swimming was very high with some national swimmers amongst the fields. Our students embraced the occasion and performed in manner that we can all be proud of. Grace finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the backstroke and freestyle events. She will now compete in the Eastern Region Swimming Championships. We wish her well for this exciting opportunity.



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Reminder to return your ballot by 4.00 pm Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER RAFFLE

The office is preparing to run the easter raffle.

We would like to make as many 'hampers' as possible.

We are seeking donations for the raffle of easter eggs and suitable gifts. Some ideas are:

### Small eggs



### Craft ideas



### Hollow eggs



### Toys



### Rabbits



## SRI (Special Religious Instruction - Christian)

Beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 3.45 – 4.15

For some years we have offered SRI to students after school on a Monday. The program is run by volunteers and follows lesson from Korus Connect.

Brochures about the program are available at the office.

Please complete an enrolment form if you wish to attend. The cost for the year is \$5.00 – covering materials.

## HARMONY DAY – WEAR ORANGE

Harmony Week 2026 in Australia runs from **Monday March 16 to Sunday March 22, 2026**, celebrating Australia's cultural diversity with the theme "Everyone Belongs". Harmony Day will be celebrated at Croydon P S on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**. On that day we wear **ORANGE** to show support for cultural diversity.

Anything orange is suitable from hair ribbons or socks through to t shirts or shorts. No one is expected to but anything especially for the day.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## YEAR 5/6 SPORTS REPORT

### Girls' Basketball – Evelyn

Today was our second girls' basketball match. We played much better this week. Although we didn't win, we still had fun. Our Lady's played really well. Shout out to Jordan for being a great sport and encouraging the team.

### Hot Shots – Chan Chan

On the 20th of February, we played Hot Shots, and the final score was 178 to 120. We won by 8 points. We played three rounds: one practice round and two real games. We all did a great job.

### Mixed Basketball – Henry

Today the boys' basketball team played against Our Lady's. They were excited to play in our new gym. Thank you to Troy for refereeing the first half and thank you to the parents who cheered us on. The final score was 55 to 22. The boys improved their defence and passing, which led to our victory.

### Volley Bounce – Elsa

This week we continued our weekly interschool sports against Our Lady's. The girls' volley bounce team did a great job, winning 34–23. It was a close game. In the first set they won 18–16, and in the second set we won 15–5. We all had fun and made some new friends. Shout out to Zokim for encouraging the team and showing great sportsmanship.

### Soft Cross – Alfie

Week 2 of interschool sport was against Our Lady's in Ringwood. We lost 25–1. They had an incredible team and played in the state finals last year. We did our best. Luiz never stopped trying and made some great passes. Alfie managed to block quite a few shots on goal. I would like to thank Mr Ross for umpiring our match.

### Cricket – Peter

On Friday the 20th of February, Croydon played Our Lady's at their home ground. The field was next to their school. They took 3 wickets, but we took 4. Peter took 2 wickets, and Zion and Thomas took 1 each. Everybody showed good sportsmanship by saying encouraging words to each other. We won 97 to 47. Shout out to Andy for umpiring.

## ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION – SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Each year the school annual report is presented at the AGM. It is passed by school council and then goes to the VRQA for approval

There are 3 ways you can access the Annual Report

Attend school council AGM – 7.00 pm 18<sup>th</sup> March ( please register)

Hard copies at the office after 18<sup>th</sup> march ( draft form)

School website once passed by VRQA

## COFFEE VAN – NEW LOCATION

A reminder the coffee van will be on site Friday morning next to the junior playground.

Grab a coffee and support one of our ex-parents.

## INTERESTING AUTUMN FACTS

The coldest autumn on record in Australia was in 1917, with an average of 20 degrees.

The hottest autumn on record in Australia was in 2016 with an average temperature of 24 degrees.

In autumn air temperatures drop and sea temperatures lag behind, resulting in relatively warmer waters.

Autumn brings vibrant changes in leaf colour of deciduous trees as daylight shortens and chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down.

Kind Regards  
Julie Gilbert

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

**Mondays 8.30am-9.15am**

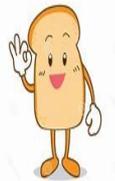


## Breakfast Club

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**

**5th March – 19th March  
Grayson, Cabir, Hafzibah and Harvey**



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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Term 1 Week 4

Hello families! What a fun few weeks we have had so far, crazy to think that we are halfway through term 1! Unfortunately, we missed out on getting into the last newsletter so this week we will go over everything that we have done this term.

During our short week 1 and week 2, we focused on getting to know everyone again and seeing what has changed plus getting to know our new children who have just started with us at Before and After School care. We made a new birthday wall using our birthstones! We also added a new feature to our room of a height chart that we will look back on each term to see how the children grow throughout the year.

Week 3 saw us exploring the Winter Olympics with the 2026 Games. This also linked into our charity for this term which will be the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics exists to create a more inclusive Australia where people with intellectual disability and/or autism can play sport and live an active, healthy and fulfilling life. Our National Games are a pinnacle moment, showcasing what athletes can achieve when given the opportunity to thrive.

Week 4 saw us with a Minecraft week. I think the children favourite part of the week was making our square foods such as churro crumpets bites and our square potato pops, as well as making our lava slime! Week 5 welcomed a competitive spirit in our room as we explored competitions in sport, we played a down ball tournament, used giant rackets to play balloon tennis, and seeing how many sports we could name by using emojis to represent the sport.

This week we are doing a slumber party theme with lots of our activities being sleepover themed, such as making sleep masks, dancing to interactive videos and making bracelets. We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday for our pupil free day (no school) wearing their PJ's, if you haven't booked in yet that's ok we still have lots of space!



Before School Care: 7:00 – 8:45

After School Care: 3:30 – 6:15





Hello families, on **Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March** the school is having a **Curriculum Day** which means there will be no children at school for the day. TheirCare will still be open for the **WHOLE** day for a pupil free day if you would like to book your children in.

**Day:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

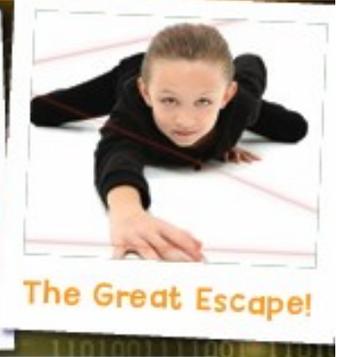
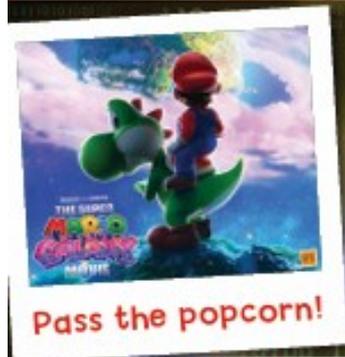
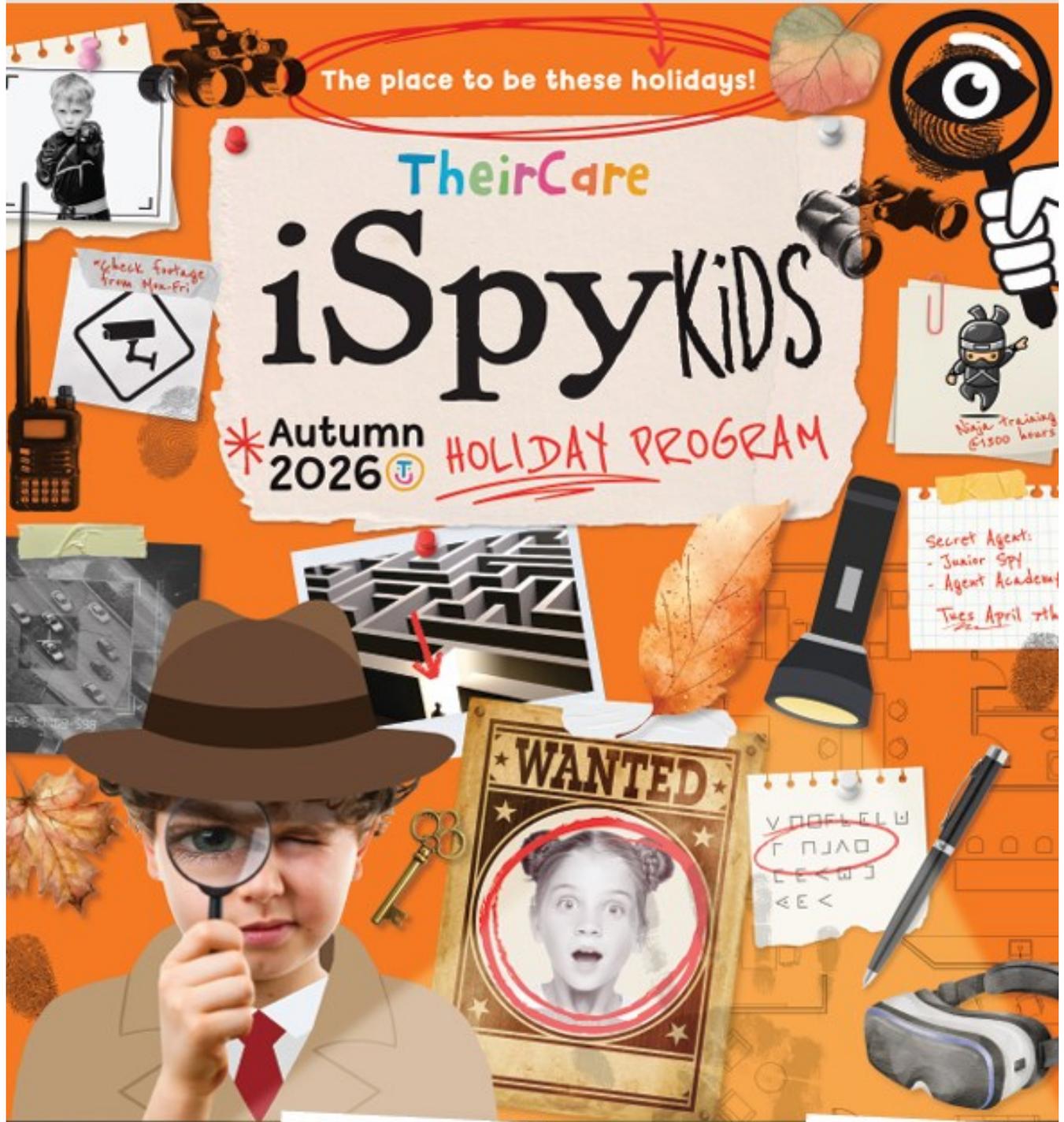
**Time:** 7:00am – 6:15pm

**Food:** we will supply breakfast (7:00am – 9:00am), and afternoon tea (3:00pm – 5:00pm), you will need to bring morning tea and lunch like you would for a normal school day.

**What to bring:** a teddy, water bottle, weather appropriate clothing, food.

**Theme:** We are doing a slumber party theme for the week so if you would like you can come dressed in your Pyjamas!





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**MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE**

MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE WARMLY INVITES  
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & STUDENTS TO JOIN US FOR OUR

# OPEN NIGHT

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2026

**FORMAL PRESENTATION  
6:00PM**

We look forward to welcoming you to Mooroolbark College

*'a place to inspire discovery, to value and to seize opportunity.'*

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**MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE**

## MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

We're excited to invite prospective students and their families to the **Mooroolbark College Open Night!** This is a fantastic opportunity to explore the campus, meet our passionate staff, and discover all the exciting programs and opportunities that **Mooroolbark College** offers.

**Date:** Monday 23rd March 2026

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Location:** **Mooroolbark College** - 186 Manchester Road, **Mooroolbark** 3138

- ★ Formal presentation
- ★ Guided tours of the college
- ★ Learn about the wide range of subjects and extracurricular activities
- ★ Meet current students and staff
- ★ Ask any questions you may have about our vibrant school community

Whether you are starting high school in 2027 or exploring options for the future, this is an event you won't want to miss!

We look forward to welcoming you to **Mooroolbark College** and showing you all that we have to offer.



# CITY HOLIDAY CAMP



## City Camp

7 - 10 April, 2026

Urban Camp



## Activities

St. Kilda Penguins & Melbourne Zoo  
Comedy & Arcade  
Eureka Skydeck & Movies



## Transport

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# 2026 OPEN NIGHT



LILYDALE HEIGHTS  
COLLEGE

Revised  
Date

Wednesday  
**25th**  
**March**

College Tours from 5pm  
Presentation at 6.30pm

Bookings for Open Night and daytime  
tours are available via the College website.



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*Respect*  
*Responsibility*



HEATHMONT  
COLLEGE

# 2026 OPEN NIGHT

Join us on **Wednesday 1 April 2026**  
at one of our available sessions:

**Session 1** – commencing at **4:30pm**

**Session 2** – commencing at **5.30pm**

**Session 3** – commencing at **6:30pm**



Please visit our website to register online

[www.heathmont.vic.edu.au](http://www.heathmont.vic.edu.au)