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SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN  
8.45AM TO 3.45 PM  
Before and Afterschool Care  
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**2nd April 2026**

**GREEN & GOLD**

### Calendar Dates to Remember

April 2nd **LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**2.00pm Assembly 2.30 pm Dismissal**  
April 3rd **GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 19th **ANZAC Day Service 11am-12pm**  
**Croydon War Memorial**  
April 26th School ANZAC service 3.00pm  
April 27th SRI Starts

April 29th St Johns's Ambulance 3-6  
May 8th Year 5/6 Sport Marlorough  
May 18th Smile Squad Arriving  
May 19th District Cross Country  
May 20th Education Week open 3.30-5.00pm  
5.30 -6.30pm  
May 29 **Assembly 3.00pm**  
Year 5/6 Sport St Anne's



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Wishing all of our families a safe and happy holiday break.*

It has been a busy term with wonderful learning opportunities at all year levels.

We started the year with 5 /6 camp, took part in interschool sport and finished with the whole school cross country.

Murrundindi was here for two days, but unfortunately car trouble meant he wasn't able to visit the 5 /6 students. He will come 4 days next term to make it up.

NAPLAN went well without the disruptions reported in the media.

The new gym has been a highlight with PE classes using it regularly.

It has been wonderful to see the growth and development of the Preps as they navigate their first term. I am really proud of how settled the classes are.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **CONTRACT RENEWAL**

I am really delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead Croydon Primary School for another 5 years – to 2031. Principal contracts run for 5 years and my second contract ( 10 year) expires in October 2026.

The Regional Director Karen Money contacted me in the school holidays to tell me this wonderful news. It is a huge privilege to lead this amazing school and I look forward to the next 5 years with excitement.

## **SERVICES VICTORIA – SCAM PROTECTION**

Thank you to Nicole Mahoney for arranging a session from Services Victoria about watching out for scams. This is a critical issue for everyone and it is important to stay informed. Thank you to the parents that engaged with the program.

## **INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all parents who attended the Term 1 Goal setting interviews. We think it is really important to engage with parents in this way, to ensure everyone is clear about how their child is going.

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS**

I'm sure all parents with sibling themselves or more than one child will understand the conflict that can arise at home.

Similar situations can also happen at school and I read a fantastic little article about this on the weekend. Conflict resolution is something that needs to be taught, but it also something children need to try to accomplish themselves.

The article stated:

At the first sign of conflict we can hear ;"I think my child is being bullied."

Experts watching children navigate social challenges agree true bullying is rare. More often it is social conflict. Bullying is repeated, one-way harm. Conflict is a disagreement between two or more people. Not every argument or harsh word is bullying and it's important we understand the difference.

Social conflict is a normal ( and necessary) part of growing up.

"If children do not learn conflict resolution skills when they are young, they may grow into adults who still struggle to manage disagreements. "

It is sometimes tricky for staff to know when to intervene in disagreements.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At Croydon P S kindness always matters. True bullying (name calling, pushing, shoving) is addressed immediately. But when it's a disagreement, we don't always rush in, because in those uncomfortable moments, children :

- Find their voice
- Learn to listen
- Practise empathy
- Solve their own problems

As more children struggle socially. They don't need fewer conflicts – they need safe opportunities to practice resolving them.

## TERM 2 REMINDERS

- No Icy Poles Term 2 and 3 – they return in Term 4 for the warmer weather
- ANZAC SERVICE April 24<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm school deck. All parents welcome
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Smile squad arrives ( see info below)
- Mothers' Day stall – each year we have offering for \$5 or less. Children are able to choose their item from a wonderful array of goods provided by the Parents' club.
- SRI starts Monday the 27th April (2nd week of term 2)

While we raise funds the stall's main purpose is to allow everyone to buy something and have the experience of choosing their gift.

## CHOIR – CROYDON RSL ANZAC SERVICE

A reminder that the choir will be part of the **ANZAC service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am**  
Every one is welcome to join us for this moving service at the Croydon War Memorial Civic Square ( outside Croydon library) .

## SMILE SQUAD

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school from May 18. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

You can book via the QR code or we have paper copies at the office.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to make the Easter raffle the exciting success that it is. Thank you also for purchasing the tickets, the raffle is an important part of school fund raising

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos went smoothly yesterday. Elite are a wonderful company who produce excellent photos. We also appreciate their support for families with more than 2 children.

If you have forgotten to order, every child has their photo taken and you can contact the company directly.  
Tel: (03) 95709311  
info@eliteschoolphotography.com.au

## INTERESTING EASTER BUNNY FACTS

- The Easter Bunny Origin: The story of the Easter Bunny (or "Oschter Haws") bringing eggs to Children originated in Germany in the 1600's
- Symbolism: Eggs symbolize new life, while rabbits represent fertility.
- Huge Egg Sales: [Cadbury](#) makes 500 million Creme Eggs every year, and Easter is one of the biggest chocolate consuming holidays
- Chocolate Ear Trick: Most people eat the ears of a chocolate bunny first.

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

2nd April – 30th April  
Miinnie, Ngaihuam, Alfie, Patrick, John, Avve. Olivia F  
Kehlani H , Olivia S, Felix Toby, Richard, Mary Sianhuai  
San Nuam, Alexia, Isaac and Ollie



### Staff carpark

Just a friendly reminder to parents please do not park in the staff carpark  
At drop of or pick up times this is to ensure the safety of our children.



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