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

28th May 2026

Calendar Dates to Remember

May 28th 1/2 Mini Beast Visit
May 28th 5/6 Media Visit
May 29 **Assembly 3.00pm**
Year 5/6 Sport St Anne's
June 2nd Division Cross Country (Selected Students only)
June 5th Year 5/6 Sport Our Lady's
June 8th **Kings Birthday** (No School)
June 11th Tilly's Birthday
June 12th 5/6 Sport Ringwood Heights

June 15th 5/6 Huddle Excursion
June 22nd Murrundindi 3/4 & 1/2
June 23rd Murrundindi 5/6 & 1/2
June 24th Parent Teacher Conferences.
June 25th Murrundindi- Prep
Prep Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
June 26th **Last Day Assembly 2.00pm**
Dismissal 2.30 pm

Indigenous Celebrations & Holiday Dates

March 27th May - June 3 Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum
Reconciliation week



GREEN & GOLD

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BE KIND

Last week the school and I were the topic of a slanderous facebook post.

It will come as no surprise to you that I don't have facebook. While I understand its many positive uses, for connection and support, a platform that allows things to be said with no obligation to be true has really negative consequences.

I am incredibly proud of Croydon P S . We have dedicated staff - teachers and support staff who come to school everyday with the sole intent to do the very best for our students and community they possibly can.

This is more than just a 'feel", although that 'feel" is one of our strengths. Our results show that students also thrive academically.

"Out of the mouths of babes" is a saying I often use and at Croydon P S our student survey says our Years 4 -6 are happy and safe

98% have a sense of inclusion, 100% feel safe, 98% want to be at school every day. All results well above the state and similar school results.

What a wonderful endorsement!

Through all adversity there is a silver lining and I was overwhelmed by the personal positive emails and texts I received from past and current parents, principals I know and don't know, teachers and ES staff from other schools, and even a principal from NSW.

Thank you to the parents who reached out to the school with support, it certainly made a difference.

I ask that as you work with us to produce kind and thoughtful members of the next generation that you model and prioritise being kind.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June every year – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to recommit ourselves to reconciliation and the fight for First Nations justice in Australia.

The dates for NRW commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful **1967 referendum**, and the **High Court Mabo decision** respectively.

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY SISSON

We are very excited to announce that Emily Sisson is expecting her first baby.

Emily will be at Croydon P S until the end of Term 3 and Kate Medveczky will take over Prep S for Term 4.

We wish Emily and Luke well for this exciting new stage.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 19TH May, 41 Croydon P.S. students competed in the Warrandyte South cross-country event. They braved the cool conditions and steep hills to do our school proud. It was pleasing to see so many of our students take on the challenge and do their best. We finished 6th overall and had 7 students run in the top ten in their age groups. (The highest division qualifiers for C.P.S. in the past 10 years.) Lachie, Will, Zion, Peter, Frankie, Nathaniel and Grace will represent our school at the Maroondah Division event at the Yarra Valley Racecourse on Tuesday June 2nd.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OPEN AFTERNOON/ EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended on open afternoon/ evening. The teachers developed engaging activities for all families. It was wonderful to see families playing games together and even copying them to take them home.

Thank you for all of the positive comments we received on the night.

Add 19th August to your diary for our next open afternoon for Science Week .

SATURDAY TOURS

Kerri and I were at the school Saturday 16th to show around 9 families. This is the most interest we have had for our Saturday tours.

Please remember to put in your enrolment if you have someone starting in 2027.

SANCTUARY

It is often hard to notice small increments over time, but the photos below show the incredible job Megan Forster and the Year 3 – 6 students had done weeding the sanctuary. Under the guidance of Land Care we need to clear the weeds and then plant native species to preserve this important piece of history. There is a tension between keeping the habitat for species while doing so, meaning it cannot just be 'stripped'. Thanks everyone for your hard work .

12 months ago



Now



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INTERESTING FACTS

- Eucalyptus (Gum Trees): Gum trees don't have real petals! Instead, their fluffy blooms are made of hundreds of tiny, are made of hundreds of tiny, colourful spikes. Their leaves contain cineole, a strong oil that acts like a natural insect repellent .
- Scribbly Gum: These smooth, white trees have "scribbles" on their bark. The zig-zag lines are actually little tunnels left behind by the larvae of the scribbly gum moth!
- Kangaroo Paw: Named because its flowers look just like a fuzzy kangaroo paw! The bright red or yellow fur protects them and holds sweet nectar that acts as a yummy energy drink for local honeyeater birds.
- Sturt's Desert Pea: This plant lives in the dry outback. It produces bright red flowers with a dark centre and can survive years as a tiny, drought-proof seed until the desert gets enough rain to bloom.

JOKES TO SHARE

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| What kind of cheese doesn't belong to you? | Nacho cheese! |
| Why are elevator jokes so good? | They work on many levels! |
| What's worse than finding a worm in your apple? | Finding half a worm in your apple! |

Kinds Regards

Julie Gilbert

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Mondays 8.30am-9.15am



SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

28th May – 11th June
Fox, Ayla, Merry, Ella G , Anna, Abraham and Jack



REMINDER School Beanies For Sale

We have a number of school Beanies for
sale .One of our lovely Grandparent s kindly
knitted them for us.

Be quick as they sell out fast.

\$5.00ea

Pick up from the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Term 2 Week 6



Week 5 National Volunteers Week

Before School Care: 7:00 – 8:45

After School Care: 3:30 – 6:15

Hello families, during week 5 we learnt about National Volunteers Week.

This is a week where we say thank you to everyone who volunteers their time

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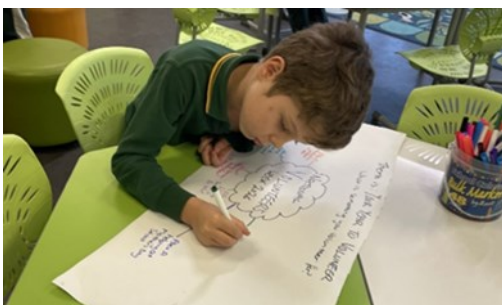
help others. Some of the jobs we looked at included the SES as we did a special celebration on Wednesday called Wear Orange Wednesday, or WOW Day.

The other activities that we investigated were Scouts and how each leader is a volunteer who runs different experiences for the children, coaches who teach us sports, and how people can volunteer to help the police.



Week 6 Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

During week 6 we investigated our Aboriginal Culture through exploring experiences around Reconciliation week. We started our week by looking at a welcome to country through a brainstorm of what we can do to make people feel comfortable. On Tuesday we looked at National Sorry Day. We found that purple symbolizes the day and represents the Native Hibiscus flower, which is used by survivors of the Stolen Generations to acknowledge their scattering and signify their strength and resilience. We used origami to make purple flowers as we spoke about what the day meant. During the rest of the week, we participated in reconciliation week activities by making damper, rainbow serpent playdough, Rafia weaving and exploring aboriginal symbols.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

5th June – World Environment Day

12th June – Kindness Rocks disco (TheirCare special event)

MELBA COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

\$25.00 PP

Doors open at 7pm
for a 7:30pm start

GIFFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

387A MAROONDAH HIGHWAY, CROYDON NORTH

SUPPER, TEA & COFFEE – BRING YOUR OWN GLASS,
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