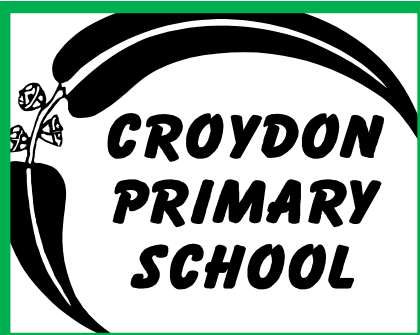




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8.45AM TO 3.45 PM
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is available with TheirCare

6th August 2026

GREEN & GOLD

Calendar Dates to Remember

Aug 7th **Principals' Day**

Aug 13th 3/4 Excursion Melbourne Walking Tour

Aug 19th Science Afternoon 3.30-5.00 (Rescheduled)

Aug 26th Whole School Athletics Day- Ringwood

Aug 28th **Assembly 3.00pm**

Aug 27th Book Week Day (Rotations) No Dress Up

Sep 4th Prep Excursion Royal Botanic Gardens

Sep 7th Whole School Dress Rehearsal at school

Sep 8th District Athletics Selected students

Sep 9th School Concert Karralyka

Sep 14th -16th Murrundindi

Sep 18th Last Day of Term

Assembly 2.00 pm Dismissal 2.30pm

Oct 14th Science Afternoon



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

100 DAYS OF PREP

On Wednesday, the Prep students enthusiastically celebrated their **100th Day of School!** The day was packed with exciting activities all centred around the number 100. Students had a fantastic time decorating biscuits, racing to reach 100 on a number chart, and working together to stack 100 cups into a tower. There were lots of smiles, laughter and teamwork throughout the day as everyone celebrated this special milestone. We all had a wonderful day making memories, having fun and celebrating 100 amazing days of learning together!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



BAMBANG MURTJONO

I am sad to report that Puk Bambang will no longer be able to work at Croydon P S . Just before the last holidays he was unwell and went to hospital. Unfortunately his current health issues prevent him returning to work this year.

It was Bambang's original intention to then retire at the end of the year.

He is greatly respected member of the school community and has provided an outstanding Indonesian program.

We are incredibly grateful that Bambang has reached out to his colleagues in an attempt to find us the best possible replacement.

We will be meeting with possible staff soon, to fill not only the rest of this year but going forward into the future.

Bambang is in good spirits and still connects with staff at the school and I know how disappointed he is that he could not finish the year.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing him all the best.

DISTRICT FINALS

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team and girls' and mixed volley bounce teams.

All teams won their way into the district finals from the weekly interschool sport.

I was really proud of all the teams. They were a credit to the school with their sportsmanship and attitude.

The 2 volley bounce teams are the district champions and will go onto further finals. Their pennant will be proudly displayed in the cabinet in the gym.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPELLING

Last week we spent 2 informative days with Deb Sukarna. The first was the curriculum day where all staff learnt about the structure of our spelling program, how it progresses through the school and the importance of etymology (the history of a word).

On Friday Deb modelled a spelling lesson with each year level and then all teams got to debrief and question what they observed.

Some words your children might be using.

Base – each word contains a base – holds the core of its meaning.

Etymology – tells you the history of a word or morpheme.

Morpheme - the basic building blocks of words and each morpheme has an associated meaning.

Morphology – describes how words are built up, usually in terms of morphemes.

Phoneme – is a basic unit of pronunciation, which would change the meaning of a word if it were pronounced differently

Phonology – spoken English has around 44 phonemes, obviously more than the 26 letters of the alphabet.

Syllable – you can count the syllable in a word by tapping out its rhythm.

Word family – a word family brings together words that have both similar form and meaning, typically they share the base element.

Word sum- shows how a word is built up by separating each building block by an addition sign.

Croydon has been using structured word inquiry and morphology for many years. It improved the spelling dramatically and we have always had incredible spelling results. Our students know 'knowledge is power' and understanding how the English language works makes all the difference.

Our professional learning model ensures that all new staff are skilled in our approaches.

PRODUCTION

All classes are busily practising their songs and dances for the production. They are looking wonderful. Ticket sales have been held up from the Karralyka end. We will announce the sales shortly.

PRINCIPALS' DAY – AUGUST 7TH

Tomorrow is Principals' day. Around the state schools celebrate the important work Principals do.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The AEU has planned industrial action for August 19th.

There could be a resolution to this before the day, if not parents will be notified of the impact to the school on August 18th.

The school had two important events planned for the 19th. The school review where the reviewer, SEIL and 2 principals from other schools are reviewing the School Strategic Plan and set the goals and targets for the next 4 years. We have created a back up day on the 18th in case the industrial action goes ahead. I will keep you up to date as soon as I know.

It is also our Science Night. We have decided to reschedule to October 14th due to the amount of preparation required.

MATHS JOKE

Why can't parallel lines be friends? They'll never meet.

Why shouldn't you debate with a 90 degree angle? They are always right.

Why shouldn't you trust math teachers who use graph paper? They are always plotting something?

TONGUE TWISTER

Tiny turtles tickle tall trees.

Dizzy ducks dance daily.

INTERESTING FACTS

The leatherback is the largest sea turtle. Individuals have reached a shell length of 1.85 metres and weights of 637 kilograms they may eat mainly jellyfish.

The hummingbird, the Loon, the swift, the kingfisher and the Grebe are all birds that cannot walk.

The cat's heart beats twice as fast as a human heart, at 110 – 140 beats per minute.

Kinds Regards

Julie Gilbert

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

6th August – 20th August
James, Dash, Sian Cing, Ava B, Glory, Hannah,
Mina, Nun Nun, Alex, Lucy, Tracy, Rebecca, Judy, Zoe
and Mikayla



UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Mondays 8.30am-9.15am



COMMUNITY NEWS

Term 3 Week 4



Hello families!

We have been having a fun time this term as the children have been participating in a variety of themes.

Before School Care: 7:00 – 8:45

After School Care: 3:30 – 6:15

Week 2 of school saw us having a Pets' Party! This theme was encouraged from the children's enjoyment of the previous weeks dino theme, with it branching off into the animals in our lives. During our activities we completed a poll to see which animal was the most common in our house holds (dogs won, but only by a bit!). We created fun pet posters to show off everything our pets liked doing at home, made our own paper pets through pop up templates and other crafting styles, and completing some fun races outside where we got to bring out our inner animal through movement and noise.

As part of our community involvement, we search our calendar in the room for any upcoming special events, week 3 was lucky to have one such event, on Thursday the 30th of July it was International Friendship Day. During this event as our theme, we built our friendships with one another by completing a series of activities that brought us all closer together, these included finding out facts about each other through posters of information, crafting and sharing our creations with one another, and overall enjoying each other's company through taking the time to listen and follow each other's suggested activities. It was wonderful to see everyone working together so week this week embracing the theme of friendship.

We have finally chosen our charity for this term; we will be aiming to raise awareness and money for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The foundation's mission continues through care, prevention and advocacy – from supporting children experiencing family violence to online bullying and fighting for the rights of young people everywhere. This is a theme the children are very curious about as they come up to look at the information on our charity wall.



Melba College Chaplaincy Support Group

HIGH TEA



*Come along and enjoy an old fashion-High Tea
Lots of delicious savoury & sweet treats
Tea & Coffee*

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

2 - 4 PM - \$25.00 pp

***Venue: Gifford Village Community Centre
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