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School Term Dates 2012

Term 1: 1 February (staff) 3 February (students) to 30 March

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

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Matthew Beale & Amanda Le (Captains); Aidan Davidson (Vice-Captain) – Maroondah Campus

I was also able to present all Year 12 students with their Year 12 badge and congratulate every student on their decision to undertake Year 12 studies.

From The Principal

New school name and logo

Parents and guardians are invited to contribute to our search for a new school name. The Department has guidelines and a process that are described in detail at the link below. However the main points are:

- Most school names should identify the locality (where the school is) and the type of education (secondary)
- School's can be named after people but this would be done posthumously

At this stage we are inviting the community to suggest possible names and logo design for consideration.

Names and suggestions can be emailed to croydon.maroondah.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Full details regarding the naming process are available at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/spag/management/naming/nameschool.htm>

7.30 Report

The merger of Croydon and Maroondah was reported last week on 7.30 Victoria. Parents, guardians and students who missed the report can access it at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-03-02/closing-the-gap---public-and-private-schools/3865898>

It was pleasing to hear that Minister Dixon is impressed with the work of the Maroondah Education Coalition and also likes the Public Private Partnership model of funding the building of schools. While there was no promise of funding for our school we are hopeful this is a sign that an announcement may not be too far away. The next opportunity for news would likely be the State budget in May.

School Captains and Year 12 leaders

I have had the opportunity to meet with the school captains and vice captains from both campuses recently and congratulate them all on their appointments and talk with them about their role in the college.

The school captains and vice captains for 2012 are:

Tyler Walton & Shaneah McDowell (Captains); Jake Moxey & Emily Magee (Vice –Captains) – Croydon campus



I have included below some of the statistics regarding the completion of Year 12 and the effect it has on society and young people

- Only 78% of people complete Year 12 or its equivalent
- Within Australia, Year 12 attainment is regarded as a key factor in the formal development of an individual's skills and knowledge. Those with Year 12 have a greater likelihood of continuing with further study, particularly in higher education, as well as entering into the workforce. Year 12 attainment contributes to the development of a skilled workforce, and in turn, to ongoing economic development and improved living conditions *Australian Bureau Statistics 2011*

For the individual it means he or she is more likely to:

- go on to further study at University or TAFE or other educational provider
- gain employment
- have better health
- be in the top 20% in society of wage earners

All our Year 12 students are leaders in our community and I know they will provide outstanding leadership to the rest of the students.

School Swimming Sports

Both campuses held their swimming sports this week and there were some great performances and a lot of participation. Thank you to all the students who participated and we wish all those going onto the Maroondah district competition all the very best.

Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who attended and supported the students.

Matt to London 2012 Paralympic Trials

Matt Haanappel of Year 12 Croydon Campus will on Tuesday fly to Adelaide for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Swimming Trials. Matt will contest 5 selection events at the trials which start next Thursday. Matt is currently ranked No.1 in Australia and No.6 in the World for his disability classification and is a strong contender for a place in the Australian Paralympic Team. Network TEN and ONE HD will cover the trials nightly at 7:30pm starting next Thursday 15th March. The eight day competition will also see the return of Libby Trickett, Ian Thorpe and Michael Klim to the pool along with current world champion James Magnussen and comeback king Geoff "Skippy" Huegill.

Terry Bennett - Principal

School Council

On Monday 27 February 2012, the inaugural Croydon Maroondah College School Council met. Members arrived with much enthusiasm and anticipation of an exciting and challenging year ahead. Terry Bennett, Principal of Croydon Maroondah College (CMC) welcomed members and initially chaired the meeting. The first point of order was the Election of Office Bearers. Philippa Rowlands and Janet Calder were nominated and accepted the positions of President and Vice President respectively. Philippa then presided over the meeting. The committee reviewed the Standing Orders and the 3 Sub Committees, Education, Resources & Finance and Marketing were discussed. Members will choose at least one Sub Committee to attend and will meet on Tuesday 13 March where the work of Council will commence.

Terry and his staff have been tirelessly working to ensure a smooth start to the school year. They have also achieved the winding up of both school's finances and bank accounts have been amalgamated. The new school has been registered under the interim name of Croydon Maroondah College and a new interim logo was also tabled at the meeting. Both the original logos have changed slightly but are clearly recognisable whilst still resembling that we are now together as one entity. This very exciting time will provide an opportunity for all the CMC community to be involved.

I will be providing updates in the newsletter to ensure you are all kept up to date with how we are progressing. Remember, Council is representing you and your opinions and feedback matter. Please keep us informed as this is a community project with the intention to provide the best for our students.



Diary Dates 2012

March 12 -Labour Day - No students Required to attend

March 14 -Years 7, 8, 9 Beat performance

March 19 - Photo catch up day
Early dismissal 1.30

March 26 - Early dismissal 1.30pm
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews

March 30 - Last Day of Term
CMC Debutante Ball

April 16 - Curriculum day - no students required at school

April 17 - Term 2 commences

April 25 - Anzac Day - No Students Required at School

Senior Girls Interschool Volleyball

On Monday 27th February 7 senior students from Croydon Maroondah College Croydon campus, represented the College at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Senior Volleyball Competition. The competition was held at the Dandenong State Volleyball Centre. The team was represented by:

Michelle Cutts (Captain)
Stephanie Murphy (Vice Captain)
Shaneah McDonald
Alex Joskovska
Matue Ivy
Frances Rowlands
Karri Brown

Croydon vs **Parkwood** 10-15, 12-15,
Croydon vs **Maroondah** 15-10, 0-15, 3-8,
Croydon vs **Heathmont** 8-15, 16-14,
Croydon vs **Ringwood** 6-16, 3-15



All students are to be commended for their effort and sportsmanship on the day.

Thank you to everyone who collected Coles docket last year.



Croydon Maroondah College Chaplaincy Committee

The Chaplaincy Committee is holding their annual **Trivia Night** to raise much needed funds to support our Chaplains at the College.

We are appealing to the school community to assist us where possible with any donations which would be suitable for a Dutch Auction to be held on the night, or to be used for table prizes.

If anyone has any new goods in their cupboards they could donate, we would be more than happy to use these on the night.

If there are any families who may have contacts with businesses able to donate in any way we would like to be advised.

The **Trivia Night** is to be held at the **Croydon Campus Library** on **Saturday April 21 2012** starting at 7.30pm, bring your own nibbles and drinks, supper is provided.

Entry cost is adults \$15.00 and students \$10.00.

If you have any donations or contacts to approach for donations or would like to book tickets for the night please contact Carole Turner (Secretary) 0412207221

Chaplaincy Fundraiser Mulch for sale - \$25 trailer load delivered, \$20 pickup - contact Fred Morris 9726 9417

Secondhand Uniform Shop

If you have any items of uniform that you no longer need, in good condition and freshly laundered, please bring them to the secondhand uniform shop for sale.

We are open Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. 25% commission is retained by the college.

Melanie Horner - Manager

Payments to the College

When making payments to the college by cheque, please make them payable to Croydon Maroondah College

Student Absences REMINDER '24 hour absence line': 9725 8277 Parents/carers are requested to ring the college on 9725 8277 if your child will be absent or late due to illness or for any other reason and leave a message outlining the reason for the absence, and if known, the length of time your child will be away.

Canteen Roster

Monday Mar 12	Labour Day	Monday Mar 19	C Sturtz, C Buchan
Tuesday Mar 13	H E L P!	Tuesday Mar 20	J Dodd, C Maher
Wednesday Mar 14	L Chamberlain, J Holden	Wednesday Mar 21	A Feller
Thursday Mar 15	A Ridgley	Thursday Mar 22	A Ridgley
Friday Mar 16	R Egan, L hamberlain	Friday Mar 23	M Weninger, N O'Sullivan

There is always a need for helpers in the canteen. If you are available to help at any time please contact Jan or Gayleen at the school.

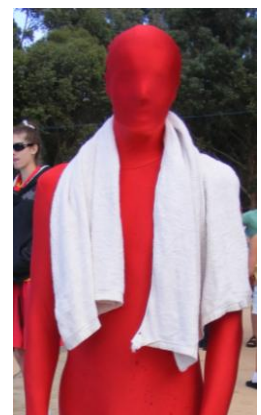
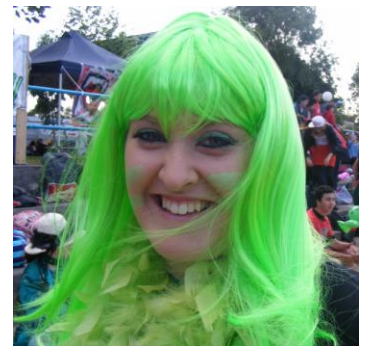
German Excursion

The Cuckoo excursion on the 6th March was enjoyed by all year 9 and 10 German students. We travelled up to Olinda. After a self serve buffet lunch and dessert, we danced and played. Elijah played the cow bells, Biak, Merrie and Adam excelled at the limbo, Bianca was serenaded and was given a German hat as a birthday present. Jake, Reina and Herr Millott even yodelled for us all. Vielen Dank to Frau Bate for organising such a wonderful experience.

Here is what some of the year 10s had to say about the excursion.

It was amazing. The atmosphere was great. Deutsch ist cool. They had the world's biggest cuckoo clock – it was so big. So fun. The food quality was excellent and you definitely get what you pay for. Highly recommended. I loved trying ALL the delicious foods. The dancing was awesome fun.





Diary Dates 2012

March 12 - Labour Day Public Holiday- **No Students Required to Attend**
March 14-16 - Surf Camp
March 15 - Intermediate Summer Sport
March 16 - Year11 Croydon Maroondah College Study Session - Theatre
March 19 - Senior Golf
March 19 - Early dismissal- 1:30pm
March 20 - Eastern Swim Sports
March 20 - Year7 Immunisations (HPV & Hep B)
March 21 - Year 8 Imax Excursion
March 23 - Year 7 Summer Sport Year 8 Summer Sport
March 23 - Psychology Excursion
March 27 - Parent Teacher Interviews(**Note date change**)
March 30 - Last day of term - Early dismissal

April 16 - Curriculum Day - no students required at school
April 17 - Term 2 commences
April 25 - Anzac Day - No Students Required at School

Some upcoming events that parents should be aware of include:

The next early dismissal day is on Monday 19th March. Any parents who would like their child to remain at school until 3:05pm should notify the office.

Year 7 Immunisations- Tuesday 20th March

Year 7 students should have received their immunisation forms. Parents are asked to return the immunisation form with the child's name clearly written on the form even if their child is not having immunisations. The forms should be returned to the general office.

Parent Teacher Interviews- Tuesday 27th March

Students will soon receive their interim reports. Parent teacher interviews will follow on Tuesday 27th March. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and all parents are encouraged to attend. Interview times will be provided in the afternoon and evening. Further information on the booking process will be provided with the Interim Report.

Mark Dewar – Assistant Principal

Year 12 News

SACs and SATs

Has your student come home talking about 'SACs' and 'SATs'? These are acronyms for School Assessed Coursework and School Assessed Tasks. SACs and SATs are the school based assessments that are used to determine levels of achievement in VCE subjects. Students must complete and achieve a Satisfactory in every

SAC/SAT that is set in their subject. The SAC/SAT also contribute to their ENTER score.

Teachers will provide students with notification of SAC/SAT dates and students must ensure they attend. If a student is unable to attend for a medical reason, a Medical Certificate must be provided.

In a new policy for the Maroondah Campus students who are absent on the pre-determined day of the SAC/SAT will sit their 'make-up' task during Period 3 on Wednesdays. This will ensure students complete the SAC under appropriate supervision conditions and they do not miss any more valuable instruction time.

Vce Unit Result Descriptions

Satisfactory result

The student receives **S** for a unit when the school determines that all outcomes are achieved satisfactorily.

Not Satisfactory result

The student receives **N** for the unit when one or more of the outcomes are not achieved because:

- the work is not of the required standard
- the student has failed to meet a school deadline for the assessment task, including where an extension of time has been granted for any reason, including Special Provision
- the work cannot be authenticated
- there has been a substantial breach of rules including school attendance rules.

What the student must do

To achieve an outcome the student must:

- produce work that meets the required standard
- submit work on time
- **produce a medical certificate if absent from a SAC or SAT.**
- submit work that is clearly his or her own
- observe the VCAA and school rules.

If a teacher judges that **all** outcomes are achieved, the student satisfactorily completes the unit.

Attendance

All VCE units require 50 hours of class time. A student needs to attend sufficient class time to complete work. The school attendance rule is a minimum of 90% attendance. Where a student has completed work but there has been a substantive breach of attendance rules we may apply an **N** for one or more outcomes and thus the unit.

Mentor Groups

We will be working with the Students on an **Individual Study Plan**. We anticipate that they will give them a trial run over the next few weeks before we revisit the plan to see if it needs some 'tweaking'. Time management is vital to a successful Year 12 and 11 and a Study Plan is a key element of it. Once established, it could be put on the fridge so that everyone in the house knows when it is study time and when it is chill out time. This may save confusion and perhaps reduce tension!

Amanda Pate - Senior School Manager, Year 12 Coordinator

Year Seven Report

It has been a fantastic start to the year for our new arrivals here at the Maroondah Campus. Starting Year 7 can be an incredibly challenging time for students, but it's been wonderful to see how well everyone is settling in!

The first few weeks have been very busy for our students! We've had the fantastic camp to Torquay during Challenge Week, the Swimming Carnival and School Photo's – all in such a short period of time! I was so impressed to see so many of our Year 7's participating in the Swimming Carnival, whether they were swimming or cheering on their houses (and friends) from the sidelines, being involved is what it's all about!

A reminder that immunisations are coming up on the 20th of March, so please make sure that you have handed your forms in to the general office. Also any students who require uniform passes are asked to see the Student Managers in the Junior School Office before school to obtain a pass.

Please feel free to contact me directly at the school for any queries or concerns that you may have.

Mrs Sarah Cultrera

Challenge Week

Congratulations, to all the year 10's on a fantastic Challenge Week. The students were involved in a variety of activities throughout the week which included a Health Brain Gym Workshop, Bush Dancing, Careers Counselling, RMIT tour, Rock Climbing, Ice Skating, Beacon Industry tours and Lilydale Lake Day. The participation and behaviour of the students throughout the week was excellent.

The day at Lilydale Lake was actually so much better than what I thought it would be. I made a few really good friends. I even hung out with one of them after we got back from the Lake.

The guys were really fun, loud and 'out there' and the girls were nice and funny.

In the beginning I was like everyone else in thinking that the day was going to be bad.

Now I feel different and I'm really excited about the next 'Get to know Croydon' day.

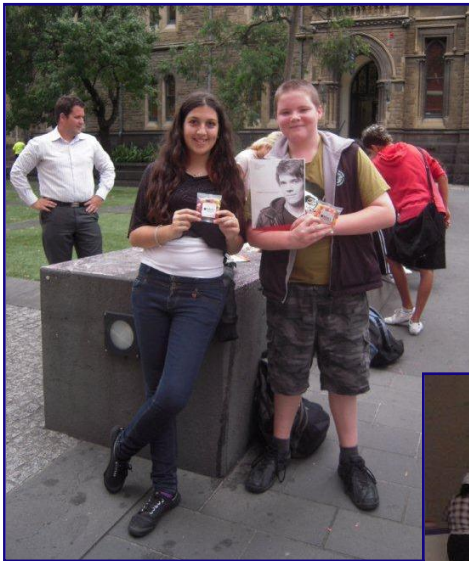
My favourite activity was the Trivia competition run by two Croydon students. The questions were really good, they were relevant to our generation and some really got us thinking.

A lot of socialising occurred between the two schools when a few girls and boys from both campuses joined in a game of 'Markers Up'.

I'm now looking forward to the merge of the two schools in 2013.

Year 10 Maroondah Campus Student





Year 11 Camp

On Monday February 20 forty three year eleven students boarded the bus to Burnside Camp in Anglesea. On arrival the students had a meeting with Steve the manager of Burnside Camp and then students moved into their eight bed dorm rooms. The most worrying combination came from room 11. The boys renamed themselves 'Boys 11' and we weren't sure whether it was the constant push ups and chin ups or the music coming out of the room that was the most worrying sign. After lunch the group was divided into two groups. The Kayaking group was bussed down to Point Roadnight for Kayaking and the other group had a two hour surf lesson down at Anglesea. Both groups experienced messy but enjoyable conditions in the surf. The 'Boys 11' were standouts in the surf and they are already talking up a big surf camp.

After tea Steve took the group for a bushwalk around the back of the camp. The walk was through bushland and also took in part of the coastal walk. On the Tuesday Morning the group were off on a 3 hour coastal walk to Point Addis. The weather was perfect for the walk and the views of the Great Ocean Road were spectacular! The afternoon session had the students challenge themselves to high and low rope course as well as Archery and the Flying Fox.

The group was split into the adventurous and the more cautious. The more adventurous group attacked the challenging high ropes course with vigour. Tim C, Michelle S completed the course more than once. Tim stole the show been the only one to complete the Zip line plunge in the superman position. Others mastered the Archery and the Flying Fox. Steph Andrews got a little over confident challenging the struggling Mr Sheldrick to a best of four archery shoot out. Steph came out second best, a Mcdonalds meal owed to Mr Sheldrick. After these activity's a well deserved swim on the beach down at Anglesea was had by most of the students. The night finished off with pillows and sleeping bags in front of a movie. The movie was Red Dog and the tissues had to be passed around at certain stages.

Friday Morning most students walked down to Anglesea shops on the hunt for a bargain and a coffee. A small group headed to the beach for a quick surf and a swim. The group walked back to camp packed up their rooms and were on the bus back to Maroondah at 12:00pm. The managers at Burnside congratulated the group on the behaviour and participation throughout the camp. All students should be congratulated on the 3 days in Anglesea! A big thanks to Mr Allan, Ms Harris, Mr Hunter and our First Aid officer Ms Anderson for giving up their time over the three days and making sure the camp ran so well.

Dean Sheldrick – Year 11 Coordinator.

Student Reflections from Year 7 and 8 Camp

My favourite activity was the talent show and karate. Karate because Kelly, our instructor, showed us how to flip people – it was so cool! I got to flip my best friend Megan! The talent show was good because it was something fun to do with my friends. The food was the best!
Sammie Year 7



Before I went on camp, I was so excited to hang out with my friends on the beach. I loved kayaking, it was the best activity on camp! One night we went and got ice-cream and we watched everyone dancing. It was really cool, I love watching dancing!
Julie Year 8



The best activity was the bike ride. We went through the bush on Mongoose bikes with great suspension so you could go over huge logs without slowing down. The food was great, my favourite meal was the chicken and potato bake with vegies and gravy, the best dessert was apple crumble with cream and custard!
Nick Year 7



My favourite activity at camp was probably the general swimming in the water with my friends...although I really liked kayaking too! Dana and I capsized and we both got soaked! The food at camp was some of the best camp food ever! Thank you to our cooks Mrs Munroe and Mrs Flynn. I made some new Year 7 friends who are really nice and friendly and I enjoyed spending time with my other friends too.
Bethany Year 8

SYMM Program

A group of Year 8 and 9 boys are currently involved in an adventure activities program aimed at making positive changes in and out of school.

Each Thursday for eight weeks, eleven boys, along with Mrs Dohler, Stuart Sorrell from Victoria Police and Matt Franks from EACH Wilderness, will participate in a number of outdoor activities, such as caving, high ropes course, river sledding, boxing and rock climbing. Each day will have a theme, like communication, trust and building relationships, and the boys will explore these themes through each of the adventure activities.



Last week, we went down to Clifford Park low ropes course (which is where the Tough Blokes challenge race happened over the weekend). All boys were fantastic, coming together to assist one another in some of the more challenging obstacles on the course.

Overall, we had a great day and are looking forward to this week's adventure activity: caving!

Anna Dohler
Year 9 Coordinator

Year 9 City Experience



On the 20th - 25th February all the Year 9's participated in city experience. On the first day we meet at Croydon Station at 8:15 in the morning. It was an hour long train ride to the city where we eventually arrived at Flinders St and walked to the Atrium which was our home base for the next 5 days. Our first activity was to walk to the Shrine of Remembrance. As we arrived we caught a glimpse of the 70th Anniversary Darwin Bombing service. We stayed at the Shrine for an hour and a half which covered an overview of how our country served at war. As we got back to the Atrium each group was dismissed for assignment time to work on their projects they had been planning. We were later dismissed to go home.

For the following 3 days groups experienced different activities such as Urban seed, a homeless organization. We went to the Magistrate's Courts - a very surreal experience and for



some a bit too close for comfort. Some cases were more life threatening than others. The State Library was very cool and we discovered that it wasn't just a library but it had many other great rooms. E.g. games room. We also went to ACMI, this place was like an electronic wonderland, we learnt a lot about television stuff and how

games and movies are made.

One of the most amazing activities was the Eureka Sky deck, it was a very on EDGE experience and it was only for the brave hearted. Mrs Dohler came onto the sky deck with us and I must say I've never seen a teacher that scared before. Each group had assignment time to complete their school work. On the last day we went to Parliament house, this place was very educational and had beautifully decorated gold ceilings. We then had to meet at the State Library in an hour; we were greeted by some FREE CORNETTOS at the library, which was great because it was a very HOT day.

For our final activity we went to the Queen Vic market, there was some great stuff there. We were then dismissed from the Market to go home on our final day. It was a very eventful, tiring week but we can assure you we all had fun and it was the best camp ever.

By Tiani Blanchfield and Rebecca Cumming



Swimming Carnival



Victorian School of Languages TOP SCORERS PERFORMANCE

Fifteen students from the Croydon VSL Centre performed a traditional Chin dance at the VSL Top Scorers Evening held at Melbourne University last Monday, 5th of March 2012. The Chin state is located in western Burma.

The audience included the Minister of Education Hon Martin Dixon MP, Consular dignitaries from twelve countries and representatives of a number of Victorian educational authorities.

The students were under the direction of VSL Chin teacher, Mr Lai Len who also took part in the performance. The dance concluded the evening which celebrated the achievements of a large number of VSL students who scored very highly in their chosen languages and included 5 students with perfect scores of 50 out of 50.

A sumptuous supper was enjoyed by all attendees at the conclusion of the formalities and our dancers were warmly received and congratulated on their performance.

Mark Trofimiuk - VSL Supervisor - Croydon Centre



If your child will not be attending school for the day please call our 24 hour Absentee Hot Line

Maroondah Campus **9539 2345**

Croydon Campus **9725 8277**

DOLLAR \$ALE



Thursday 29 March 9am - 6pm

ALL clothing, shoes, bags, manchester, books and toys \$1 per item. Reductions on furniture as marked.

The Hope Centre Op Shop
101 Manchester Road, Mooroolbark

BIG SAVINGS

The new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Books are coming soon – order your copy today!

The new 2012 | 2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Books will be available from late March, and we'll be selling these as a fund-raiser.

The new Book is **only \$65** and you'll receive \$15,000 worth of valuable offers, valid until 1 June 2013. Plus, \$13 of your Book purchase goes towards our community fund-raising! Contact us today to order your copy.

To order your copy contact Pam Peters, Maroondah Campus 9870 4551 or Colette McLaren, Croydon Campus 9725 8277