19th April, 2012.

Casey Student Leaders Reception 2012

The Council of the City of Casey hosted a reception for newly appointed School Captains and School Principals from schools across the City of Casey on Thursday 29 March 2012 from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at the Cranbourne Community Theatre, Brunt Street, CRANBOURNE.

A past student of our school, Najd Hussein, was one of the guest speakers. Najd was inspiring in her address to us about the importance of seizing opportunities to develop leadership capacity. She also spoke passionately about the leadership opportunities that exist for women in Australia compared to those in some other parts of the world. Najd is currently studying for her VCE at Cranbourne Secondary College and hopes to go to university and study law. Najd was delighted to catch up with us after the ceremony.

Another highlight of the reception was the motivational speaker, Lauren Burns. Lauren created sporting history by winning the first ever Olympic gold medal for Taekwondo when the sport made its debut at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Her triumph was achieved against the odds, and required enormous discipline, commitment, perseverance and teamwork. At the reception, Lauren passed her gold medal around the audience. Patricia and Angelica had the amazing experience of holding Lauren’s Olympic gold medal.

Patricia and Angelica holding onto Lauren’s gold medal. Patricia, Najd, Angelica and I chatted after the reception.

All students who attended were presented with a 2012 City of Casey Student Leader lapel pin.
Teacher Placements

This year we are again fortunate to have education students from Monash University, Deakin University and Victoria University undertaking their teaching practicum at our school. Some students have already visited our school as part of their “observation” round.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Jesse Turner and Dorothy Xue who were recipients of Aussie of the Month awards at our assembly on Monday 26 March 2012. What a great honour for you both. Well done.

Jesse and Dorothy with their “Aussie of the Month” awards.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Wednesday 25 April at 10.15a.m., a group of staff and students will meet at the Cranbourne Cenotaph for the RSL’s annual service. On behalf of the school community, our student leaders will lay a wreath. All are welcome to attend.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May, students will undertake the 2012 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au.
Participation in Physical Education And Sports Lessons

From time to time students have been exempted from physical education and sports lessons by their parents, because “they are not the sporty type” and “don’t like sport”. As a state government school, we are required to provide physical education and sports lessons for all students.

*Executive Memorandum No. 764 – Physical and Sports Education in Schools* outlines the compulsory timetabling of physical and sports education for all students in government primary school and each year, as part of the school accountability process, we are required to provide information relating to the time we allocate to physical education and sports lessons.

Students should only be excused from participation in physical education and sports lessons if they are suffering from an injury that prevents their participation, or due to medical reasons. Please provide a written note addressed to Mr. Corey Pearce should you wish your child to be exempt from sport and physical education at any time. The note must be signed and dated, and the reason and duration for exemption from sport provided. I look forward to your support in this matter.

**Crazy Hat Parade**

Wow! What a lot of amazing creations we saw at this year’s Crazy Hat Parade. Many thanks to the students, staff and parents for their enthusiastic participation in this annual event. Here are some of this year’s most outstanding creations.
DATES TO REMEMBER
April 20th
April 30th – May 2nd
May 1st
May 10th

ALL CAMP PAYMENTS TO BE FINALISED
Years 3 – 6 camp
Responsible Pet Program – Level 1 & 2
Mother’s Day Stall

Mother’s Day Stall

***Thursday May 10th***

Don’t forget to keep saving your money for our Mother’s Day Stall. This year’s stall is bigger and better than ever with a huge range of beautiful gifts to buy your mum for Mothers Day!!