30th August, 2012

**Principal for the Day**

On Wednesday 29 August we were delighted to host Rob Halliday as “Principal for the Day”. Rob is the Strategic Analyst from Melbourne Football Club. In his position, Rob gets to work across all areas of the business conducting analysis, developing necessary strategic plans and then assisting individual managers with the implementations of these plans. He is also involved in facilitating the Club’s business planning process, which is then used to inform the club’s overall strategy (the Red & Blueprint) which outlines key strategic priorities for the year, and assists with key strategic relationships (such as the AFL and MCC).

Previously Rob was working at an accounting firm called Deloitte spending some time working in Forensic accounting as well as some time in one of the firm’s technology arms called Deloitte Digital. In between those two roles Rob went travelling for about two years, spending winters in Canada snowboard instructing and summers in London working for a labouring company and pulling beers at the local pub (which I’m pretty sure is one of the conditions of entry for us Aussies!). An interesting and varied work history!!

Whilst participating in the “Principal for a Day “ program, Rob met everyone at assembly, toured our school and facilities, observed a range of lessons, helped out with setting up for the Father’s Day stall and participated in student forums. Quite a varied day!

**School Improvement Conference**

On Monday and Tuesday of this week Steve Condon and I attended a conference for school leaders about School Improvement. The conference presented the latest evidence and thought on what strategies are effective for improving teaching and learning in schools.

Many changes have occurred to teaching and learning in recent times. The evidence was provided by a number of highly regarded academics, researchers and practitioners, not only from Australia, but from around the world. Steve and I certainly have much to share with the staff over coming weeks, as we seek to integrate some of the ideas and practices into our school.

Following on from our recent review, the information from the conference will greatly assist our efforts in ensuring that our school is best placed to cater to the needs of students in coming years.
Father’s Day Stall

Today students were able to select a Father’s Day gift for Dad from our exciting range of gifts at our stall. Many thanks to the parents who assisted in setting up and, or, “manning” the stall.

Long Service Leave

Mrs Sue Moskowitz has commenced a period of Long Service Leave during which she will travel overseas to visit family. We wish Sue well and look forward to her return in term 4.

Playgroup

If you have pre-schoolers of any age, please consider coming along to our FREE playgroup. Please note that you do not have to have students at Cranbourne Park Primary School in order to attend the playgroup. The playgroup happens every Monday morning, 9.30 – 11 in Room 5 (BER Building). We have some regular attendees – but Lauren Gill (Hub Worker) and Mrs Lloyd would love to see even more parents and pre-schoolers come along.

Parkers Playgroup

Come along, It’s FREE!
Mondays, 9.30am—11.00 am
Room 5 (BER Building)
All welcome

Dates to Remember

September 3rd
September 21st
October 8th

Open Night 5.00 – 6.30pm
Term 3 ends
Term 4 commences
Prep 2013 Parent Information Evening