February 16th, 2012

**Student Leadership Positions**

Our 2012 Student Leadership positions were announced at assembly last Monday.

**House Captains**

Deem House is named after Mrs. Bette Deem, a caring and highly regarded school community member who took enormous pride in our school and who was the first cleaner at Cranbourne North Primary School (as our school was previously named). This year our Deem House Captains are Owen Harris and Jeffrey Poulter. Congratulations.

Poole House was named after Mr. Lawson Poole, a pioneer of Cranbourne who amongst other achievements established the first garage in Cranbourne and provided financial support for local institutions including hospitals, schools and the Cranbourne Race Course. Congratulations to the 2012 Poole House Captains, Alexey Kylmenko and Frances Masofa.

Wood House is named after Mr. Ken Wood who worked tirelessly to gain better conditions for the staff of Cranbourne North Primary School, and was President of the School Committee (now called the School Council) from 1972 to 1976. Mikayla Laffan and Bailey Cowperthwaite are the Wood House Captains for 2012. Well done and all the best.

James House is named after Mr. Les James who was the first Principal of our school. Mr. James taught at Cranbourne North Primary School, from the time the school began until 1968. All the best to our James House Captains for 2012: Tin Tran and Bianca Isaacs.

**School Captains**

The position of School Captain brings with it a great honour and many responsibilities. I am sure that our 2012 School Captains will undertake all duties associated with the position of School Captain in a confident, mature manner. As School Captains they will be provided with many opportunities to demonstrate leadership skills, organization, interpersonal skills and initiative. I look forward to working with the 2012 School Captains and wish them every success in this important student leadership position. Congratulations to our 2012 School Captains: Patricia Dy and Angelica Aitken.
Thank you Mr. Pearce for his time and effort in developing and implementing the Student Leadership program.

**Classroom Management Plans**

Each teacher and grade had developed a classroom management plan, a copy of which you would have received with the newsletter last week. Please read through the classroom management plan with your child, sign it and return it to school by FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

**Home Tasks**

All children will have some home learning tasks throughout the year and these will be appropriate to the skill level and age of the student. The tasks should be interesting, stimulating and where appropriate open ended. Home learning tasks should be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum.

In Levels 1 and 2, home tasks may include -

- Reading on a daily basis. Reading to, with and by parents/caregivers or older siblings.
- The continuation and/or extension of class work by gathering additional information and/or resources.
- Activities relating to classroom units of work.

In Levels 3 and 4, home tasks will focus on preparing students for NAPLAN, independent reading on a daily basis, and honing automatic responses, particularly of times tables.

Families can enhance their children’s learning by participating in a wide range of recreational, family, cultural and life experiences. One of the most important things you can do for your child is to encourage thinking, talking, reading, writing, viewing, problem solving and exploring as you go about your everyday life. This gives your child a strong and solid foundation for future success. Activities, which may encourage children to develop these skills, can include: cooking, experiments, excursions and board games.
Eating Arrangements

Students eat their play lunch and lunch in the classroom under teacher supervision. No wrappers are to be taken outside.

Healthy Eating

One of the ways in which parents can assist in optimizing student learning is by ensuring that their children commence every day with a healthy breakfast and have a nutritious lunch each day.

*A healthy breakfast.* Eating a breakfast high in fibre can reduce fatigue and the risk of illness. Children who skip breakfast may lack sufficient vitamins and minerals and are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day and in the long term.

*Tap into water.* Water is important to have at school to help with hydration and concentration throughout the day, particularly in the summer months. Having a water bottle and refilling it throughout the school day helps avoid symptoms of dehydration such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, and fatigue, which can distract students from optimal learning.

*Packing a healthy lunch.* Healthy lunches and snacks are important for children and help with concentration and learning. We know that kids need plenty of wholegrains, fruit, vegetables, dairy, protein and water and occasional foods such as crisps, cakes and chocolate should be limited. Encourage children to be involved in preparing their lunch and making choices about what foods to include.

*Energy Drinks.* In recent years, an increase in consumption of energy drinks containing caffeine has led to concern by teachers and parents of the possible effects of caffeine on children. They are afraid that caffeine will make their children behave in ways that are unusual or harmful for them. The Australian Consumers' Association advises that while energy drinks may be scientifically safe, young people especially need to be aware of their contents. Research shows that children and young people who consume energy drinks may suffer sleep problems, bed-wetting and anxiety. Children who consume two or more cans of energy drinks a day may become irritable and anxious. We request that energy drinks not be brought to school for consumption at school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Complaints Procedures

We aim to solve any problem speedily and amicably. If a concern relates to a classroom issue the best procedure is to contact the class teacher and organize a meeting at an agreed time. If an issue is of greater concern feel free to contact the appropriate Level Coordinator.

- **Level 1** – Mrs. Natasha Lloyd
- **Level 2** – Mrs. Di Ballard
- **Level 3** – Mr. Colum Hughes
- **Level 4** – Mr. Brett Davidson

If the concern is about a non-classroom topic please contact Mr. Andrew Schneider in the first instance.

If your issue is not resolved, please contact the Assistant Principal or Principal.
Student Safety: Staff Car Park

Please note, the Staff Car Park must not be used as a drop off or collection point at any time. Safety of our children is everyone’s responsibility.

Valuable Items at school

It is unwise to allow children to bring valuable or treasured possessions to school as they can be lost or damaged. The school cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to personal items brought to school.

Children also need to be aware of the consequences of swapping their belongings or playing games such as marbles where they may lose the item to other children.

Lunchtime Activities

We are proud to offer a wide range of Lunchtime activities each term. Activities vary from term to term and include sporting, craft and recreational activities.

Participation in Physical Education And Sports Lessons

From time to time some students are exempt from physical education and sports lessons by their parents, because “they are not the sporty type” and “don’t like sport”. 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.

If a student states that they are unable to participate in a physical education and sports lesson due to an injury or illness, they will be sent to sick bay. In line with school policy, first aid will be administered and if the student is unable to return to class, parents and / or guardians will be contacted to collect the child from school.

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 schools 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.

It is important for students to wear appropriate clothing to enable full participation in physical education and sports lessons. For your information, a list of physical education and sports lesson days for each class follows:

- P04 Thursday and Friday
- P06 Wednesday and Friday
- J01 Wednesday and Friday
- J02 Wednesday and Friday
- J03 Wednesday and Friday
- M11 Thursday and Friday
- M12 Thursday and Friday
- M13 Thursday and Friday
- S14 Tuesday and Friday
- S15 Tuesday and Friday
S17 Tuesday and Friday

**Headlice**

Responsibility

- It’s important that families work together to beat head lice!
- Remember, children can learn to check for head lice themselves and help each other.
- Our school supports families by providing accurate information and reinforcing these messages at school.

**Ritchies**

I encourage all parents to access a Community Benefits Card from Ritchies, nominating Cranbourne Park Primary School as your preferred beneficiary. Each time you shop at Ritchies you will be actively contributing to your child’s education by helping us to continue to provide high quality resources throughout the school.

**The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge**

*The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open. Consent forms will be sent home soon.*

*The Age* is publishing the official book list on Sunday, February 26, 2012. This lift out will include everything you need to take part in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, including a complete list of all the books on this year's list. We will have a few copies of the book list in the library for students to look through when they are borrowing books.

**Library Monitors**

This terms library monitors are Toni Jacobson and Nandini Pandya. Congratulations girls!

**Dates to Remember**

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