February 9th, 2011

WELCOME TO SCHOOL
A big welcome to our new students, including the thirty four Level 1 (prep) students who have joined us at Cranbourne Park Primary School for the 2012 school year. We wish these students and their families an enjoyable, happy and rewarding time at our school.
When our Level 1 students commenced it was great to see so many happy smiling faces, eager and excited to join with their new classmates and their teachers and to tackle the challenges that are ahead. Once again, the success of our Kinder – School Transition Program was evident by the extremely smooth start to the year. The Level 1 group of students is confident, and keen to get their learning under way.

OUR 2012 STAFF AND THEIR POSITIONS
For your information, our 2011 staff is as follows:
Principal: Sue Jones.
Assistant Principal: Steve Condon.
Leading Teachers: Colum Hughes, Sue Moskowitz and Andrew Schneider.
Business Manager: Sandra Murphy.
Secretary: Chris Damveld.
Integration Aide / Library Technician: Lee Bendon.
Our specialist teaching team is comprised of: Corey Pearce (Health and Physical Education AND Healthy Lifestyles), Shona Nieuwenhuizen (The Arts – Levels 1 and 2), Kerri Harridge (The Arts – Levels 3 and 4)
Our VELS Level 4 teachers (years 5 and 6) are Brett Davidson, Jessica Aziz and Rebecca Allen. Colum Hughes, Mark Nolan and Jenny Curran are our VELS Level 3 (years 3 and 4) teachers. Di Ballard, Caroline Tisseverasinghe and Michael Youngs are teaching our VELS Level 2 students. VELS Level 1 (prep) teachers are Natasha Lloyd and Jessica Fogarty.
END OF DAY DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS
All students are dismissed from school at 3.15 p.m. At this time of the year, the Level 1 students wait with their class teacher for the students to be collected by parents or nominated caregivers.

Other students are dismissed from their classrooms and may meet parents at prearranged meeting spots. To alleviate congestion in our busy corridors, parents are requested not to enter the school buildings prior to the conclusion of the school day.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

ASSEMBLY
Our weekly assemblies will continue to be held between 9.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. of a Monday. At each assembly, we proudly sing our National Anthem, “Advance Australia Fair”, the words of which are:

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
"Advance Australia fair!"*

*Beneath our radiant southern Cross,  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
"Advance Australia fair!"*

We cordially invite you to attend our assemblies and share in the information dissemination and recognition of achievements throughout the school.

NEWSLETTER
Currently our newsletter is distributed weekly. Every Thursday the youngest child in the family attending our school will receive a newsletter to bring home. You are also able to subscribe to our newsletter online through the school website. Currently we are reviewing whether to continue distributing our newsletters weekly or whether to move to a fortnightly distribution. We would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please fill in the voting slip attached to the newsletter and return it to the General office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.
SUNSMART SCHOOL
At Cranbourne Park Primary School, all members of our school community are required to wear “sun smart” hats when participating in outdoor activities from the commencement of the school year until May 1 and from September 1 until the end of the school year. To maximize protection from harmful UV rays, we encourage the wearing of broad rimmed hats, sunscreen and sunglasses.
Our students do a wonderful job wearing their sunhats at recess and lunchtime. To acknowledge and thank everyone for this great behaviour we are running a weekly reward program from this week until the end of April.
After lunch on each Friday all staff and students who have worn their Cancer Council approved sunhat at every recess and lunchtime, and whilst participating in outdoor activities throughout the week will be rewarded with either an icy pole or Zooper Dooper style product. In the warm weather this is a great treat!

If any staff or student is observed by a staff member not wearing their Cancer Council approved sunhat at recess, lunchtime or whilst participating in an outdoor activity, that person’s name will be written up, as per our policy, and that person will not receive the thank you treat for that week.

If you do not want your child/ren to receive an icy pole to thank them for showing responsibility and wearing a SunSmart hat at recess and lunchtimes and whilst participating in outdoor activities, please notify the school in writing.

HYDRATION POLICY
The school’s hydration policy is implemented in conjunction with the school’s “SunSmart” policy. Students are encouraged to have a clearly named, “pop top” style drink bottle containing water in the classroom with them during terms 1 and 4.

STUDENT LEADERS
Students at our school have the opportunity to undertake many and varied student leadership roles. These include, but are not limited to, School Captains, House Captains, Student Representative Committee members, Library Monitors, ICT Monitors and Peer Mediators.
The 2012 School Captains and House Captains will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday 13 February. Parents of students who have been awarded student leadership positions have been contacted by Mr. Pearce.

The presentation of the student leader badges will be followed by a celebratory morning tea to which their parents are invited to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is a condition of enrolment that students wear school uniform as detailed in our “Student Dress Code” policy.
If your child is not in school uniform (e.g. the uniform is in the wash), please ensure that your child hands a note to the class teacher. This will ensure they are not issued with a letter regarding non-compliance to the school’s student dress code.

Parents are also reminded that thongs and open-toed sandals are not acceptable school footwear. All footwear worn must offer protection to the toes and feet.

School uniform may be purchased from PSW located on South Gippsland Highway Hampton Park.
Please contact me if you are having difficulty providing school uniform for your child(ren) as some assistance is available through State School’s Relief. We also have a small supply of second hand uniforms.

**PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNERS’ RISK**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

Staff and students should refrain from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A reminder that secondary school students are not permitted to enter the school grounds until the bell rings at 3.15p.m. This rule has been in effect for a number of years. Continued inappropriate behaviour from some secondary school students in our school grounds and around our classrooms, including swearing, entering classrooms and fighting means that this rule will continue to be enforced for the welfare and safety of the students attending our school.

**BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS AND THE LIKE!!**

To protect the safety of all students, neither bikes nor scooters may be ridden in the school grounds. Students who ride bikes or scooters to school are required to wear an approved bike helmet and must put their bike in the bike shed as soon as they arrive at school. It is strongly recommended that a bike chain be used to secure the bike to the bike racks provided.

The bike shed is locked at 9.00 a.m. and reopened at 3.15 p.m.

Roller blades and skateboards are not to be brought to school as they cannot be stored safely and securely.

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Parents can generally assist us at the school in reducing the number of accidents which occur by actively discussing correct and safe procedures to use whilst playing on the school’s playground equipment. The school regularly reminds students about the correct play equipment usage. Whilst many accidents are unavoidable and are just that, “accidents”, some injuries are still being caused by students using the equipment inappropriately (i.e. sitting on top of the equipment, walking across the top of the equipment, pushing students whilst on the equipment and so on). Correct usage of the playground equipment and the need for school safety rules to be strictly adhered to should be a regular topic of conversation between parents and their children.

**HEADLICE**

Through a united and careful approach, we seek to manage this frustrating problem. Parents are asked to be vigilant in inspecting their child’s hair daily. If headlice are detected, in addition to undertaking the appropriate treatment promptly and thoroughly, please notify the school so that an alert can be distributed to classmates.
STUDENT INSURANCE
Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.
Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students. The Department cannot advise parents on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase as individual families are likely to have differing needs. Your decision may be affected by other insurance cover you hold, the extent to which you children participate in sports or other physical activities at school and the particular disposition of your children.

CAR PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL
In the interest of the safety of our students, and with many new students starting school, I urge parents to obey all traffic and parking rules around the school.
In particular, parents are reminded not to park in the staff car park, nor to park their vehicles across the driveways of our neighbours’ properties or to double park.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS
There are three school crossings in close proximity to our school which we urge all students to use whilst travelling to and from school. The City of Casey provide and manage the crossings, employ the supervisors and set the hours of supervision. If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact them.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD
Please note that in line with school council policy, all volunteers, including parents, who work in our school are required to have a “Working With Children” card. Application forms for this card are available from the post office at the Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre.

SCHOOL TERMS 2012
Term 1: 1 February to 30 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLANS
Each teacher and grade have developed a classroom management plan, a copy of which you will receive with the newsletter this 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.

FREE PASSES TO CRANBOURNE BLUE LIGHT DISCO
I was delighted to receive 22 free passes to the Cranbourne Blue Light Disco to distribute throughout the year. I sincerely thank Cranbourne Blue Light for this generous donation to our school.
The free passes will be awarded to students who are positive role models in our school community. The Cranbourne Blue Light Disco is a very popular event. For your information, the 2012 Blue light Disco dates and other details are provided below.
CRANBOURNE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

* * * 2012 BLUE LIGHT DISCOS * * *

GRADE 4 to Year 8 ONLY
6.00pm to 9.00pm
Held at the Cranbourne Public Hall
Corner South Gippsland Highway & Clarendon Street, Cranbourne VIC

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Contact Person

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Cranbourne Blue Light Committee

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Dance Venue

Public Hall:
Cranbourne Public Hall – Corner South Gippsland Highway
& Clarendon Street, Cranbourne VIC

Melways Map 133 K, 4
Opposite BP Petrol Station

RECONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE KERB AND CHANNEL – TUCKER STREET, CRANBOURNE

I received a letter from the Manager Roads and Construction at the City of Casey in late January advising me that as part of Council’s annual Road Rehabilitation Program, the concrete footpath, kerb and channel and vehicle crossings at the front of the school had been identified and scheduled for replacement with these works scheduled to commence on January 30, 2012.

It was also stated in the letter that following these works, the road will be resurfaced at a later date. During these works the road may be closed to through traffic. Further information will be passed on to our school community as soon as it is received.

School Council Elections 2012- Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided
guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**

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### School Council Elections 2012- Election Process and Timeline for Cranbourne Park Primary School

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This year we will have vacancies in the parent and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) categories as the term concludes for a number of current members. In addition, in the parent category we have a casual vacancy brought about by one of our families relocating. Think about nominating to become a member of our school council. The election and a call for nominations will occur on Monday 13 February. If you would like further information about our School Council prior to then, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
DATES TO REMEMBER:
February 28th  
EMA Applications close  
March 30th  
Last day of term 1

NEWSLETTER VOTING SLIP

FAMILY NAME: ……………………………………………………………

I would like to receive a copy of Cranbourne Park Primary School’s newsletter…….

☐ Fortnightly

☐ Weekly

House points will be awarded for every response returned by 15th February.