May 2nd 2013

**City of Casey Student Leader Day**
On Monday 22 April I had the great privilege of taking our school captains, Trinity, Tarra and Tamara to a Student Leader Day hosted by the City of Casey. Throughout the day our school captains participated in a range of activities designed to enhance their leadership skills. It was a wonderful day and I thank Trinity, Tarra and Tamara for being outstanding ambassadors for our school.

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**
On Wednesday 25 April at 10.15a.m., a group of staff and students met at the Cranbourne Cenotaph for the RSL’s annual service. On behalf of the school community, our school captains participated in the wreath laying ceremony. Thank you to all members of our school community who attended the service.

**Disco**
We hope to see lots of you this evening at our first disco for 2013.

**THURSDAY 2 MAY, 2013**
- Prep - Year 2, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Year 3 - Year 6, 6.45pm - 7.45pm
- Cost $5.00
Come along to the disco! Play lots of games and learn dances like “The Chicken Dance”, “The Hokey Pokey”, “The Macarina” and “The Limbo”. There will be lots of prizes and fun times. “Glow in the Dark” products will be for sale at the disco at the cost of $2.00 per item. Free cordial will be provided throughout the disco.

The disco will be fully supervised by staff and all children attending the disco must be current students of Cranbourne Park Primary School. Parents / guardians are requested to drop students off at the gymnasium door and collect the students at the gymnasium door at the end of the disco. Thank you.

Mothers Day Stall
On Thursday 9 May our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held. There is an enormous range of beautiful gifts from which the children will be able to choose. The gifts will be set out beautifully in the Art Room and there will be plenty of parents to assist the students in selecting their ideal gift.
If you would like to assist at the Mother’s Day stall, please leave your name and phone number at the office with Chris.

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.

Breakfast Club
Our Breakfast Club is available to all Cranbourne Park Primary School students. It is held Monday and Friday mornings in our Multi-Purpose Room and is free of charge. The Breakfast Club provides children with a healthy brekkie and is a positive social experience! Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am and runs until 8:50am (children will be required to stay in the multipurpose room until 8:45am)
Breakfast consists of a choice of toast and spreads, cereal and milk or juice. Students who use the breakfast club are required to pre-register. If your child is interested in joining the Breakfast Club please obtain a registration form from the Office and return it as soon as possible so we can organise catering! Please note that the registration form requires medical and food allergy details to be provided.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (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 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. 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 students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. 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.nap.edu.au.

Smoking
On 1 July 2009 the Minister for Education exercised the power under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 to prohibit smoking in all government schools. The smoking ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.

Accordingly, all parents and visitors to the school are requested to refrain from smoking whilst inside the school boundaries.

Peer Support Leaders
What a wonderful job our Peer Support Leaders are doing. Our Peer Support Leaders all have rostered times when they assist other students in the yard. In addition, they meet regularly with Mrs. Tisseurasinghe. In the meetings they continue to work on enhancing skills which will enable them to do their job even more brilliantly.

Headlice
Thank you to all of those members of our school community who have continued to be vigilant in regularly checking (and treating when required!) their children’s hair for head lice. Following is some information about head lice.
About head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination.

- Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects.
- Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown.
- People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice.
- Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1**
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2**
Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3**
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4**
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5**
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times

If lice or eggs are found, the child's hair should be treated.

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.

The Life Cycle of Head Lice
1. Egg is laid on hair shaft. Egg is called a 'nit'.
2. Louse emerges after 6-7 days.
3. First moult 2 days after hatching.
4. Second moult 5 days after hatching.
5. Third moult 10 days after hatching.
6. Emerging from their third moult as adult lice, the female and slightly similar male begin to reproduce.
7. Female lays first egg 1 or 2 days after mating.
8. Female can lay approximately 3 to 8 eggs per day for the next 16 days.
9. Having lived 32 to 35 days the louse dies.

Treating head lice

- Concentrate on the head - there is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or classroom.
- **No treatment kills all of the eggs** so treatment must involve two applications seven days apart.
- If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair.
- There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.
- Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering; either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
- There is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.
- Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be use.
- Many people find that adding a few drops of lavender essential oil and / or tea tree essential oil to your normal shampoo and conditioner is an effective preventative measure. Give it a go if you’re having trouble with head lice.

Curriculum Day
A reminder to everyone that Tuesday 11 June 2013 has been approved by School Council as a Curriculum Day. Staff will be involved professional learning activities relating to social diversity. Students are not required at school on this day.

Library Monitors
Congratulations to Diya Patel and Jordan Karangaroa for being selected as The Term 2 Library Monitors. Jordan and Diya have both offered many times to assist in tidying, sorting and shelving the books and have done a great job. They are both very worthy of this new role. I am looking forward to working with you both this term.
Mrs Bendon

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NARRE WARREN BLUE LIGHT DISCO to be held at the
Narre Warren North Community Centre
A’BECKETT ROAD, NARRE WARREN NORTH
Friday May 3rd
For students in years 3,4,5 & 6 only
Times 6.00pm – 9.00pm
COST $10.00

Enquiries to Narre Warren Police Station 9705 3111