March 7th 2013

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Bruna Barnett, Kelly Caddaye, Rina Shields and Trish Newton had nominated to be parent members of the 2013 / 2014 School Council at the end of the nomination period. As the number of nominations was less than or equal to the number of vacancies, they were all elected to the School Council. Congratulations to you all. Thank you for your interest and I look forward to your contributions to our school council.

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Dylan Barnett and Adut Kong who were selected as our Aussies of the Month for the month of February. These two students are extremely worthy recipients and at all times uphold the school’s values of Respect, Responsibility, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion and Doing Your Best.
STUDENT FREE DAY

School Council has approved Friday 26 April 2013 as a Student Free Day. On this day teachers will be involved in a professional learning activity facilitated by Lindsay Tighe and Marg Smith from Inspirational Coaching. The focus of the day will be “Better Teachers Ask Better Questions”.

Students are not required to attend school on this day.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Many thanks to Jen Ensor and Bruna Barnett who attended our recent Fundraising Meeting. With their valued contributions and input from Rina Shields we have put together a fundraising plan for 2013 which was approved by School Council on Tuesday 5 March. The fundraising plan includes a wide range of activities including discos for students who attend Cranbourne Park Primary School, Show Bag sales, a Cookie Dough Drive, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, an “a-thon” and some raffles. Watch the newsletter for information about these events as your support is greatly appreciated. It would be great if we were able to raise $3,000.00 from these events this year. All monies raised directly support our students in their learning. Monies raised last year has gone towards the cost of providing Literacy Planet and Mathletics to ALL students in our school.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

The school is very proud of the “Open Door” policy it has created so that students and their families feel welcome at the school. The open door policy allows parents to be involved in classroom activities, attend open evenings and information sessions, participate in decision making forums, attend parent education programs and so on.

The “open door” policy allows parents to remain in contact with the school and encourages important communication links between home and school.

Even though the school has an open door policy, it is important for parents to remember that it is necessary for an appointment to be made if you wish to talk to your child’s teacher. Often a parent will wish to talk to a teacher immediately before or after school. These times are extremely busy times for teachers as they are often planning work for students and finalizing things for the day ahead. After school, teachers frequently have meetings and professional development activities that they must attend.

To ensure that your issue is dealt with in a thorough and appropriate way, it is vital that an appointment is made. This allows the teacher to set aside the appropriate amount of time required to speak with you about the issue.

The appointment can be made by phoning the school, or by making the appointment with the teacher concerned directly.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - Why do we have a day off next Monday?

A reminder to all that Monday 11 March is Labour Day, a public holiday. Students are not required at school on this day.

Labour Day is an Australian public holiday originally called Eight Hours Day. It celebrates the achievements of organised labour on behalf of the worker to bring about the 8-hour day in the late 1850s.
Previously workers were required to work long hours each week... 10 to 12 hours a day six days a week. While a change was made to the hours worked each day, the five day work week we enjoy today took almost a century longer to be adopted finally in 1948.

If you look closely you may spot the numbers 888 on many union buildings across Australia. The numbers are in support of British socialist Robert Owen who believed that people should have 8 hours to work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours to sleep. This philosophy helped foster The Eight Hours Movement.

The first Labour Day parade was held in Melbourne on April 21st, 1856. Labour Day is celebrated at different times across Australia because each state achieved the 8-hour day on different dates. [http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm](http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm)

**PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Staff and students are strongly discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO: VOLUNTEER HELPERS Sought**

Anyone interested in assisting at the Blue Light Discos is invited to contact Brett Owen at the Cranbourne Police Station on 5991 0600.

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**EDUCATIONAL QUOTE**

Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.

Chinese proverb


**Dates to Remember**

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