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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to the 2015 school year!

A special hello to our new students, including the 44 Foundation students who have joined us at Cranbourne Park Primary School. We wish these students and their families an enjoyable, happy and rewarding time at our school.

When our Foundation students commenced last week it was fantastic to see how quickly they settled into their new classrooms and started to get to know their classmates and teachers. Once again, the success of our Pre-school – School Transition Program was evident by the extremely smooth start to the year.

OUR 2015 STAFF AND THEIR POSITIONS

For your information, our 2015 staff is as follows:

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
Sue Jones
Colum Hughes
Kerri Harridge

CLASS TEACHER	ROOM NUMBER	TEACHERS
F06	Room 6	Tash Lloyd
F04	Room 4	Caroline Tisseverasinghe
J01	Room 1	Karen Middlebrook
J02	Room 2	Sue Chatterjee
J03	Room 3	Fiona Kops
J05	Room 5	Michael Youngs
M11	Room 11	Di Ballard
M12	Room 12	Liz Rout
M13	Room 13	Kayla Wallis
M18	Room 18	Josh Guy
M19	Room 19	Kerry Begg-Boyle
S14	Room 14	Ilisa Cooper
S15	Room 15	Jenny Curran

S16	Room 16	Mark Nolan
S17	Room 17	Alisha Bell

SPECIALIST TEACHERS	
The Arts:	Emma Zach
Digi Tech	Vanessa Keenan
H.P.E and Wellbeing	Corey Pearce
Indonesian	Charles MacDonald
EAL	Rachel Wheeler

SCHOOL SUPPORT	
Business Manager	Sandra Murphy
Secretary	Chris Petersen
Library Technician / Education Support	Lee Bendon
Education Support	Damiun Passmore, Monika Bradford, Rita Kellett, Marcela Sarnyai, Cheyanne Bishop.

Mr. Steve Condon is currently taking Leave Without Pay to pursue additional study. Steve is a highly respected and prized staff member who has made many valuable contributions to the school in his position of Assistant Principal. We wish him all the best with his studies.

***Our new staff members:
Liz Rout, Fiona Kops and Kayla Wallis.
Welcome to our staff.***



END OF DAY DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

All students are dismissed from school at 3.15 p.m. At this time of the year, the Foundation 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, please do not enter the school buildings prior to the conclusion of the school day. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

LUNCH ORDERS

The price list for 2015 was distributed last week and lunch orders commenced yesterday.

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 warmly invite you to attend our assemblies.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is distributed **fortnightly**. In term 1 the youngest child in the family attending our school will receive a newsletter to bring home on the following days: February 5, February 19, March 5 and March 19.

You are also able to access our newsletter online through the school website or accessing the tiqbiz app.

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 brimmed hats, sunscreen and sunglasses.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is a condition of enrolment that students wear school uniform as detailed in our “Student Dress Code” policy. Please note that the school windcheater and jacket are **bottle green**, not emerald green.

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 Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school 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.

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

To protect the safety of all students, bikes, rollerblade, skateboards and scooters may not 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.

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 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.

HEAD LICE

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 head lice 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.

UMBRELLAS

Please note that for safety reasons, students are not permitted to use umbrellas within the school yard at any time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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' driveways 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 provides and manages 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 are completed online at <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.doj> In line with Department of Education and Training policy, our School Council is required to approve all volunteer workers before they commence.

SCHOOL TERMS 2015

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start), 29 January (**ALL** students commence) to 27 March *

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students.

STUDENT FREE DAY

School Council has approved Friday 13 March 2015 as a student free day. On this day our staff will be working with Michelle Hutchison to further develop their knowledge and skills in the teaching of spelling and in supporting students with learning difficulties in literacy. Students are not required at school on this day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015

Information about the 2015 School Council Elections will soon be distributed. In the meantime, please consider nominating for one of the positions on school council that will arise this year.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has requested that the following information be passed on to parents and guardians:

Slow Down, School's Back!

School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children.

All Victorian drivers are reminded that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Thursday 29 January 2015.

Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm.

For information on school speed zones visit the [VicRoads](#) website. While you're there, check out their fun and informative [road safety apps](#).

No Kids in Hot Cars

The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes, and within minutes it can be double the temperature outside.

So if it is 30 degrees outside, it can be more than 60 degrees inside a car in just a few minutes.

With smaller bodies and under-developed nervous systems, young children are at much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

While the summer holidays may be over, the warm weather continues throughout term one.

Three new video ads about the dangers of leaving kids in hot cars have recently been launched.

Please help spread their important messages by sharing the videos with your friends, family and community.

The videos will also feature on weather websites, YouTube advertisements and Facebook-promoted posts targeting parents with young children.

No kids in hot cars - YouTube

Children Left Unattended in Cars – Kidsafe Victoria Kids in Hot Cars

Dates to Remember:

February 13th

Book Club orders close

February 16th

Student Banking kicks off with Bendigo Bank
(Special appearance by “Piggy” at assembly)

February 17th

“Getting to know you activity”

5pm – 6.30pm

March 11th

Foundation students commence full time

March 13th

Curriculum Day – no students required at school

***FUNDED TRAINING AVAILABLE!**

CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

CHC30212 Certificate III in Aged Care and

CHC30312 Certificate III in Home and Community Care

CHC40312 Certificate IV in Disability

CHC40708 Certificate IV in Community Services Work

Careers Open Day being held on Thursday April 16th 2015 @ 10.00am—4.00pm



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People from diverse backgrounds and/or with a disability are encouraged to apply!

*Eligibility criteria apply. Funded by the Victorian and Federal Government

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