August 13, 2015.

**Parent teacher Conferences**
Thank you to all of the families who participated in parent / teacher conferences last Tuesday evening. The teachers were thrilled that so many families turned up and showed interest in their child/ren’s learning.

**Parent Opinion Survey**
A big thank you to those randomly selected families who took the time to complete the survey and to return it to school. All surveys that were returned have been sent off for scoring and analysis. We look forward to receiving the results and sharing them with you.

**Busy, Busy, Busy**
Lots of things have been happening in and around the school over the past fortnight or so …

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**2015 Netball State Championship**
On Tuesday the 28th July, 18 grade 5 / 6 students travelled to the Knox Regional Netball Centre in Ferntree Gully to compete in the 2015 Netball Victoria School Championship. Both the boys and girls teams competed against a range of other government, catholic and independent schools from around the South-Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne. The teams played in a round-robin format throughout the day with the top teams moving through to the finals day to be held at the State Netball & Hockey Centre, where State Champions will be crowned.

The Cranbourne Park teams fought hard all day against some very tough competition. Throughout the day the students gained valuable experiences in cooperation and team work skills. There were some good individual as well as team efforts displayed during the games and many showed great leadership both on and off the court.
A big thank-you to all of the parents who came along and supported the students throughout the day, we hope that you enjoyed the experience as much they did.

**Gardening Club**

Members of the Gardening Club have been busily planting new trees and shrubs to beautify our school grounds.

**St John’s First Aid Sessions**

All classes across the school participated in St John’s First Aid lessons.
Excursion to Cranbourne Secondary School

Our grade 5 and 6 students walked over to Cranbourne Secondary College to see a performance of this year’s production, “Earth Boy and the Mutant Ballerinas”.

Procedural Writing
Across the school we have been learning about procedural writing. There have been many exciting activities including paper making, construction and cooking to help develop the skills involved in producing an effective procedural text.

Members of M11 are pictures making chocolate balls.
We were extremely fortunate to be invited to participate in the NBN Community Art Project at Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre. Over two days Eddie Botha, a local professional artist worked with students to decorate 1.6m high letters. Eddie’s art work can be viewed at www.eddiebothacreations.com

Planning for 2016
Planning for the 2016 school year is already underway.

Staff have been looking at our curriculum and the incursions and excursions that are available that will best support the teaching and learning program. Our swimming and camping programs are being worked on and there have been many discussions about staffing.

Please notify the General Office at your earliest convenience if your child(ren) will be transferring from Cranbourne Park Primary School at the end of this year. Please note, this does not include current year 6 students.
If you have a student commencing school, either as a Foundation (prep) student or at another year level, please ensure that enrolment procedures are completed as soon as possible.

**Cybersafety**

**Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800**

Many children and young people are clearly entrenched in an online world. But how risky is it? According to the ACMA’s Click and Connect study, children demonstrate a good general knowledge about online behaviours that might be considered ‘risky’. Yet in spite of this, some young people still engage in risky behaviour, and some perceive these behaviours are common across their peer groups.

The Cybersmart Online Helpline, provided by Kids Helpline in partnership with the ACMA, is one option which provides free, confidential online counselling for children and young people. Web counselling lets children and young people connect one-on-one, in real time, with a Kids Helpline counsellor, over the web.

Kids Helpline also offers private and confidential telephone and email counselling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Be Smart When You Participate in Social Networking**

Social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube can be a great way to keep in touch, share stories and information, and to connect with others. They enable users to set up profiles, join groups and share news and information including video, images, music and text with family, friends or anyone from around the world.

As with off-line communities, some social media users can act anti-socially and show disrespect for their online community with little consideration of the social and potentially legal implications. Issues like bullying and harassment, unwanted or inappropriate contact, uploading of inappropriate or offensive content and identity theft occur in social networking services every day.

To help you, and others, enjoy your time online:

- Use the privacy settings—limit who can access your profile or join the groups you set up.
- Keep your private information private. Think carefully before disclosing personal details such as your phone number and personal email address—even if only friends can access your profile.
- Think before you post any content, video, images or text, online. You can put it up, but you can’t necessarily take it down. Ask before posting images or stories about others. What you see as harmless fun may be embarrassing and humiliating for them.
- Don’t project an undesirable self-image. Posting provocative pictures or evidence of a partying behaviour will create a digital reputation that could be used against you now or later. It may also invite unwanted contact.
- Choose your online friends wisely. Others’ inappropriate views and behaviours can reflect badly on you. The number of friends you have in your contact list is not a reflection of how popular you are.
- Communicate with others as you would do offline, with courtesy and respect. Just because you’re online doesn’t mean you’re not responsible for your actions.
- If you think someone is being bullied or harassed online, speak out. Let others know if their behaviour isn’t appropriate.
Bayside Christian College 2016 Secondary Enrolments
Grade 5 parents seeking an enrolment into Secondary School in 2016 at Bayside Christian College are advised that an open morning will be held on Thursday 21 August from 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m. Information will be provided about the secondary curriculum offered at Bayside Christian College. Tours will be conducted throughout the morning and families will be able to view the iPad program currently running for year 7 students. For further information please phone 59716700.

Smoking
From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
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.

2015 Parents Victoria Conference - Public Schools are Kicking Goals
Held at the home of Carlton Football Club, Ikon Park, the 2015 Parents Victoria conference is inviting all interested parents to register for the event. The theme for this year’s conference is ‘Public Schools are Kicking Goals’.
In keeping with this theme, the conference features a packed line-up of presentations on a range of issues facing parents including dispute resolution, creating healthy relationships between parents and children, fundraising and embracing and celebrating diversity.

Presenters at the conference will include:
- Carol Cooke, AM - London Paralympic gold medallist and World Champion Cyclist
- Mandy Weidmann, Fundraising Directory
- Katherine Cooney, Foundation House
- Nicola Ramsay, Senior Digital Advisor, DET
- Russell Rees, Executive Director, Regional Monitoring and Support, DET
- Speakers from Bundoora Secondary College, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Pembroke Primary School and The Reach Foundation

Principals and School Council Presidents are requested to promote the conference within the school community, and to encourage and support parents to attend.
To register for the conference, complete the form in the attached brochure and send, along with payment, to Parents Victoria, PO Box 25, Wandong, 3758.
Registration and Payment must be forwarded to Parents Victoria by 17 August 2015, the Conference is on 25-26 August 2015.

For conference details or to register for the event, please see: 2015 Parents Victoria Conference - Program Flyer
For more information, go to www.parents victoria.asn.au or email office@parents victoria.asn.au
Register and come along to Breakfast Club.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
8:15a.m. – 8:50 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Dates to Remember
August 18th: Expo Night
August 26th: Reptile Encounters (Foundation – 2)
August 31st: CSEF applications close
September 1st: Chesterfield Farm – Foundation
September 18th: Term 3 ends

Parkers Supported Playgroup
Monday 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
All ages welcome. Come along, it’s free!

We now offer Before School Care!
For more information call the team at Sherpa Kids Cranbourne Park on 0438 227 815 or the Victorian Operations Manager, Clare Macdonald, on 0411 132 553.