July 16, 2015.

Welcome to our new students
We are delighted to welcome four new students to our school this term.

Read Like a Demon Library Visit

On Tuesday 14 July a group of twenty students visited Cranbourne Library to participate in the Read Like a Demon program. Many thanks to Miss Bell for being our Read Like a Demon co-ordinator.

Scienceworks
Our grade 3 and 4 students recently had a great day at Scienceworks.
Lunchtime Activities
Lunchtime clubs for this term are in full swing. Consider going along to one or more of these fun clubs.

TUESDAYS
Art Club with Mrs Zach
Boys and Girls Victorian school Teams Netball with Miss Bell
Prep-Two Lego Club with Mr Youngs

WEDNESDAYS
3-6 Science and Technology Club with Mrs Begg-Boyle
Gardening Club with Ms Ballard
Drawing Club with Mrs Lloyd
P-2 Reading Club with Mrs Tisseverasinghe

THURSDAYS
Short Film Club with Mr Nolan
Board Games with Mrs Middlebrook

FRIDAY
Board Games with Mrs Wheeler

In addition, the ICT lab is open every recess and lunchtime. There are certainly always lots of things for our students to do.

Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition
Once again we have been invited to participate in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition.
This year the topic for children in Grades 5 and 6 is “A Major Natural Disaster” whilst the topic for children in grades 3 and 4 is “Our Helpers”.
In the coming week we will be running trials at school to select our representatives.

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia
We are supporting Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc by collecting used spectacles and sunglasses. There is a box in the office foyer and all donations are gratefully received.
Regraded spectacles are shipped to many parts of the world for distribution to poor people in need at no expense or obligation on the recipient. Over the 15 years that the Australian program has existed, the program has delivered 2.5 million pair to countries in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub continent, East Asia, and the Far East, including China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania.

Used Stamps
In another effort to support the Lions Club’s fundraising activities, we are collecting used postage stamps. Please tear used stamps from envelopes, leaving about 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Again, the collection box is in the office foyer and all donations are appreciated.

Want to read about our school highlights?
The annual report is a key legislative and regulatory requirement, but it is also an important way to keep our school community informed about how we are performing and what is being done to improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our students.

Providing information about our school in this format helps the community to become involved and engaged in discussions about the school and how further improvements can be supported. I encourage you to have a look at our report.

**Sick Children at School**
The cold season is well and truly upon us! Already a number of students have become unwell whilst at school and have had to be sent home. Thank you to all of the parents who have quickly responded to our phone calls to come and collect their child. We really appreciate your promptness as our sick bay is not a place where children can have a rest or lie down until school ends and it cannot cater for long term “holding” of sick students.

**Planning for 2016**
Would you believe that 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.

**2015 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Our school along with all schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The school is required to provide this information by 7 August, 2015.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer and no student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 5996 1142 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.
Register and come along to Breakfast Club. It’s FREE

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
8:15a.m. – 8:50 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Dates to Remember:
July 23rd             Playground Craze Incursion
July 24th             Swimming commences

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.

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The J-Team
The J-Team is an afternoon kids club for Primary aged children (Prep - grade 4), running for 6 consecutive Mondays, each term, from 3:30 – 5:15pm at St John’s Anglican Church, 27 Childers St Cranbourne.

The term 3 programme will begin on Monday 21st July

The purpose is for kids to have fun after school and learn about the Christian faith through:

- Songs, Games, Bible Stories & Craft
- Snacks/ Food provided (gold coin donation).

All children welcome.

Phone or email to register or enquire via Matt Schetter at 5982 5896 (matt.schetter@gmail.com) or the church office 5995 9364 (Mon-Fri, 9am-12noon, school days)

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Starting Kindergarten
For children born between the 1st January 2012 and 30th of April 2012

All children are eligible to access a funded kindergarten program in the year before school.

Children born between the 1st of January and 30th of April 2012 have the option of commencing school the year they turn five or the following year. Therefore children can commence kindergarten in the year they turn four or the year they turn five.

The Department of Education and Training advises families with children who are born between the 1 of January and 30 April to choose carefully, as children are only funded for one year of kindergarten before they start school (unless they are eligible for Early Start Kindergarten or Eligible for a second year of funded kindergarten).

Families must decide which year their child will attend a funded kindergarten program prior to their child commencing kindergarten.

Maternal Child and Health nurses, Early Childhood educators, Prep teachers, Preschool Field Officers and other professionals involved in supporting the development of the child can support families making a decision about what year their child will start kindergarten.

City of Casey

MEDIA RELEASE: 10 July 2015

Council to host free parenting forum

The City of Casey is inviting parents and carers to a free forum focused on supporting young people during the transition from primary to secondary school.

One of Australia's highest profile psychologists and the resident parenting expert on Channel 7's Sunrise, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, will be the keynote speaker at the Primary to Secondary - Supporting the Transition forum on Thursday 30 July 2015.

City of Casey Mayor Cr Mick Morland said this forum would be invaluable for parents or carers of young people aged between nine and 15 years old.

"The City of Casey recognises the period of growth from childhood to adolescence is a time of many changes for a young person and their family."

"Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is a renowned child and adolescent psychologist who is passionate about adolescent mental health, technology and education. An author of eight books, many specialising in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health, he will provide insightful and helpful information to those who attend the forum.

"This forum will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to gain relevant information about what changes young people face during adolescence, the transition from primary school to high school and strategies to best support this time."

"Council encourages parents to come along to the forum, which will hopefully leave you feeling empowered and informed in relation to parenting children and teenagers during this time of change," Cr Morland concluded.

The Primary to Secondary - Supporting the Transition forum will be held on Thursday 30 July 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the City of Casey Civic Centre, Magid Drive, Narre Warren.

Registration is essential as places are limited. For more information or to register contact City of Casey Customer Services on 9705 5200 or visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth.

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