October 24, 2014

Gaby and Haylee

Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition Zone Finalists

Congratulations to Gaby and Haylee on their sterling efforts on Thursday 17 October at the Lions Clubs Junior Public Speaking Competition Zone Final. What sensational work to reach this level of the competition! Well done!

Peer Mediators “Set Your Sails” Day

“Set Your Sails” at Lysterfield Lake.
Mrs Tisseverasinghe and our Peer Mediators participated in a “Set Your Sails” Sailing Day, a day that is aimed at developing resilience, team building, leadership and accomplishment and helps to enrich relationships. Activities included water and land based sailing activities, mountain bike riding and sessions from Captain Eric Wieckmann.

Family Maths Night

Many thanks to those families who came along to the Year 3 – Year 6 Family Maths Night last Thursday. Although the number of attendees was disappointing, those who came along had a good time AND honed their skills in numeracy.

Many thanks to Mrs Kerri Harridge and her team for the hours of preparation they put into the evening.
Rope Rocketeers

Once again we were awed by the amazing skipping feats demonstrated by the Rope Rocketeers when they visited our school last Tuesday. Thank you very much to the Rocketeers and their teachers for visiting us again this year.

World Teacher’s Day

On Friday October 31 we will be celebrating World Teachers’ Day. World Teachers’ Day was started by UNESCO and is celebrated in more than 100 countries around the world each year. It represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding, and appreciation displayed for the vital contribution that teachers make to education. To our great staff, “THANK YOU!”

Cranbourne Park Cup

This annual event is fast approaching. Are you going to come along dressed as a jockey or will you be competing in our Fashions on the Field event?

Remember that all jockeys need to have a “horse” that is a metre long and has a head and a tail! (A broomstick with a cardboard cut out for a head and some lengths of wool for a tail makes a great horse. I have even seen buckets used for the horse’s head).

Cranbourne Park Cup will be held on the oval (weather permitting) on Monday 3 November, at 9.10a.m. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend and to participate.
Children’s Week

Join in the hundreds of free activities happening across the state from 18-26 October to celebrate Children's Week 2014!

Children aged 0-12 and their families are invited to take part in Children's Week activities that celebrate and recognise the youngest members of our community.

There are family fun days, story time sessions, picnics and free entry to cool places like Scienceworks and Werribee Open Range Zoo!


Sunsmart

Our school is a Sunsmart School. From September 1 until May 30, all members of our school community are required to wear an approved sunhat (broad-rimmed or bucket style) when participating in any outdoor activity. We also encourage the wearing of sunglasses to protect eyes from UV damage and the use of sunscreen.

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

As a result of changes made by the Government, the Education Maintenance Allowance will no longer be available in 2015. This means that children’s bookpacks in 2015 will need to be funded by parents.

Negotiations have taken place with suppliers to obtain the best possible price for book packs and we are pleased to advise that School Council have agreed to keep bookpack costs at $135.00 per student in 2015.

As with previous years, there will also be the option of paying the Excursion Levy at the start of the year. The Excursion Levy will remain at $80.00 per student and covers all excursions/incursions EXCEPT FOR camps, sleepovers/breakfast, and some sporting events.

The school will be open on Friday 23rd January 2015 and payments can be made from this date.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change or are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school. Access to State Schools Relief Committee support is available via the principal to assist with clothing/uniforms for families in financial hardship and the Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance to low income families through Schoolkids Bonus.
Cyber Bullying

We know that students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour.

At our school we put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying. Bullying is a serious issue for all of us. We know that it can happen anywhere, anytime, and can have devastating consequences. We also know that with the rise of social media, cyberbullying is an increasingly important issue. Where bullying was once confined to the playground, it can now occur online at any time of the day or night.

The best way to tackle bullying and cyberbullying is for schools, students and parents to work together. There are some great resources including Speak Up Against Cyberbullying available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers

I encourage you to learn more by visiting the website and sharing the commitment to stop bullying and cyberbullying in our school and local community.

Disco

The final disco for 2013 will be held on Thursday 30 October. The theme for this disco is “Scary Things”. We look forward to seeing lots of scary things at our disco!

Come dressed up as something SCARY, or come as you are!

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER, 2014

Foundation - Year 2, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Year 3 - Year 6, 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Cost $6.00

“Glow in the Dark” products will be for sale at the disco at the cost of $2.00 per item. Free iced water 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.

**ICAS Testing**

Congratulations to the students who participated in the ICAS Mathematics and English testing earlier in the year. Their certificates were presented at assembly on Monday.

**2015 School Enrolments**

If you have a child commencing school in 2015 and haven’t yet completed an enrolment form, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

If you know of any other families not currently enrolled at the school who intend enrolling for 2015 please have them contact the office as soon as possible.

**Dates to Remember**

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