

Parker's Capers and Papers



Welcome to our students

A very warm welcome to the 2017 school year!

We have had a terrific start to the school year with students settling into their classes exceptionally well. It has been great catching up with all of our students and hearing of their holiday news.

A special hello to our new students, including the fifty eight 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 they started school on Tuesday last week it was delightful to see so 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 for these children.

Across the school we have many other new students. On behalf of our school community I extend a big welcome to them too. They will be assisted to settle into our school by Mrs. Lainie Owen and Mrs Fiona Sigurjonsson, our two Intervention / Learning Support Managers. I look forward to getting to know them as the year progresses.

Welcome to our new staff

I am proud to introduce our new staff, Ms Dianne Summers (Assistant Principal), Mrs Fiona Sigurjonsson (Intervention / Learning Support , F—2), Miss Naomi Liang (J05), Mrs Sharon Jackson (S08) and Mrs Renee Phillips-Kokiri to the school community.



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Dates to Remember

- **8th February**—Lunch orders commence.
- **10th March**—Student free day
- **13th March**—Labour Day public holiday
- **15th March**—Foundation students commence full time

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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.

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 2, February 16, March 2, March 16 and March 30.

You are also able to access our newsletter online through the school website.

What do you think of our new style newsletter? We would love to receive your feedback?

We're a 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.

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 property is brought to school at your own 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 schools insurance 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.

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.



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**Our new playground is a big
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Play 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.

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 your children participate in sports or other physical activities at school and the particular disposition of your children.

Working With Children Cards.

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 <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

In line with Department of Education and Training policy, our School Council is required to approve all volunteer workers before they commence.

Student Free Day.

School Council has approved Friday 10 March 2017 as a student free day. On this day our staff will be working with Lyn Watts to further develop their knowledge and skills in the teaching of reading and writing using the CAFÉ and VOICES frameworks.

Students are not required at school on this day.