February 4th, 2016

WELCOME TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

It’s wonderful to be back at school after being on sick leave for most of term 4. Many thanks to Steve Condon and Colum Hughes for the great leadership and to the staff, students and school community for the support they gave to Steve and Colum.

Welcome to the 2016 school year and a special hello to our new students, including the sixty-six Foundation (prep) 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 Thursday it was fantastic to see so many happy smiling faces, eager and excited to join with their new classmates and their teachers and to tackle the challenges that are ahead. I have been impressed with how quickly and easily the children are settling into school life. Once again, the success of our Pre-school – School Transition Program is evident by the extremely smooth start to the year.

NEW FACES AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Miss Alysha Young  Miss Carla Bures  Emilee (Sherpa Kids)  Monty (Chaplain)  Christie (Student Welfare)

WELCOME BACK!

Three of our teachers have returned to teaching from Family Leave. It is magnificent to see Shona Nieuwenhuizen, Lainie Owen and Jessica Aziz back at Cranbourne Park Primary School.
OUR 2016 STAFF AND THEIR POSITIONS

For your information, our 2016 staff is as follows:

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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.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders commenced yesterday and a price list has been sent home with all students.
ASSEMBLY

Our weekly assembly will continue to be held between 9.05 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 and share in the information dissemination and recognition of achievements throughout the school.

NEWSLETTER

Currently 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 4, February 18, March 3 and March 17.

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

www.cranbournepark.vic.edu.au/
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 need to be strictly adhered to and 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 your 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, employs the supervisors and sets 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” (WWC) card. Application for this card may be made on line at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](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.

**SCHOOL TERMS 2016**

Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March (as 25 March is public holiday)
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016**

Information about the 2016 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 Training employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET 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. DET 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.
DET 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.
ASSEMBLY

At our weekly assembly next Monday, our 2016 School Captains, House Captains and Peer Mediators will be announced and presented with their certificates. A small morning tea for them and their families will follow the assembly.

CHILDREN AND HOT CARS. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

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

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

CANTEEN SALES

Commencing next Monday, Zooper Doopers will be available for sale at the canteen at lunchtimes.

Zooper Doopers cost fifty cents.
DOWNLOAD SCHOOLMATE TODAY!

Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school this year? Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child's education? Download SchoolMate today! SchoolMate provides you with an overview of what your child is learning at school, and suggests ways that you can get involved in your child's education.

Benefits of SchoolMate:

- Shows you what your children are learning in school in each subject in every year from Prep to Year 10 according to the Victorian AusVELS curriculum;
- Provides advice about what you can do at home to help your child learn;
- Provides ideas for books and apps which you can download, borrow or buy which are related to your child's school work.

Developed by the Department for Education and Training, SchoolMate works on iPhone, iPad and Android phones and tablets and is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play.

Download SchoolMate today by visiting the App Store or Google Play and searching for SchoolMate.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website
Parents please note:

ALL BOOKPACKS WILL NEED TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY. ANY LEFT OVER BOOK PACKS ARE BEING RETURNED TO THE SUPPLIER.

Please see Mrs Jones or Ms Guest to make payment arrangements.

Thank you

Alisha Guest
Business Manager

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 5th
February 15th
April 18th – 20th

Payment for book packs due
Wear white day
School Camp Years 3 - 6