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.

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.
**Aussies of the Month**

CONGRATULATIONS TURONGO AND SHIANN

Turongo is a happy, friendly student. He is able to complete all his work to a high standard and demonstrates good skills in being an independent learner. Turongo is always willing to go the extra mile when helping to maintain a tidy work place and helping to pack up activities. He is a respectful young man who shows the qualities of a good friend. Turongo follows all school rules and is a delightful member of our school.

Shiann Talbot deserves to be the Aussie of the Month for many reasons. She is an exemplary student in and out of the classroom. As one of our school’s SRC representatives, Shiann takes her role very seriously. She makes an effort to include all students in and out of the classroom environment. In addition Shiann is a responsible and reliable student who would be an asset to any classroom. She is part of the dynamic duo of S17, who together help to maintain a tidy and safe environment for everybody in the class. Shiann runs errands with the efficiency of someone much older. Her assertive, yet mild manner, makes her popular with students and teachers alike. Congratulations on an award so well deserved!
**Cranbourne Park Cup**

Many thanks to Mrs Middlebrook and Mrs Tisseverasinghe for their work in putting together “Cranbourne Park Cup”. Thank you and congratulations to all participants in the Fashion on the Fields competition and in the actual race.

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**Our 2014 Cranbourne Park Cup jockeys.**

First place: Jye
Second place: Lara
Third Place: Corey
Fourth place: Troy

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**Our 2014 Cranbourne Park Fashion on the Field finalists.**
“Scary Things” Disco

What a lot of fun everyone had at our recent “Scary Things” disco. Many thanks to the staff and to Rina Shields who came along to help out.

I Can Dance

Students are raving about what a great time they are having participating in this incursion. The instructor, Maria, is great at identifying the various dance ability levels of our students and adapting the routines and performances accordingly. We are really looking forward to the performances.

Year 5 and 6 Indonesian Lessons

Our year 5 and year 6 students have recently been learning about Batik. Bu McDonald came along and helped Pak McDonald and the year 5 and 6 students create wonderful pieces of tie-dye. Terima kasih Bu McDonald!
**Dates to Remember**

October 13th – November 27th

October 16th – November 6th

November 6th

November 7th

November 11th

November 20th

December 4th

I Can Dance

Prep Transition

Year 2 Sleepover

Year 1 / 2 Breakfast

Remembrance Day

Lightning Premiership

Showtime
Hi Everyone!

We’ve had a very scary week at Sherpa Kids After School Care. The Children and I have been busy preparing for Halloween. We have made Halloween masks and decorations for home.

Just a reminder that in Term 4, hats need to be worn when outside. Please remember to bring yours.

Take a look at next week’s theme of Remembrance day.

**Monday 10th November:** Paper Plate Poppies

**Tuesday 11th November:** In Flanders Fields

**Wednesday 12th November:** Capture the Flag and other Games.

**Thursday 13th November:** Cooking – Anzac Biscuits

**Friday 14th November:** Tissue Paper Poppy Collages

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