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Remembrance Day

On Tuesday 11 November two of our school captains, Emily and Dylan, represented our school and participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Cranbourne. On behalf of our school, our student leaders laid a wreath. At school a talk on the significance of Remembrance Day and its meaning to Australians was made by Mr. Condon and the school observed one minute’s silence.

Lest We Forget

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

We will be holding a sausage sizzle between 8a.m. and 2p.m. on election day. We’d love you to come over and buy a sausage when you vote.

Kanga Cricket

Congratulations to our Kanga Cricket for their tremendous effort at the recent competition at Camms Road Reserve. Both teams placed third in their competitions. Mrs Shields and Mr Pearce reported that throughout the day all team members displayed commendable sportsmanship and wonderful behaviour. Well done!
Year 2 Sleep Over

Congratulations to everyone involved in the recent Year 2 Sleep Over. What a wonderful time everyone had! The children had fun playing games and enjoying a delicious dinner before watching a movie and heading off to bed. In the morning the “campers” were joined for breakfast by some of their Year 1 classmates. Enormous amounts of juice, cereal and toast were consumed!

Many thanks to Mr Michael Youngs for organizing the event and to the class teachers Miss Alisha Bell, Mr Josh Guy, Mrs Karen Middlebrook and Mrs Sue Chatterjee for all of the planning and hard work. Many thanks also to Mrs. Natasha Lloyd and Mrs Caroline Tisseverasinghe for assisting on the night and in the morning. Thanks also to Mrs Di Ballard and Mr Hughes for helping out in the morning. A big thank you also goes to Mr. Steve Condon for his cooking expertise.

The Year 2 Sleep Over and Breakfast is a great introduction to our camping program and is becoming well established as one of our iconic annual events. Many of the Year 3 students fondly reminisced about the wonderful time they had at the sleepover last year and many of the Year 1 students commented on how much they are looking forward to sleeping over next year. Thank you to those parents who allowed their students to be part of this wonderful experience.

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 6 Activity Day and Graduating Student’s Presentation Assembly

This year the Year 6 Activity Day will be held on Monday 15 December. The students will be going to Luna Park, St Kilda.

The Graduating Students’ Presentation Assembly will be held on Monday 15 December 2014, commencing at 6.00p.m. Guests are respectfully requested to be seated by 5.50 p.m. to allow the ceremony to commence at 6.00 p.m. promptly.

Invitations have been distributed and the RSVP details are as follows: RSVP Friday 12 December 2014, Cranbourne Park Primary School 5996 1142.

Please note: Seats will be allocated to guests in order of receipt of acceptance.

Showtime

Our annual “Showtime” performance will be held on Thursday 4 December in our school gymnasium. This year the theme of the performance is “Lights, Camera, Action!”

Sausages in bread and cans of soft drink will be available for sale from the canteen between 4.45pm and 5.30pm. We request that the audience take their seats by 5.45pm so that our performance can commence at 6.00pm promptly. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Classes are busily rehearsing their items with Maria from “icandance” and with their class teachers. The items look sensational. We hope to see you at Showtime on Thursday December 4 so that you can enjoy the performances for yourselves.

Lions Club

At our last assembly, we were delighted to welcome back Mr Ian Gration and Mrs Kerry McMahon. Our school captains presented to Ian and Kerry the used stamps and spectacles that have been collected through the school. The wonderful ladies from VIEW as well as many families from the school have contributed to our used stamps and spectacles collections.
Please remember to ask friends and family to collect used stamps and old reading or prescription glasses. The Lions Club recycle these items and use monies raised to support a range of community projects.

Be SunSmart

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia – if it hasn’t affected you personally, it has probably affected one of your friends or family members. Skin cancer is a disease of our body’s skin cells caused by over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation in the sun’s rays. Skin cancer is also one of the few almost totally preventable cancers. Our school is a Sunsmart School. During terms from September 1 to May 1 each year, all members of our school community are required to wear a SunSmart hat when participating in any outdoor activity. We also encourage the wearing of sunglasses to protect eyes from UV damage.

Head Lice

Thank you to all of those members of our school community who have continued to be vigilant in regularly checking (and treating when required!) their children’s hair for head lice. Head lice have been around for many thousands of years and continue to be a frustrating annoyance that we have to deal with. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination. People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together. Products that are used to treat head lice belong in one of the following categories depending upon the active compound they contain:

- Pyrethrins
- Synthetic pyrethoids (permethrin, bioallethrin)
- Organophosphates (malathion or maldison)
- Herbal with or without natural (non-chemical) pyrethins.

Insecticide resistance is common, so after treatment you must test to see if lice are dead. If the lice are not dead, the treatment has not worked and the lice are resistant to the product and all products containing the same active compound. There is no product available that guarantees prevention of head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you to detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can also help to prevent the spread of head lice. In addition, many people have great success with herbal deterrents such as adding a few drops of lavender essential oil, tea tree essential oil and lemon or orange essential oil to either water spray bottles or to your normal shampoo and conditioner.

Student Insurance

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not cover the costs incurred as the result of student accidents. The onus is on parents to have private coverage for this.
Various companies such as Jardine Australia and CCI Insurances offer accident insurance for students / children. Conditions and costs of such policies vary greatly and parents need to read the information relating to these policies carefully.

**Enrolments 2015 – TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Enrolments are now being finalised for students commencing at Cranbourne Park Primary School in the 2015 school year. It is important to lodge your enrolment as soon as possible to ensure a place for your child. If you are enrolling a Foundation (prep) student at school, please ensure that you bring the child’s immunisation certificate and proof of date of birth (birth certificate or extract or passport) with you.

If you have a child starting school or leaving our school at the end of the year it would be appreciated if you contacted the school as soon as possible (Please note: We are assuming that all our current year 6 students will be leaving.) If you know of any families not currently at the school who intend enrolling for 2014, please advise them to contact the school as soon as possible.

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**END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

School will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday 19 December. Parents who wish to collect their children earlier are requested to follow usual school procedures: please complete the “Sign Out” documentation and collect your children from the General Office.

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**CASEY FAMILY FUN DAY**

**SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2014**

The City of Casey and KFC T20 Big Bash League club, the Melbourne Stars invite you for a day of free family entertainment and opportunities to meet your sporting heroes.

Enjoy live cricket matches, free rides, entertainment, activities and you could even get an autograph from Cameron White, Kevin Pietersen, David Hussey and all your favourite Stars.

**TIME:** 10AM-3PM

**WHERE:** CASEY FIELDS
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.

Dates to Remember

November 20th - Lightning Premiership
November 21st - Grade 5 Transition Day to Cranbourne Secondary College
November 24th - Free Dress Day in exchange for raffle item.
November 27th - Lightning Premiership reserve date.
December 1st - Summertime Special Lunch
December 3rd - Last day to return library books to the library.
December 4th - Showtime
Our annual Summer Holidays raffle is coming up – raffle books will be distributed on Monday 24 November 2014. This year we are very fortunate to have received some wonderful donations from “Smiggle”. Thank you very much for your generous donation and for your support of our school.