Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Shanalie Hume for being selected as our “Aussie of the Month” for July.

Shanalie is to be commended on her ability to mediate in the yard in addition to always making a concerted effort at mediating issues in the classroom. Shanalie places a lot of emphasis on helping people to make the right choices as well as being there for people who find themselves upset, hurt or lonely. She is someone who goes out of her way to make people feel comfortable and happy.

Congratulations on this award Shanalie. You deserve it.

Playground Craze
Last Friday ”The Playground Craze” performed for the whole school. The group perform songs in the style of music that children like to listen to, but focuses on topics that are relevant to kids. Their songs are about resilience, not being a bystander to bullying, teamwork, learning new things and friendship.

The performance strongly reinforced the work that student and teachers have been doing in their classrooms through the implementation of our “Bounce Back” social skills program.

**Get your Tickets for the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular**

More than 3000 students from over 200 Victorian government schools will participate in the 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular at Hisense Arena on Saturday 12 September. The professionally-staged, three-hour Spectacular - celebrating its 20th anniversary - will be filmed for broadcast on Channel 7.

“The Spectacular program not only showcases the enormous creative talent that exists in our government schools, but provides an invaluable, engaging performing arts and technical training opportunity for students, while fostering active, participatory lifestyles,” says Russell Rees, Executive Director, Regional Monitoring and Support Division. “Circus performers, acrobats, skaters, puppeteers, musicians, dancers and singers will perform in the biggest live music production in Victoria at Hisense Arena, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, technical experience.

To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketek.com.au or phone Ticketek on 132 849.
General admission tickets will open on Monday 20 July
Show date – Saturday 12 September (1pm & 6.30pm)

**Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability?**

As part of the Victorian Government commitment to make Victoria the Education State, the Department of Education and Training has begun a review into how schools can better support students with special needs – including those with autism and dyslexia.

The review into the Program for Students with Disabilities includes the opportunity for parents to tell the Department what they think of the current program and how it can be improved. Renowned human rights practitioner and Australia’s former Disability Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes, will lead face-to-face consultations for the review which is designed to guide and improve our Department's approach to providing support to students with additional needs.

You can get involved by taking an online survey which will be available from September via: www.education.vic.gov.au/specialneedsplan
Your responses will help shape the Education State and encourage creative solutions to providing outstanding special needs education in Victoria.

**SchoolMate**

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:
• Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
• Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
• Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day. Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10. I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

Remember Our Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime clubs for this term are in full swing. Consider going along to one or more of these fun clubs.

**TUESDAYS**
- Art Club with Mrs Zach
- Boys and Girls Victorian school Teams Netball with Miss Bell
- Prep-Two Lego Club with Mr Youngs

**WEDNESDAYS**
- 3-6 Science and Technology Club with Mrs Begg-Boyle
- Gardening Club with Ms Ballard
- Drawing Club with Mrs Lloyd
- P-2 Reading Club with Mrs Tisseverasinghe

**THURSDAYS**
- Short Film Club with Mr Nolan
- Board Games with Mrs Middlebrook

**FRIDAY**
- Board Games with Mrs Wheeler

In addition, the ICT lab is open every recess and lunchtime. There are certainly always lots of things for our students to do.

Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition

Once again we are participating in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. This year the topic for children in Grades 5 and 6 is “A Major Natural Disaster” whilst the topic for children in grades 3 and 4 is “Our Helpers”. We will soon be running trials at school to select our representatives.

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia

We support Lions Recycle for Sight Australia Inc by collecting used spectacles and sunglasses. There is a box in the office foyer and all donations are gratefully received. Regraded spectacles are shipped to many parts of the world for distribution to poor people in need at no expense or obligation on the recipient. Over the 15 years that the Australian program has existed, the
program has delivered 2.5 million pair to countries in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub continent, East Asia, and the Far East, including China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania.

**Used Stamps**

In another effort to support the Lions Club’s fundraising activities, we are collecting used postage stamps. Please tear used stamps from envelopes, leaving about 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Again, the collection box is in the office foyer and all donations are appreciated.

**Sick Children at School**

The cold season is well and truly upon us! Already a number of students have become unwell whilst at school and have had to be sent home. Thank you to all of the parents who have quickly responded to our phone calls to come and collect their child. We really appreciate your promptness as our sick bay is not a place where children can have a rest or lie down until school ends and it cannot cater for long term “holding” of sick students.

**Visitor from the UK**

Last week we were delighted to be visited by Dr. Ray Huntley, a Lecturer in Education at Brunel University, London.

In 1991 Ray spent a year teaching at Cranbourne North Primary School (as we were then known) as part of a teacher exchange program. During that time Ray taught year 6 and year 3 students.

Ray was thrilled to tour our school and observe all of the changes that have occurred over the last twenty-four years.

**Planning for 2016**

Planning for the 2016 school year is already underway.

Staff have been looking at our curriculum and the incursions and excursions that are available that will best support the teaching and learning program. Our swimming and camping programs are being worked on and there have been many discussions about staffing.

Please notify the General Office at your earliest convenience if your child(ren) will be transferring from Cranbourne Park Primary School at the end of this year. Please note, this does not include current year 6 students.

If you have a student commencing school, either as a Foundation (prep) student or at another year level, please ensure that enrolment procedures are completed as soon as possible.
Register and come along to Breakfast Club. It’s FREE
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
8:15a.m. – 8:50 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Date to Remember
August 4
Earth Boy and the Mutant Ballerinas – Cranbourne Secondary College (years 5 & 6)

August 6th
Planks – Green Hat Workshop (whole school)

August 18th
Expo Night

August 26th
Reptile Encounters (Foundation – 2)

Parkers Supported Playgroup
Monday 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
All ages welcome. Come along, it’s free!

We now offer Before School Care!
For more information call the team at Sherpa Kids Cranbourne Park on 0438 227 815 or the Victorian Operations Manager, Clare Macdonald, on 0411 132 553.
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BARGAIN BOOK SALE
Great Books For The Whole Family From 50¢ To $5

Saturday 08 August 2015
8:30am - 2:00pm
Cranbourne Library
Community & Conference Rooms
Cranbourne Library
65 Berwick Cranbourne Road
Melway: 134 B6

Enter Via The Casey Radio Doors
On The Main Carpark
Next To Cranbourne Library.

Enquiries: Mrs H Cragie (Hon. Sec.) - Ph: 5998 2333
Email: helencragie@lpnimus.com.au

Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation & Friends of Cranbourne Library
Invites Koorie Kids Playgroup Families to a Community Celebration on
Indigenous Literacy Day
Wednesday 2nd September

Listen to a traditional Boon Wurrung Creation Story

Look at Land, Sky and Waterways photographs taken at the NAIDOC Koolin-ik ba Kirrip-buluk Event ‘We All Stand on Sacred Ground’

Learn how to make a Bush Sculpture Creature with hay and wool with Baluk Arts artists

Where: Cranbourne Library
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road Cranbourne
When: Wednesday 2nd September
10:30-12:30pm
*Morning Tea Provided
RSVP: Sarah Bingle (Library Has Legs)
Email: sarah.bingle@cclic.vic.gov.au

Acknowledging the Traditional Owners, Waterways and Shores of the Boon Wurrung People and pay our respects to Aitken post, present and future.

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