31st July, 2014

**All the Best to the Owen Family**

We recently farewelled our ICT teacher, Mrs Lainie Owen. Lainie has commenced family leave and she, her husband Ian, and son, Sam, eagerly await the new addition to the family. We wish Lainie all the best with the remainder of her pregnancy and look forward to her visiting soon with bubs.

**Welcome to New Staff**

A warm welcome to Mrs Ilisa Cooper who will be teaching S14 for the remainder of the year and to Mrs Vanessa Keenan who will be teaching ICT. It’s great to have you on staff and we look forward to your contributions to our school.

**Mathletics Champs!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Ved, Merin and Darren have been working extremely hard on Mathletics. The Mathletics organisation sent them each a certificate in recognition of their sensational work. Well done.
**Lunchtime Activities**

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

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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**

As many of you know, students in years 3 – 6 have been invited to participate in the 2014 Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. This is the first year that we have been involved in the competition and we are very excited.

On Wednesday 30 August, Ian Gration from the Lions Club came along to school to judge the first round of the speaking competition. Twelve students from Grades 3 / 4 and twenty-eight students from Grades 5 / 6 competed. It was clear that everyone who competed had put a great deal of time and effort into their speech. They are to be congratulated on their efforts. Well done.

Following his judging which scores the students in thirteen different areas (information, relevance, research, interest, flow, organisation, vocabulary, confidence, clarity, use of voice, eye contact, body language and correct time) Ian has invited the following students to proceed through to the second stage: Torri Gardiner, Valbona Hebovija, Chloe Hemley, Layla Perkins, Haylee Phillips, Jesse Turner, Sonaly Singh, Emily Bridgeman, Holly Allen and Mercy Victor Babu.

For the next round, students in year 3 / 4 are required to prepare and present a three minute speech on the topic “The Greatest Holiday Venue”. The students in years 5 / 6 are required to prepare and present a four minute toast for a community member.

Judging will be held on Monday 18 August. One person will be selected from the Grade 3 / 4 entrants and one person from the Grade 5 / 6 entrants to then go on and represent our school against competitors from Cranbourne West Primary School at a Lions Club meeting on Monday 25 August.

**Want to read about our school highlights?**


The annual report is a key legislative and regulatory requirement, but it is also an important way to keep our school community informed about how we are performing and what is being done to improve the learning, engagement and wellbeing of our students.
Providing information about our school in this format helps the community to become involved and engaged in discussions about the school and how further improvements can be supported. I encourage you to have a look at our report.

**A Wonderful Donation**

The Cranbourne Old Time Dance Club recently held a very successful Charity Dance. I was delighted when I was contacted by the club and informed that they were considering donating the proceeds of the event to our school as a contribution to the Breakfast Club.

It was a great honour to attend a recent club event and to be presented with a cheque for $910.00 by Glyn Barnard. This generous donation will assist greatly in ensuring the continuation of our very popular Breakfast Club. The money will certainly be well spent.

On behalf of our school community, I extend an enormous thank you to Cranbourne Old Time Dance Club.

The Cranbourne Old Time Dance Club Inc. is a local group that promotes Nu Vogue and Old Time social dancing on a regular basis.

They hold a club dance to CD's on most Tuesday nights between 7.30 and 10.30pm at the Clyde Public Hall located 30 Railway Road Clyde. Dance revisions between 8.00-8.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

They also hold a public dance to live music on the 3rd Friday of each month between 8pm and midnight. These dances are held in the Clyde Public Hall located 30 Railway Road Clyde.

For further details contact Glyn Barnard 03 9775 5286.

**Breakfast Club**

We have been extremely fortunate that Lauren Gill, the School Hub worker from Communities for Children has been able to run our Breakfast Club since its commencement. Changes to funding requirements for Communities for Children mean that in the future Lauren will no longer be able to run our Breakfast Club.

The Breakfast Club is highly valued by many members of our school community and we are determined to make every effort to ensure its continuation. The donation from Cranbourne Old Time Dance Club and ongoing support from VIEW will assist us enormously in meeting
this goal. Staff, led by Mrs Kerry Caddell are also working to this end. We would greatly value and appreciate support from the parent community too. If you are able to commit to helping out with Breakfast Club, please contact Kerry Caddell at the school. She would love to hear from you.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to those who have already returned your Parent Opinion Survey! Your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school.

The use of opinion data as a measure of school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. Annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, students and parents are conducted. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

A computer generated list randomly selects families to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey. If you have received a Parent Opinion Survey, I would ask you to take the time to complete the survey as honestly as possible, seal your completed survey in the envelope included and return your completed survey to school by tomorrow, Friday 1st August. Please be assured that your responses are totally confidential. Your child’s name and year level on the flap on the back of the envelope will only be used to record the fact that you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened at the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 59961142. Thank you on anticipation of your support.

Improvements to Our School

Our two new shade sail structures look terrific! A big thanks to Mr Condon for all of his time and effort in arranging these. The sail over the playground will provide lots of shade for our young students. The shade sail at the BER entrance not only provides shade, it is water resistant too.

Sick Children at School
The cold season is well and truly upon us! Over the last week 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.
**Lions Recycle for Sight Australia**
We are supporting 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.

**Planning for 2015**
Would you believe that planning for the 2015 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.

**Dates to Remember**

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Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for your child’s or your educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Karleen Dayal, Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence 5941 5155 / 0459 150 144 or kdayal@bsl.org.au

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