March 17th 2016

**Disco**

What fun we all had at our recent “Magic and Make Believe” disco. The costumes were awesome and the dancing was amazing. Lots of people got fabulous tattoos and won great prizes. Our next disco is on May 19 so mark the date on your calendar now so that you don’t miss out.
A highlight of a recent Kids On Track lesson for our grade five students was a visit from the police. They were very interested in checking out the police car.
Staff News

Friday 18 March will be Mrs Harridge’s last day at school for this year as she is commencing a period of leave.
We wish Kerri well on her leave and thank her for her contributions to our school.

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the 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 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.

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. Applications close 3 June 2016.
Opportunity to Participate in Screen Time Research.

If you are interested in participating in a research study about screen time for children aged between 3 years and 12 years of age being undertaken at Melbourne University please go to http://go.unimelb.edu.au/bn4a

Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Thank you to everyone who came along in free dress last Friday in exchange for a chocolate goodie.
Raffle tickets for our Chocolate Hamper Raffle are available for $1 per ticket. Please return all raffle books and money by 9.00a.m. Wednesday 23 March 2016 so that you are in the draw to win a chocolate hamper.
Thank you.
Classroom Helpers Meeting

**WHEN?** - Friday 18th March 2016

**TIME?** - 2:30 – 3:15 pm

**WHERE?** - The Staffroom

**WHAT WILL BE DOING?** - Helping with the preparation of this year’s whole school display for “Every Face has a Place at CPPS”. This year the slogan is, “From little things, big things grow.”

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

All welcome!

End of Term Morning Tea

On Monday 21 March 2016, students will have the opportunity to participate in a whole school “End of Term Morning Tea”. Students purchase morning tea which includes a hot cross bun and a drink. Please remember to indicate on the order form what drink you would like.

All monies raised will go towards the SRC fundraising.

To order a morning tea please fill out an order form and return it with the correct money to school by **3:15pm today!**. Due to purchasing requirements we are unable to accept late orders.

Hat Parade

Our annual hat parade will be held on Monday 21 March in the gymnasium. Once again this year each class has been allocated a colour around which to create their crazy hat. The colour for parents and friends of the school is orange.

We would love to see you support us in this by coming along to assembly in a creation of your own and cheering on the students for their efforts. Our Parkers Playgroup participants will be parading their wonderful creations and we hope to see lots of parents joining in too!

Term 1 Attendance Awards

Our attendance recognition program is based on a very successful program which was developed in the United Kingdom.

At the end of each term, every child will receive an Attendance Certificate. There will be four different levels of certificates awarded – Gold, Silver, Bronze and Red.

Students whose attendance is 95% to 100% will be awarded a Gold attendance award. With this attendance rate, students can expect to achieve their maximum learning potential.
Silver attendance awards will be awarded to students whose attendance rates are 90% to 94%. These students are likely to be demonstrating a reasonable level of learning in the classroom, but their absences may be making it difficult for them to reach their full learning potential.

Bronze attendance awards will be presented to students whose attendance is 85% to 89%. These students are likely to be finding learning difficult as they are missing too much valuable instruction and learning time. These students may be finding it difficult to keep up with work tasks.

Students whose attendance is less than 85% will receive a Red attendance award. These students are at serious risk of not reaching minimum learning expectations in relation to their potential. In addition, they are at risk of losing connections with their peers.

Sometimes, the attendance of students is significantly impacted by illness. In such instances, this will be recognized on the certificate that is awarded to the student.

Lost Property

Unnamed uniform items are again accumulating in our lost property cupboard. At the end of the term unclaimed items will be donated to charity so please take the time to check the cupboard if you are missing uniform items.

Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters

To protect the safety of all students, neither bikes, skateboards nor scooters may be ridden in the school grounds at any time.

Students who ride bikes or scooters to school are required to wear an approved bike helmet. It is the law in Victoria that a helmet must be worn if a bike or scooter is being ridden. The school supports this law by asking all parents to ensure that their child has a helmet and actually wears it while riding. Any student who is seen riding without a helmet will have the privilege of riding a bike or scooter to school withdrawn.

Students who ride to school must put their bike or scooter in the bike shed as soon as they arrive at school. The bike shed is locked at 9.00 a.m. and reopened at 3.15 p.m. daily, however, it is strongly recommended that a bike chain be used to secure the bike to the bike racks provided. Due to space limitations and Occupational Health and Safety considerations, storage is not provided in classrooms or in the office area for scooters.

The school cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to bikes or scooters brought to school.
**Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club, Klub Makan, is available to all Cranbourne Park Primary School students. It is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in our Multi-Purpose Room and is free of charge. Klub Makan provides children with a healthy brekkie and is a positive social experience!

Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am and runs until 8:50am (children will be required to stay in the multipurpose room until 8:45am)

Breakfast consists of a choice of toast and spreads, cereal and milk or juice.

Students who use the breakfast club are required to pre-register. If your child is interested in joining the Breakfast Club please obtain a registration form from the Office and return it as soon as possible so we can organise catering! Please note that the registration form requires medical and food allergy details to be provided.

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**The CPPS Great Easter Egg Drop**

Do you have your invention ready to be tested?

Please grab a note from the office if you need more information about this exciting event!

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**End of Term Dismissal**

School will be dismissed for the end of term 1 at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 24 March 2016. School will resume on Monday 11 April 2016 at 9.00a.m. promptly.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 18th
March 24th
March 25th
April 11th
April 12th
April 18th – 20th

Classroom Helpers Meeting
End of term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal
Chocolate Hamper Raffle
Good Friday
Term 2 commences
School Photos
School Camp Years 3 – 6
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