March 5, 2015.

Well done Poole!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to our students for their enthusiastic participation in our House Sports last Friday.

Congratulations to Cassandra and Harris, the Poole House Captains, and to all members of Poole House on winning this year’s house athletics.
**Aussie of the Month**

Congratulations to Luafalealii Mulaai who was selected as our Aussie of the Month for the month of February. Lua is always respectful and polite to her teachers and peers. She helps other students and uses her initiative to help teachers. She works hard and to the best of her ability. Lua shows great Aussie of the Month qualities every day. We hope Lua enjoys her lunch order kindly donated by Bazil’s Mobile Catering Service.

![Bazil's Mobile Catering Service](image)

**Enhancements to our School**

Our new shade sails look sensational.

![New Concreting](image)

New concreting has corrected a trip hazard.
Generous Donation from VIEW Continue

We are delighted that our relationship with VIEW continues into the new school year. Recently we have received donations of fruit, pancake mix and juice. These donations ensure the continuation of Klub Makan, our breakfast club.

We sincerely thank VIEW for this generous donation and for their ongoing support of our school.

School Council Elections

Congratulations to Kelly Caddaye and to Lisa Vanderplight who have been elected to the School Council of Cranbourne Park Primary School. We still have two vacancies in the parent member category. Please see me if you are interested in becoming a member of our School Council.

Every Day Counts – School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

On 1 March 2014, new laws were introduced. Parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Participation In Physical Education And Sports Lessons

From time to time some students are exempted from physical education and sports lessons by their parents, because “they are not the sporty type” and “don’t like sport”. Students should only be excused from participation in physical education and sports lessons if they are suffering from an injury that prevents their participation, or due to medical reasons.
If a student states that they are unable to participate in a physical education and sports lesson due to an injury or illness, they will be sent to sick bay. In line with school policy, first aid will be administered and if the student is unable to return to class, parents and/or guardians will be contacted to collect the child from school.

As a state government school, we are required to provide physical education and sports lessons for all students. *Executive Memorandum No. 764 – Physical and Sports Education in Schools* outlines the compulsory timetabling of physical and sports education for all students in government primary school and each year, as part of the school accountability process, we are required to provide information relating to the time we allocate to physical education and sports lessons.

It is important for students to wear appropriate clothing to enable full participation in physical education and sports lessons.

**Eating Arrangements**

Students eat their play lunch and lunch in the classroom under teacher supervision. No wrappers are to be taken outside.

**Healthy Eating**

One of the ways in which parents can assist in optimizing student learning is by ensuring that their children commence every day with a healthy breakfast, and have a nutritious lunch each day.

*A healthy breakfast.* Eating a breakfast high in fibre can reduce fatigue and the risk of illness. Children who skip breakfast may lack sufficient vitamins and minerals and are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day and in the long term.

*Tap into water.* Water is important to have at school to help with hydration and concentration throughout the day, particularly in the summer months. Having a water bottle and refilling it throughout the school day helps avoid symptoms of dehydration such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, and fatigue, which can distract students from optimal learning.

*Packing a healthy lunch.* Healthy lunches and snacks are important for children and help with concentration and learning. We know that kids need plenty of wholegrains, fruit, vegetables, dairy, protein and water and occasional foods such as crisps, cakes and chocolate should be limited. Encourage children to be involved in preparing their lunch and making choices about what foods to include.

*Energy Drinks.* In recent years, an increase in consumption of energy drinks containing caffeine has led to concern by teachers and parents of the possible effects of caffeine on children. They are afraid that caffeine will make their children behave in ways that are unusual or harmful for them. The Australian Consumers' Association advises that while energy drinks may be scientifically safe, young people especially need to be aware of their contents. Research shows that children and young people who consume energy drinks may suffer sleep problems, bed-wetting and anxiety. Children who consume two or more cans of energy drinks a day may become irritable and anxious. We request that energy drinks not be brought to school for consumption at school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Open Door Policy**

The school is very proud of the “Open Door” policy it has created so that students and their families feel welcome at the school. The open door policy allows parents to be involved in
classroom activities, attend open evenings and information sessions, participate in decision making forums, attend parent education programs and so on.

The “open door” policy allows parents to remain in contact with the school and encourages important communication links between home and school.

Even though the school has an open door policy, it is important for parents to remember that it is necessary for an appointment to be made if you wish to talk to a member of staff. Often a parent will wish to talk to a staff member immediately before or after school. These times are extremely busy times for staff as they are often planning work for students and finalizing things for the day ahead. After school, staff frequently have meetings and professional development activities that they must attend.

To ensure that your issue is dealt with in a thorough and appropriate way, it is vital that an appointment is made. This allows the staff member concerned to set aside the appropriate amount of time required to speak with you about the issue.

The appointment can be made by phoning the school, or by making the appointment with the teacher concerned directly.

Complaints Procedures

At times parents may have concerns they wish to take up with the school. Please raise the matter with the school via telephone or written communication, remembering that you have one side of an issue, others will have another side. We encourage parents to raise issues so they can be dealt with speedily and resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We aim to solve any problem speedily and amicably. If a concern relates to a classroom issue the best procedure is to contact the class teacher and organize a meeting at an agreed time. You can always follow up your concern with other people in the school later.

If an issue is of greater concern feel free to contact the appropriate Level Leader.

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If your issue is not resolved, please contact the Assistant Principal or Principal to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet and discuss the issue or concern.

When making an appointment to discuss an issue or concern, please let the person with whom you are meeting know what is going to be raised as this can save time later. After the meeting you may need to:

- be prepared to monitor the situation with follow up phone calls or meetings
- be available for further discussions with appropriate people at school
- consider involving the support of outside agencies such as guidance officers or social workers. This can also be arranged through the school.

If the matter is still unresolved you may seek advice from the regional office, phone 8765 5600. The role of the region is to provide additional advice, support and feedback to the school in seeking a positive solution.
All issues and complaints ultimately must be resolved at the school level and the Principal is the key person in seeking a satisfactory outcome. We are committed to seek a resolution to all concerns sensitively and with a commitment to listening and responding positively to all your concerns.

**Valuable Items at School**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Children also need to be aware of the consequences of swapping their belongings or playing games such as marbles where they may lose the item to other children.

**Student Accident Insurance / Ambulance Cover Arrangements**

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

**Student Safety When Walking To and From School**

Parents and Guardians are reminded to discuss with their children how they remain safe when walking to and from school. It is recommended that students walk to and from school with others wherever possible. In the case of strangers approaching students or following them on foot or in cars it is recommended that students walk away and report the incident to the police as soon as possible. Students should try and provide as many identifiable features of the stranger as possible including car registration numbers where appropriate. The more immediate the response the more success police will have in locating these people.

**Student Safety: Staff Car Park**

I am concerned at the number of families using the staff car park as a drop off and pick up zone. At the start and the end of the school day parents are driving in and out of the car park and young children, often unsupervised, are walking through the car park. There have been several occasions when children have narrowly missed being hit by a reversing car. If people persist in using the staff car park as a pick up and drop off zone, it will only be a matter of time before a child is injured.

**Please do not use the staff Car as a drop off or collection point at any time.**

The safety of our children is everyone’s responsibility.
Headlice

**Responsibility**

- Families have the responsibility of finding and treating head lice at home.
- It’s important that families work together to beat head lice!
- Remember, children can learn to check for head lice themselves and help each other.
- Our school supports families by providing accurate information and reinforcing these messages at school.

Student Free Day

School Council has approved Friday 13 March as a Student Free Day. On this day teachers will be involved in a professional learning activity facilitated by Michelle Hutchison and will be undertaking training in the teaching and learning of spelling.

Students are not required to attend school on this day.

**Labour Day Holiday - Why do we have a day off next Monday?**

A reminder to all that Monday 9 March is Labour Day, a public holiday. Students are not required at school on this day.

Labour Day is an Australian public holiday originally called Eight Hours Day. It celebrates the achievements of organised labour on behalf of the worker to bring about the 8-hour day in the late 1850s.

Previously workers were required to work long hours each week... 10 to 12 hours a day six days a week. While a change was made to the hours worked each day, the five day work week we enjoy today took almost a century longer to be adopted finally in 1948.

If look closely you may spot the numbers 888 on many union buildings across Australia. The numbers are in support of British socialist Robert Owen who believed that people should have 8 hours to work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours to sleep. This philosophy helped foster The Eight Hours Movement.

The first Labour Day parade was held in Melbourne on April 21st, 1856. Labour Day is celebrated at different times across Australia because each state achieved the 8-hour day on different dates.

[http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm](http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm)

Ritchies

I encourage all parents to access a Community Benefit Card, nominating Cranbourne Park Primary School as your preferred beneficiary. Please use the card when you shop at Ritchies Supermarkets. Each time you shop at Ritchies, you will be actively contributing to your child’s education by helping us continue to provide high quality resources throughout the school.
On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses. Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so if you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

A recent survey conducted by the Victorian Coalition Government found that despite sweltering through one of the hottest summers on record, one in three parents admit to leaving their children alone in a parked car. The research also demonstrated most parents underestimate how quickly the temperature inside a parked car can rise and the devastating impact this has on a child. Even if the outside temperature is 30 degrees the temperature inside can reach up to 50 degrees in a matter of minutes. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

A reminder to parents and carers:

- A car’s temperature starts to rise from the moment the door is closed and can be double the outside temperature in minutes.
- Even when it’s 30 degrees outside, your child could be sweltering in up to 60 degree heat.
- It is not worth the risk – if you are travelling with a child and you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
- Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected.
- A young child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.

Never leave a child alone in a car. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria
EDUCATIONAL QUOTE

Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.
Chinese proverb


Register and come along to Breakfast Club.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
8:15a.m. – 8:50 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Parkers Supported Playgroup

Monday 9.30a.m. – 10.30a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
All ages welcome. Come along, it’s free!

What’s the latest news with Cranbourne Park Primary School........

Cranbourne Park Primary School now has an ABSENCE LINE

Please call 5996 3018 at any time to report your child’s absence.

We also have an EFTPOS machine in the office so next time you need to make a payment at the office you don’t have to bring cash.

Dates to Remember:
March 11th
March 13th
March 17th
March 19th
March 27th
June 3rd – 5th

Foundation students commence full time
Curriculum Day – no students required at school
Student Education Plan Meetings
DISCO
End of term 1
Camp – Grade 3 - 6
# City of Casey
## Dad's Matter Programs

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<td>Hunt Club Family and Children’s Centre&lt;br&gt;40 Broad Oak Drive, Cranbourne East&lt;br&gt;Malvey Ref 134 D4</td>
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All sessions are Free and run through school terms, except for the RPM programs which run during school holidays until end of term four (4)

Registration is Essential – A registration form will be handed to Dads to complete at the first session.

If more details are required please call City of Casey at 97055200 for Glenn Reincastle at Ext 5673 / Andrew Austin at Ext 7005 or email: dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au

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## Introducing SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

**LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.**

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store:
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name, last name, and class (the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school

For a quick how-to overview, login to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.